

**Minutes for the
Board of Lowell Light & Power's
Regular Meeting – March 10, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beachum at 5:59 p.m., and General Manager West called the roll.

Present: Perry Beachum, Craig Fonger, Tina Cadwallader, Daniel Crawford, and Andrew Schrauben

Absent: None

Also Present: General Manager Charlie West, Distribution Manager Zac Walker, Generation Superintendent Casey Mier, and Financial Analyst Megan Mora

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY SCHRAUBEN, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY CADWALLADER, to approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

IV. SAFETY MOMENT:

Financial Analyst Mora gave a safety moment concerning Spring safety driving tips.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (for items not on the agenda):

There was no public comment.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Skid Steer Purchase Consideration:

Distribution Manager Walker presented information on a new skid steer as well as problems with the current skid steer and what it is used for. The new skid steer comes with a brush hog attachment and allows for the rental of a forestry mulcher attachment. The board discussed the new skid steer purchase.

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CADWALLADER, to authorize the purchase of the Kubota SVL75-3HFWVRCC compact track loader and skid cutter attachment for an amount not to exceed \$89,650.25.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

B. Michigan Energy Assistance Program Opt-In/Opt-Out Decision:

General Manager West presented information on LL&P's alternative low-income energy assistance program with Flat River Outreach Ministries called LEO and its positive impacts on the community so far and how it allows for our local funds to go back to the community. The LL&P Board must decide whether to opt into the state program or continue our own program in partnership with FROM.

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD, to Opt-Out of the state program and continue to implement the local program.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

C. FY 2027 Draft Operating and Capital Budget:

General Manager West presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets to the board for review. West detailed various elements of the budget, highlighting major changes and projects. Following board approval, the budget will be sent to the city to be included in the city's budget. A final draft of the FY 2027 Operating and Capital Budget will be presented for board approval at the May board meeting, for inclusion in the City's final budget.

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to approve the FY 2027 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets as presented.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. **Performance Data:** West reported on the February 2026 data.
- B. **Monthly Outage Report:** Walker reported no outages in February 2026.
- C. **Income Statement:** West reported on the February 2026 Income Statement.
- D. **Capital Projects Report:** West reported on the February 2026 Capital Projects Report.
- E. **Distribution Report:** Walker provided written updates to the board on Distribution department progress and the Project Timeline.
- F. **Generation & Engineering Report:** Mier provided written updates to the board on Generation and Engineering department progress.
- G. **Office Report:** Mora and West provided written updates to the board on Office department progress. Crawford and West provided an update on the insurance broker search.
- H. **Manager's Report:** West provided written updates to the Board on the following items:
 - MPPA/MMEA/APPA Update
 - Cybersecurity Training

- Open Position
- Free Tree Giveaway
- ITC Scheduled Outage
- Lowell Arts Mural Project
- Social Media Policy
- NISC
- Internal Strategic Planning Review
- Work Anniversaries

I. **Monthly Pictures:** Staff provided photos to the board from the following events over the last month:

- Pepsi Bottle Recovery

J. **Schedule of Meetings:** March/April meetings were presented.

K. **Supplemental Information:** West provided supplemental information to the Board on the following items:

- Sales and Cash & Investments Performance Data Charts
- Benevolence Report
- Full Income Statement
- February Payables

VIII. **NEXT REGULAR LL&P BOARD MEETING:** Scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the Energy Center.

IX. **BOARD COMMENT:**

Schrauben thanked Sarah for conducting the stay interviews with all the staff and compiling all of that information. Crawford appreciated being part of the insurance broker search. Fonger thanked the staff for all the work they put in every day. Beachum highlighted the APPA Lineworker Rodeo that is at the end of the month in Huntsville, Alabama.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY SCHRAUBEN to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

Perry Beachum

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Chairperson Beachum

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Date