

**MINUTES OF THE MICHIGAN SOUTH CENTRAL POWER AGENCY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**March 5, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

**168 Division Street  
Coldwater, MI 49036**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A public notice had been posted in accordance with Open Meetings Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Kevin Cornish, Clinton; Jeff Budd, Coldwater; David Mackie, Hillsdale; Thomas Tarkiewicz, Marshall; Chris Mathis, Union City

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Jim Odneal, Coldwater; Chris McArthur, Hillsdale; Ed Rice, Marshall

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Don Reid, Coldwater Daily Reporter; Pam Sullivan (via telephone), Scott Kiesewetter, and Tom Sillasen, AMP; Harold Jenkins, CBPU; Nicki Luce (Minutes Recorder)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Tarkiewicz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS:**

**Moved** Commissioner Mackie, supported Commissioner Budd, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 4A. January 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. On a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

No public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Moved** Commissioner Mackie, supported Commissioner Mathis, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2020 Board Meeting. On a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. FINANCIAL:**

**A. Finance Report**

Tom Sillasen presented the Finance Report contained in the Board packet.

**B. Approval of December 2019 and January 2020 Financial Statements and Investments Reports**

**Moved** Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Mackie, to receive and place on file the December 2019 and January 2020 Financial Statements and Investment Reports as presented. On a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Approval of December 2019 and January 2020 Invoices**

**Moved** Commissioner Mathis, supported Commissioner Mackie, to receive and file the December 2019 and January 2020 invoices as presented. On a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

Scott Kiesewetter provided updates on Project IV, AMP Projects, Coldwater Peaking Project and MISO.

Commissioner Budd provided a financing update on Project IV.

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Coldwater Peaking Project Update**

MISO study further delayed, looking to kickoff April 6, 2020. A decision is due by members by August 25, 2020. Requests for air permit proposals have been made. AMP continues to evaluate project.

**B. Marshall Energy Center Update**

Chairman Tarkiewicz informed the Board of recent meetings with Willard Ladd as well as MPPA. Project is still proceeding.

**C. Document Imaging Update**

Nothing new to report. A future decision will need to be made on how to proceed.

**D. Review of Sample AMP Member Invoice**

Tom Sillasen presented a sample AMP Member Invoice. A discussion took place.

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mathis, to approve the utilization of the AMP Member Invoice at a time deemed appropriate for conversion by AMP staff. On a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**E. Discussion on MSCPA Accounting Software**

Concerns of the continued use of the current MSCPA accounting software were discussed.

**Moved** Commissioner Mackie, supported Commissioner Cornish, to approve the transition to QuickBooks, or another similar accounting software, at the beginning of the new fiscal year. On a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**F. Moore Road Transmission Assets**

A discussion took place regarding a letter received from Consumers Energy dated January 28, 2020 identifying maintenance and improvements needed at the Moore Road substation. AMP will explore the possibility of a sale of said assets. No action taken.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

No public comments.

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND MEMBER'S MUNICIPALITY UPDATE:**

Clinton: Inquired on benefits of participating with AMPT for financing of substation project, T Update, Cost Allocations, By-Law Amendments and the Administrative Review process. Very pleased with AMP and their work, has concerns with MPPA, feels Board needs to move forward and make decisions.

Union City: Working on water main break underneath river; hired two linemen, Jim Fox to retire; firm applied for 17 marijuana licenses.

Coldwater: Fiber project continues, looking to begin connecting residents July 1<sup>st</sup>; approved construction of lift station and road improvements to include water and wastewater.

Hillsdale: Approved voltage upgrade project; repainting and refurbishing large water tower; small urban grant; FAA grant for airport taxiway; focusing on census.

Marshall: Increasing capacity at Pearl Street substation due to marijuana facilities adding additional load, next step may be to build new substation; selective tours of marijuana facilities offered for those interested; working on dam project; fiber project going well with 1300 customers, Marshall Township may contract on service connection and administrative support; working on budgets; paving downtown; closed sale of Alwyn Downs Golf Course, will be a residential development with 250-400 homes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.



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Thomas Tarkiewicz, Chairman



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Chris Mathis, Secretary