

GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
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A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Board's office located at 1700 Eaton Drive in Grand Haven, Michigan and electronically via live Zoom Webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Westbrook.

Present: Directors Crum, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook.

Absent: Director Knoth.

Others Present: General Manager Rob Shelley, Secretary to the Board Danielle Martin, Finance Manager Lynn Diffell, Distribution and Engineering Manager Austin Gagnon and Information Technology Specialist Dan Deller.

24-16A Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to excuse Director Knoth from the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

24-16B Director Polyak, supported by Director Welling, moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period

Ryan Cotton, 515 Park Avenue, provided an update on the Sustainability and Energy Commission. The Commission would like to be placed on the Board's December meeting agenda to give a presentation.

24-16C Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Receive and file the October Financial Statements, Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the October Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 10/31/2024

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- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,296,364.73 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$137,725.42 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund
- Approve Purchase Order #23232 to CRC in the amount of \$12,000 for the fiscal year 2025 call center subscription
- Approve Purchase Order #23236 to Charter Spectrum Internet in the amount of \$8,750 for fiscal year 2025 fiber internet services

Staff investigated the trend in lower than expected industrial sales mentioned at the Board's October meeting. Contributing factors include the way West Michigan Molding sales were allocated and a lower cost of power overall. Staff expects sales to come back in line with the budget as the year progresses.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

24-16D Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Purchase Orders. The Purchase Orders include:

- Purchase Order #23230 to Rehmann Technology in the amount of \$12,886 for network firewalls
- Purchase Order #23234 to Power Line Supply in the amount of \$51,079 for Harbor Drive underground materials
- Purchase Order #23237 to Rehmann Technology in the amount of \$14,685 for Barracuda cloud backup for three years
- Purchase Order #23239 to Irby in the amount of \$44,544 for nine pole mount transformers for stock

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

24-16E Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, moved to adopt the Annual Exemption Option as set forth in Public Act 152 (Attachment A).

Public Act 152 limits the amount public employers can contribute to employee health care. A hard cap limit is set each year. If the employer is contributing below the hard cap amount, no further action is required. If the employer is contributing more than the hard cap amount, the

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employer can comply by either requiring the employee to contribute 20% of the monthly healthcare premium or by opting out of the Act.

In 2025, BLP employees will pay 7% of the monthly premium for healthcare coverage while the employer will pay the remaining 93%. The employer contribution will be more than the hard cap limit. Staff recommends the Board adopt the exemption option to provide this benefit to our employees.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

24-16F 2025 Customer Satisfaction surveys were discussed. A purchase order to conduct the surveys will be on the Board's December meeting agenda. The General Manager asked the Board if there were any topics they would like to include ahead of strategic planning in 2026. By consensus, the Board asked for questions regarding Board accessibility and transparency, internal generation, and types of generation desired to be included in the survey.

No formal action taken.

24-16G The General Manager announced the BLP received a silver level Customer Satisfaction Award from APPA. The BLP also received a three-year designation as a Smart Energy Provider from APPA.

No formal action taken.

24-16H The Board discussed Governance Training Lessons 11 "The Board Meeting" and 12 "Board Conflict"

No formal action taken.

24-15I The Board will watch Governance Training Lesson 13 for discussion at December's meeting.

No formal action taken.

Other Business

The General Manager provided the following updates:

- The BLP partnered with the Community Action Agency to host an event tonight at River Haven. Erik Booth and his team are passing out home weatherization and energy saving kits aimed at helping customers reduce energy waste.
- The General Manager recently presented the utility energy plan to the Ferrysburg and Grand Haven City Councils. A copy of the slides were provided to the Board.

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- The Grand Haven City Council approved the Harbor Island Approval Procedures. The DPW Director will be at the Board's meetings in December and January to present upcoming task orders and contracts to the Board. There are outstanding legal bills that will need approval. The General Manager will meet with the City Manager and DPW Director to determine which portion of the bills the Board will be asked to pay.

Public Comment Period

No comments.

Adjournment

At 6:38 PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, the November 14, 2024 Board meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle Martin
Secretary to the Board

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Attachment A

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152 THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

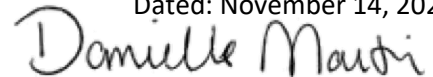
- 1) Section 3 - "Hard Caps" Option - limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 - "80%/20%" Option - limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 - "Exemption" Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Dated: November 14, 2024



Danielle Martin, Board Secretary
Grand Haven Board of Light & Power

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power, at a meeting held on October 17, 2024, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to, and in compliance with, Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

November 14, 2024



Robert Shelley, General Manager
Grand Haven Board of Light & Power