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

December 2, 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 Kevin Cornish, Clinton, Michigan David Mackie, Hillsdale, Michigan Chris Mathis, Union City, Michigan Tom Tarkiewicz, Marshall, Michigan

# ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jim Odneal, Coldwater, Michigan Kevin Maynard, Marshall, Michigan Chris McArthur, Hillsdale, Michigan

# OTHERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Pam Sullivan, Scott Kiesewetter and Tom Sillasen of AMP and Don Reid, Coldwater Daily Reporter

# **OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM**

Chris Norton of AMP, Katie Abraham of MMEA, Trisha Nelson of Marshall and Tyler Wolford of TEA.

# 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 Cornish, supported Commissioner Mackie, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7I. Coldwater Peaking Land Option (Closed session) and 7J. Budget Adjustment for the Audit. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comment.

# 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mathis, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED**.

## 5. FINANCIAL:

# A. Finance Report

Summarized the report with no specific issues to report. Details were discussed regarding an upcoming transmission adjustment relating to a February 2021 peak hour correction as communicated to MSCPA by ITC.

B. Approval of October 2021 Financial Statements and Investment Report

**Moved** Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Cornish, to approve the October 2021 Financial Statements and Investment Reports. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

C. Approval of October 2021 Invoices

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mackie, to approve the October 2021 Invoices as presented. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# 6. MANAGEMENT:

# A. MMEA Report

Katie Abraham provided an MMEA legislative update.

B. General Manager's Report

Pam Sullivan and Scott Kiesewetter provided an update.

C. MISO Update

Chris Norton provided an update to the Board.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mackie, to adopt the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED**.

B. Environmental Compliance Support Services Agreement with MPPA

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Budd, to approve the agreement with MPPA for Environmental Compliance Support Services. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED**.

# C. Coldwater Peaking Update

Nothing significant to report. Still waiting on results of the study.

# D. Union City Withdrawal Update

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mackie, to approve, provided the withdrawal agreement is fully activated, Union City will receive their share of the General Fund and General Fund Allocated Fund as of the effective date of the separation agreement in 2022 per the cash reserve policy. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# E. Finance Committee Representatives

**Moved** Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mathis, to appoint the Clinton representative and the Coldwater Representative to the Finance Committee effective immediately. On a voice vote — **MOTION CARRIED**.

## F. Retention Bonuses

**Moved** Commissioner Mathis, supported Commissioner Budd, to approve providing retention bonuses to Harold Jenkins and Bob Russell. On a roll call vote – ayes: Budd and Mathis, nays: Cornish, Mackie, and Tarkiewicz. **MOTION DEFEATED.** 

# J. Budget Adjustment for FY21 Audit

**Moved** Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Mathis, to authorize a budget revision and to pay Baker Tilly an additional \$1,250 for audit services. On a voice vote – **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# 8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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

Coldwater: Inquired if meetings need to continue to be livestreamed. Commissioners provided consensus agreement to discontinue. Fiber is doing well. Engines 1 and 3 passed for emissions permit.

Clinton: Conducting normal fall business. Took bids for substation transformer.

Hillsdale: Beginning design work for next year's infrastructure projects, tree trimming, and decorations.

Union City: Substation is live. New lights installed on dam.

Marshall: City Council working through City Manager applications.

# **Closed Session:**

Moved Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Mackie, to enter into Closed Session under section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under state or federal law, allowing alternate Commissioners, acting MSCPA GM, and AMP Staff into the closed session. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Budd, Cornish, Mackie, Mathis, and Tarkiewicz, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Mathis excused himself from the Closed Session.

Enter into Closed Session at 11:43 a.m.

Moved Commissioner Cornish, supported Commissioner Mackie, to exit Closed Session. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Budd, Cornish, Mackie and Tarkiewicz, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Exited Closed Session at 1:05 p.m.

# Open Session:

**Moved** Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Cornish, to approve Acting General Manager negotiating and executing an extension of Coldwater Peaking Project Land Option Agreement. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

**Moved** Commissioner Mackie, supported Commissioner Cornish, to approve Acting General Manager negotiating and executing of a revised Term Sheet with solar developer for between 30 – 40 MW at up to \$52/MWh for 25 year term. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

**Moved** Commissioner Budd, supported Commissioner Cornish, to approve Acting General Manager to transact on the recommended purchase of 2 MW 2023/2024 MISO capacity and 5 MW 2025/2026 MISO capacity in any zone. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.** 

Adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

Thomas Tarkiewicz, Chairman

Kevin Cornish, Secretary