

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, October 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM at 1700 Eaton Drive in Grand Haven, Michigan and electronically via live Zoom Webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairperson Westbrook.

Present: Directors Crum, Knoth, Welling, and Westbrook.

Absent: Director Polyak.

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

25-14A Director Crum, supported by Director Welling, moved to excuse Director Polyak from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

25-14B Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Jeff Miller, 1120 South Harbor Drive, commented on the October 9, 2025 BLP Open House, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning.

25-14C Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the September 25, 2025 meeting minutes
- Receive and File the September Financial Statements and Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the September Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 09/30/2025

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- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,418,918.92 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$154,077.71 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund
- Receive and File the Public Act 202 Pension and Other Post Employment Benefits Funding Report

The Public Act 202 report must be shared with the Board annually as a part of our state reporting process and shows the BLP meets required funding levels. The pension actuarial report will be delivered in December.

Roll Call Vote:

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

25-14D Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the Purchase Orders. The Purchase Orders include:

- Purchase Order #23556 to Turnkey Network Solutions in the amount of \$82,353 for transmission fiber optic cable river crossing
- Purchase Order #23562 to Resco in the amount of \$76,705 for five padmount transformers
- Purchase Order #23564 to Landis and Gyr in the amount of \$30,000 for the calendar year 2026 AMI software subscription

In 2017-2018, the BLP placed fiber optic cables throughout its system, except for under the Grand River. We were approached by Wolverine Power, who also used fiber optic in their system, about leasing space to connect their systems which lay to the north and south of Grand Haven. Staff recommends approval of Purchase Order #23556 to place fiber optic under the river. This will not only complete our own system, but the costs will be more than recouped through lease income we will receive from Wolverine of approximately \$150,000 over 20 years.

Landis and Gyr currently supports our AMI system. Staff recommends entering a nine-year agreement to continue this service. Purchase Order #23564 will cover the first year of the agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by the BLP's legal counsel and is recommended for approval by staff.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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25-14E Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as set forth in Public Act 152 the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. (Attachment A)

Public Act 152 sets limits on how much a public employer can contribute to its employees' health care coverage. There are three ways for an employer to comply: by meeting the established hard cap dollar amounts, by having employees contribute 20% towards the cost of their health care coverage, or by opting out. The BLP has historically utilized the opt-out option.

Roll Call Vote:

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

25-14F Chairperson Westbrook thanked BLP employees for their work on the October 9th Open House. He felt it was well attended and a good event.

No formal action taken.

Other Business

- Kent Power is continuing work on the Harbor Drive project. Some setbacks have been encountered, and the completion date has been adjusted to December.
- The General Manager reported he attended a recent airport board meeting and spoke at public comment. He is also scheduled for a meeting with the airport board chair and the city's airport liaison to further discuss the possibility of a community solar garden.
- The coal yard clean up on Harbor Island is complete. BLP and City staff meet monthly regarding Harbor Island.

No formal action taken.

Public Comment Period: none.

Adjournment

At 6:28PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, the October 16, 2025 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, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Dated: October 16, 2025



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 16, 2025, 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.

October 16, 2025



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