

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

**August 5, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**One Grand Street, Coldwater, MI 49036
& via Zoom Webinar**

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jeff Budd, Coldwater, Michigan
Dave Mackie, Hillsdale, Michigan
Chris Mathis, Union City, Michigan
Tom Tarkiewicz, Marshall, Michigan

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chris McArthur, Hillsdale, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT

Pam Sullivan, AMP
Andrew Cameron and Nicki Luce, Coldwater BPU
Don Reid, Coldwater Daily Reporter

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Commissioner Kevin Cornish, Clinton, Michigan
Scott Kiesewetter, Tom Sillasen and Chris Norton, AMP
Katie Abraham, MMEA

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 Mathis, supported Commissioner Mackie, to approve the agenda with the additions of item 7E. Capacity Positions and 7F. Energy Waste Reduction (EWR). On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Mathis, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. FINANCIAL:

A. Finance Report

Tom Sillasen of AMP summarized the report for the Board.

B. Approval of June 2021 Financial Statements and Investment Reports

Moved Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Mackie, to approve the June 2021 Financial Statements and Investment Reports as presented. On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Approval of June 2021 Invoices

Moved Commissioner Mackie, supported Commissioner Mathis, to approve the June 2021 Invoices as presented. On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. MANAGEMENT:

A. MMEA Report

Katie Abraham discussed an Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) program in collaboration with MPPA, Open Meetings Act (OMA) changes, and the MMEA Fall Conference.

B. General Manager's Report

Scott Kiesewetter provided a generation update to the Board.

C. MISO Update

Chris Norton provided an update to the Board.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Union City Withdrawal Update

Discussion took place regarding the separation agreement. Pam Sullivan will forward a draft copy to Commissioner Mathis.

B. DTE Transmission Agreement for Clinton

Moved Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Mackie, to authorize the General Manager to execute the Limited Term Transmission Service Agreement between DTE Electric Company and the Michigan South Central Power Agency on behalf of the Village of Clinton subject to final attorney approval. On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Coldwater Peaking Update

Pam Sullivan updated the Board on the MISO study schedule indicating DPP2 has been delayed until November 1.

D. 2021/2022 Budget Revision

a. MERS Contribution

Moved Commissioner Mackie, supported Commissioner Mathis, to reduce the MERS contribution from \$450,000 to \$100,000 for the current fiscal year as recommended by the Finance Committee. On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Insurance

Moved Commissioner Mathis, supported Commissioner Budd, to increase the insurance line item on the current fiscal year budget from \$40,000 to match the actual invoice amount of \$49,087.50 for coverage effective July 1, 2021. On a voice vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Capacity Positions

Pam Sullivan illustrated alternate scenarios for capacity positions for each municipality and stated a new analysis based upon Marshall's decision not to participate in Project V will be run when interconnection costs are available.

F. Energy Waste Reduction (EWR)

A discussion took place regarding Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) options.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND MEMBER'S MUNICIPALITY UPDATE:

Clinton: Completed water main project connecting two wells, two sand volleyball courts now in the park, finished up major road project, Tier 2 electric rate increase was approved, and authorized new substation design.

Union City: Electrical explosion/fire, substation project, and received drinking water asset grant for lead/copper.

Coldwater: Wrapping up construction on fiber project and various road projects.

Hillsdale: Wrapping up water tower, looking for new Finance Director, various road projects, and reinstating high-speed fiber interest with county perspective.

Marshall: Terminating Marshall Energy Center agreement, substation project moving along, strategic planning meeting regarding ARPA funds, selling senior citizen housing building, looking to hire Electric Director and Electric Superintendent, and working with two companies and MEDC on future developments.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.



Thomas Tarkiewicz, Chairman



Kevin Cornish, Secretary