



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT

March 26, 2013

The Board of Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Administrative Offices, 1232 Haco Drive, Lansing, Michigan.

Chairperson Sandra Zerkle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Margaret Bossenbery, Dennis M. Louney, Anthony McCloud, Tony Mullen, David Price, Cynthia Ward and Sandra Zerkle.

Absent: Commissioner Tracy Thomas

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum present.

Commissioner Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Bossenbery to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 22, 2013.

Action: Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD ON ANY AGENDA SUBJECT. ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT.

There was no Public Comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Thank you card from for BWL employee, Alan Carroll's family
Received and Place on File
- b. Thank you card from BWL employee, Tony DeLuca's family
Received and Place on File

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
February 12, 2013

The Committee of the Whole of the Lansing Board of Water and Light met at the Executive Offices located at 1232 Haco Dr., Lansing, MI, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Committee of the Whole Chair Dennis M. Louney called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order and asked the Corporate Secretary to call the roll.

Present: Commissioners Dennis M. Louney, Anthony McCloud, Tony Mullen, David Price, Tracy Thomas and Sandra Zerkle.

Absent: Commissioners Margaret Bossenbery and Cynthia Ward.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 8, 2012.

Action: Motion Carried

Sustainability Policy

General Manager J. Peter Lark proposed that the Board of Commissioners adopt an "Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Policy" Resolution. The policy would direct the Board of Water & Light (BWL) to develop and implement innovative business practices and programs to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability. Many of the BWL's programs already comply with this policy, like Home Town Energy Savers, Plug-In Vehicles, Recycling & Composting and LED Street Lighting. The policy would help the Board meet requirements of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) "Clean Corporate Citizens" program, now incorporated into state law. General Manager Lark stated that this issue is before the Commissioners because the State likes to see a commitment from everyone at the entity all the way to the top, which would be provided by adoption of the proposed policy resolution.

Mark Matus, Manager of BWL's Environmental Compliance Department stated that the "Clean Corporate Citizens" program requires dedication and commitment to sustainability improvements. He stated that participation in the state program was voluntary, but that there are a number of benefits for the BWL to becoming a "Clean Corporate Citizen".

According to Mr. Matus, sustainability can be defined as "meeting the needs of today, of the present, without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet their needs as well" and that, although sometimes used as a buzz word, many Corporations are adopting sustainability programs.

Mr. Matus said a sustainability program would produce both short and long-term benefits to the Board.

Mr. Matus reviewed some of the benefits:

- It reduces environmental impact through operating efficiencies and waste reduction

- Reduces operating cost by minimizing raw materials, emissions and waste stream
- Reduces Greenhouse Gasses by 20%
- Special Benefits such as:
 - Environmental Audit Privilege
 - DEQ permits in effect for twice the normal term
 - Routine inspections by the DEQ reduced in half
 - Opens door for awards that you might get if you were not a “Clean Corporate Citizen”

Mr. Matus discussed sustainability program components:

- Demonstrate BWL’s commitment to sustainability from top down
- Coordinate ongoing BWL programs and procedures
- Adopt new, achievable goals
- Expand processes to continually improve
- Document process

One big advantage of this policy/program pointed out by Mr. Matus will be a corporate branding and public image improvement.

There was a short discussion regarding disposing of glass waste.

Commissioner Mullen questioned what is being done to support the reduction of greenhouse gases by 20%. Mr. Matus stated that one of the biggest solutions regarding greenhouse gases is the new REO Town Power Plant, which is a large component of the 20% reduction.

Commissioner Louney questioned if there was any penalty for not participating in this program since it is not a required state law. Mr. Matus stated there is no penalty for not participating in the program, it is simply the encouragement of participating to get extra benefits that the program offers as mentioned earlier.

Motion by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas to forward the proposed resolution for the Sustainability Policy to the full Board for consideration.

Action: Motion Carried

Valve Turner/Leak Detection

- **Leak Detection Equipment**

General Manager Lark introduced Alando Chappell, Manager of Water & Steam Distribution System and Scott Hamelink, Manager of Water Production who both provided information on mechanical equipment that the BWL has purchased.

Mr. Chappell provided information on the recently acquired leak detection equipment. This piece of equipment allows for the detection of leaks and minimizes water losses as well as reduces outage times. This equipment is furnished with a logger and a listening device (ear muffs). These devices are taken out into the BWL’s system and are used to accurately locate water leak areas. Mr. Chappell stated that he was very pleased with the purchase of this leak detection equipment that has allowed the BWL to become

more efficient and precise in locating water leaking areas and occurrences. He stated that this equipment purchase has also saved the company money by reducing overtime cost and it also saves rate payers money.

There was a brief conversation regarding the possible need of additional units of equipment and the training process for this type of equipment. Mr. Chappell expressed that with this being new technology they wanted to master the use of it before future purchases are made and as far as training for the use of such equipment, the Union and Management are working together to learn, unify and structure the use of this equipment efficiently.

- **Valve Turner Device**

General Manager Lark discussed a new valve turning device that the BWL has acquired. You might think of valves that you might turn 2 or 3 times and then they are closed or opened, but some of these valves take 200 turns and a lot of effort and man-hours. The new device greatly reduces that effort.

Alando Chappell stated that valves are isolation points in our system that we use to shut off the water system. We have 8000 valves here at the Board of Water & Light and maintenance is performed on about 4000 a year. The valve turning device allows fewer personnel, fewer injuries and less time to reach and turn valves. This equipment obtains data, such as the proper amount of torques and number of turns to open and close valves all while logging and storing information.

Scott Hamelink stated that he was here to sing the praises of the newly acquired valve turning machine because of how it has helped in his plant. He provided an example of how this piece of equipment helped tremendously with the Dye Water Plant project for replacing valves dated 1939 and 1949. He said these valves would have been impossible and unsafe to turn without this equipment. He said this is a very valuable piece of equipment.

Other

Information from General Manager Lark:

- July 1, 2013 is the opening date for REO Town (more information to come later)
- There will be an article in tomorrow's City Pulse regarding the sale of the Board of Water & Light
- The BWL is reducing the amount of train sets that bring in coal from 5 to 4 and this will be a savings of about \$1.66 million over the next year.

Mr. Lark informed the Board of Commissioners of the death of BWL's Manager of Electric Systems and Integrity, Alan Carroll, and requested a moment of silence in his honor.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated Steve Serkaian, Director of Communications on how well he moderated the Mayor's State of the City Address.

Chair Zerkle stated that she was very impressed with the REO Town DePot building and that she received many compliments about the building during the State of the City Address.

Vice Chair Louney asked that condolences be passed along to Mr. Carroll's family on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Excused Absence

Motion by Commissioner Thomas seconded by Commissioner Price to excuse Commissioners Bossenbery and Ward from tonight's meeting.

Adjourn

On Motion by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner McCloud, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis M. Louney, Chair
Committee of the Whole

FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 12, 2013

The Finance Committee of the Board of Water and Light met in the Executive Offices located at 1232 Haco Dr., Lansing, MI, at 6:21 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Acting Finance Committee Chairperson Dennis M. Louney called the meeting to order and asked the Corporate Secretary to call the roll. The following members were present: Commissioners, Dennis M. Louney, Tony Mullen and David Price. Alternate Committee Member Tracy Thomas and Board Members Anthony McCloud and Sandra Zerkle were also present.

Absent: Commissioner Margaret Bossenbery

Public Comments

There was no Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Mullen to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2013.

Action: Carried Unanimously

Quarterly Financial Update

General Manager Lark provided a quarterly financial update that included information relative to Fiscal Year to date of December 31, 2012 for Electric, Water, Steam and Chilled Water services.

(The Combined Utility Financial Report is included in the 2-12-13 Finance Committee Meeting Packet)

General Manager Lark stated that the Actual Net Income is about \$22 million however, does not believe that number will hold up until the end of the year, and believes that we will actually end of about \$13 million and this is based on 2nd quarter operating results. Mr. Lark reviewed the following:

Actual v. Budgeted Variance in Combined Utility Net Income
 Fiscal Year to Date December 31, 2012
 Compared to FY 2013 Budget

Budgeted Net Income		(\$000)
		8,830
Changes in Operating Income:		
<u>Revenue Changes (net of fuel)</u>		
Retail Electric	(603)	
Wholesale Electric	378	
Water Sales	394	
Steam Sales	114	
Chilled Water Sales	(86)	
<u>Operating Expense Changes</u>		
Depreciation	1,394	
Labor, Material, and Other	10,277	
Other	(255)	
Subtotal Changes in Operating Income		11,614
Changes in Other Income:		
Interest Earnings	856	
Other Income	740	
Increased PILOT	(401)	
All Other - Non-Operating Variances	523	
Subtotal Changes in Other Income		1,718
Actual Net Income		22,162

General Manager Lark stated that the Actual Net Income is about \$22 million however, that number may hold up until the end of the year. The results appear to end at \$13 million, based on 2nd quarter operating results. However, more data will be available following next week's round of budget review meetings and the forecast may be adjusted to reflect the results of the meetings.

Revised Combined Utility Net Income
 Projection Fiscal Year 2013
 Based on 2nd Quarter Operating Results

	(000s)
Net Income - Original Budget - Annual	\$ 13,997
FYTD Favorable Income Variance <i>(\$22,162 actual minus \$8,830 budget)</i>	\$ 13,332
Temporary O&M Expense Timing Differences	\$ (9,642)
Temporary Non-Operating Income Timing Differences	\$ (2,119)
Eliminate March 2013 Rate Increases Assumed in Budget	\$ (2,524)
Projected Net Income	\$ 13,044

General Manager Lark also reviewed the Return Deficiency on Combined Utility Net Fix Assets:

Return Deficiency on Combined Utility Net Fixed Assets

In '000's	
Budgeted Income - FY 2013	13,997
Target Income on Net Fixed Assets	31,774
<u>Through December 2012</u>	
Revised Projected FY 2013 Net Income:	13,044
Income Deficiency	18,730
Projected Rate Base - FY 2013:	720,500
Deficiency as a Percent of Rate Base	2.60%

Excused Absence

Motion by Commissioner Price seconded by Commissioner Mullen to excuse Commissioner Bossenbery from tonight's meeting.

Other

None

Adjourn

On Motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Louney, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Acting Chair Dennis M. Louney
Finance Committee

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE March 12, 2013

The Committee of the Whole of the Lansing Board of Water and Light met at the Executive Offices located at 1232 Haco Dr., Lansing, MI, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

Committee of the Whole Chair Dennis M. Louney called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order and asked the Corporate Secretary to call the roll.

Present: Commissioners Dennis M. Louney, Margaret Bossenbery, Anthony McCloud, Tony Mullen, Tracy Thomas, Cynthia Ward and Sandra Zerkle.

Absent: Commissioner David Price

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Bossenbery to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 12, 2013.

Action: Motion Carried

Steam Replacement Overview

General Manager Lark provided a brief history of the Board of Water & Light's (BWL) steam services and reviewed the steam replacement progress. Mr. Lark stated that this subject was timely due to the recent newspaper article and Opinion in the local newspaper regarding the Board of Water & Light's Steam Utility System.

Mr. Lark stated due to our ageing coal system generating systems subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Maximum Available Control Technologies (MACT) we will be required to stop operating our coal boilers by the end of the year. Thus was born the idea of the REO Town Co-Generation Plant. The new plant will be more efficient and a better system for generating steam, less costly, much cleaner and will beat the December 31st 2013 cutoff date.

So as far as the state of the steam system, when it comes to generation at the BWL for steam, we must be number one in the USA as of July 1st when we go live at REO with respect to steam distribution. We have steam mains that date to about 1928 that we are still using today. We have about 9 miles of main. Those mains contain vaults, big holes in the ground where valves are located that turn steam on and off. Mr. Lark stated that one of his priorities when he first came to the BWL in 2007 was to make it safe to enter the vaults as well as making sure that the valves worked. In 2008 the Board of Commissioners supported a \$40million Bond issuance that was used in part for steam work. As a result over the last 5 or 6 years we have done a lot of work on the system and all of the valves are now working. Mr. Lark stated his Administration began a program that had not been done before he got here and resulted in the replacement of a ¼ mile of main every year for the last 6 years. He indicated he is planning to expand the progress next year, subject to approval by the Board. The expanded progress will plan for a ½ mile of replacement each year at a cost \$3.3million as opposed to \$2.2million which we have been spending for the last 6 years. At this rate the system improvements will be complete in 15 years.

We are also planning to install a control center for steam similar to the one that is at BESOC, the control center for electric, so that we can better monitor our steam system assuming approval by the Board.

General Manager Lark stated that the BWL's steam users include GM, 186 Commercial customers and several Residential customers.

General Manager Lark said also regarding steam that we have never made any money in steam, but due to very careful monitoring of our steam work we have in the first 7 months of FY 13 earned a net income of \$50,000, the first positive in 6 years.

Commissioner Bossenbery questioned the financing of this project. General Manager Lark stated that this would not be financed with new Bonds, but will be financed by internally generated cash from operations.

Commissioner McCloud questioned how the cost of the new steam control system would be covered. Mr. Lark stated that cost would be covered in the upcoming Capital Budget.

1st S.T.E.P. Program Overview (INFORMATION ONLY)

General Manager Lark said that the School to Training & Employment Program (1st S.T.E.P.) started in 2008 and it is one of the things that he is most proud of at the BWL. This program is in collaboration between BWL employees and IBEW 352. Employees mentor the 1st S.T.E.P. students. General Manager Lark stated that we have been able to do a lot for the community through this program.

Dallas Burdick, Manager of Organizational Development & Training, and Tansay Carter, Training & Development Specialist, provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the 1st S.T.E.P. program. Mr. Burdick stated that the idea for 1st S.T.E.P. came about in 2007 when General Manager Lark was talking with then Lansing School District Superintendent T.C. Wallace about doing something with the schools in the community. The first class began in 2008 and we are now in our 5th year and we have 10 students on board. This program was developed in partnership with a lot of people, but IBEW Local 352 gave us the 10 jobs that the students work in. We also work with Lansing Community College, Capital Area Michigan Works and the local school district in a work base learning committee and we created this work base learning program. It is a paid work base program, the kids get high school credit, they work through the program and they get a wage and also at completion of the program they get a \$1500 Scholarship.

Facts about the Program:

Launched in 2008

57 Students completed the program/perfect attendance

Awarded \$85,500 in Lansing Community College Scholarships to students

17 students have been selected to continue in employment at the BWL (post program).

Five 1st S.T.E.P. graduates are currently in jobs of technical progression or apprenticeship.

Over 40 BWL employees trained as 1st S.T.E.P. mentors

2 former 1st S.T.E.P. students are now 1st S.T.E.P. mentors and are full time employees

Tansay Carter stated one of the important things at the BWL is diversity and that is reflected in our 1st S.T.E.P. students. The PowerPoint presentation included the process to becoming a 1st S.T.E.P. student. Ms. Carter presented the Commissioners with an invitation to attend the 1st S.T.E.P. Student Reception to be held on March 28, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Carter also informed the Commissioners about the Student Award Ceremony to be held May 21, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mullen questioned how the students are selected for the program. Mr. Burdick stated that the students go through an extensive screening process once their packet of information.

New Customer Update

Ray Moore, Manager of Customer Projects presented an update on upcoming new customer projects in the Board of Water & Light service territory. The projects include:

Norplas-Estimated Revenue is \$1.5 M
Liquid Web-Estimated Revenue is \$1 M
Meijer Distribution Center Freezer Addition-Estimated Revenue is \$754,000
Hyatt Hotel/DTN Apartment-Estimated Revenue is \$125,000
Knapp's Building-Estimated Revenue \$900,000

Mr. Moore stated that these projects come about because Lansing is a great place to set up shop and there is a great work force here. This is attributed to Board of Water & Light's leadership, great rates and a reliable utility. Also behind the scenes are the areas economic developers that work tirelessly to bring new developments to the Lansing area.

Commissioner Ward stated that she wanted to acknowledge the City of Lansing's Economic Development Board (EDC) for their work. That Board is currently chaired by Board of Water & Light's Calvin Jones.

REO Town Update

General Manager Lark stated regarding the REO Town Co-Generation Plant, it is on time and on budget. We are planning a July 1st opening and will be officially announcing it soon. Mr. Lark introduced Pete Kramer, REO Town's Owner Representative.

Mr. Kramer provided a PowerPoint update on the new Co-Generation Plant and the Depot facility. The PowerPoint showed the latest pictures of the facilities. Their pictures captured where the facilities are today compared to where they were a year ago. He said this is a fantastic architectural statement to REO Town that is going to be the foundation of rebirth in that area.

Mr. Kramer introduced Scott Potter, Senior Project Manager, who has been there with him since day one of this project.

General Manager Lark stated that he is very proud of this complex project. He acknowledged Susan Devon and Dick Peffley for their outstanding work on the project.

Commissioner Ward questioned the final inspections process. In response, Mr. Kramer stated that there are many final inspections at many different levels. There technical advisors from each of the equipment vendors that, as we buy a piece of equipment, those technical advisors work through check lists and certifications to make sure that particular pieces of equipment fully operate before we start it up in order to protect our warranty. We have the local building authority that goes through the building inspections for life safety; the construction manager has a startup of commissioning managers on site that are doing inspections and certifications on the plant all of the time. So at different levels through construction there are a lot of different eyes and inspections that have to be done. There is no governing agency that says you are 100% done; now you get to run the plant. That is up to the Board of Water & Light to determine when the plant is commercially operational. There are emissions testing and performance testing, to make sure that each piece of equipment operates to the level of what we purchased, there are liquidated damages on our contracts if the contractors don't meet those standards. There are a lot of checks and balances and punch lists that are going on right now on a system by system basis.

Chair Zerkle stated that she has been amazed by the progress and she appreciates these updates.

General Manager Lark stated that some good things are being planned for July 1st to show off the plant.

Commissioner Thomas thanked General Manager Lark for all of his work. He said General Manager Lark makes the Commissioners feel very privileged and proud to be Board members.

Dennis M. Louney said our leadership here is outstanding, it shows by the product that we have here and by people who are in this room and people who are employed by the Board of Water & Light. With this plant we are making history and everyone is a part of it and we need to recognize that we could not do this without everyone contributing. Everyone's efforts are appreciated.

Other

None

Excused Absence

Motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Bossenbery to excuse Commissioners Price from tonight's meeting.

Adjourn

On Motion by Commissioner Ward, Seconded by Commissioner Bossenbery, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis M. Louney, Chair
Committee of the Whole

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

General Manager Lark respectfully asked that the full Board pass the Resolution directing the Board of Water & Light to develop and implement innovative business practices and programs to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability. Mr. Lark stated that a benefit of this policy is that it allows the Board of Water & Light to achieve "Clean Corporate Citizen Status", which is a status that is provided under state law.

RESOLUTION #2013-03-01

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABILTY POLICY

WHEREAS, the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) is dedicated to providing its customers with safe, reliable and affordable utility products and services;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the BWL to fulfill its mission in a responsible manner that not only complies with environmental laws, but actively promotes pollution prevention and the sustainability of our natural resources;

WHEREAS, establishing a company-wide culture of environmental stewardship and sustainability as an ongoing process that encompasses our electric, water, chilled water and steam operations, our facilities and all of our employees, as well as our residential, commercial and industrial customers, are important to demonstrating and realizing our environmental goals;

WHEREAS, adopting procedures to continually monitor, promote and improve our environmental performance will benefit the BWL and its customers over time;

WHEREAS, communicating this commitment, both internally and externally, and our efforts to achieve it are important elements of the BWL's environmental stewardship and sustainability program;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BWL shall develop and implement innovative business practices and programs to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the resolution to develop and implement an Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Policy.

Action: Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2013-03-01, Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Policy was adopted under the Manager's Recommendation Section of the agenda.

MANAGER'S REMARKS

General Manager Lark introduced Wayne Lynn, the new Manager of Electric System Integrity. Mr. Lynn has 23 years of experience in the technical and managerial capacity of the utility business.

General Manager Lark stated that the Board authorized and approved Bond refinancing for Thirteen Supplemental Bond in January. We have learned that Moody's & Standards & Poors (S&P) have given us a Bond rating of Aa3 and AA-; a rating that we have had for the last 6 years and has been maintained through a tremendous recession with no down

grade. Those Bonds have been issued at a very favorable term a \$4.9 Million savings to the Board of Water & Light.

General Manager Lark spoke about the Board of Water & Light's involvement with the Mayor's proposed Budget that was presented to the City Council. This proposal includes the Board of Water & Light billing customers for fire hydrant and streetlight operating and maintenance fees. The BWL use to bill the City of Lansing directly. Under the new budget proposal, if approved by the Lansing City Council, the Board of Water & Light will directly bill customers. Mr. Lark stated that a typical residential customer's bill will increase by approximately \$50.00 a year. There was dialogue regarding the BWL's options on how this process would be handled. Chair Zerkle spoke about having this matter discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to get a clearer understanding of how this would be handled.

General Manager Lark introduced Monique Harvey and Christopher Rollins of Union Missionary Baptist Church; their children, Leila Ross, Jahleel and Jeriah Rollins and their Church Youth Group presented the "Pennies for Power" program with \$684.16 that they raised all in pennies. General Manager Lark thanked them for supporting the program and for helping those who are less fortunate.

General Manager Lark announced that the tickets are going on sale for the for the 2013 Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) Pennies for Power Dancing with the Starz Extravaganza, which will be held Thursday, April 18 from 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. He announced the lineup of dancers that include:

- Sandra Zerkle, Chair BWL Board of Commissioners and Derrick Quinney, Lansing City Councilmember
- Al Martin, WLNS TV 6 Sports Announcer and Kelly Bernero, Advocacy/Public Relations Specialist, Great Lakes Capital Fund
- Janene McIntyre, Lansing City Attorney and Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk
- Teresa Syzmanski, Lansing Chief of Police and Tony Baltimore, Director of External Affairs, Office of Congressman Mike Rogers
- Tracy Thomas, BWL Commissioner and A'Lynne Boles Robinson, Lansing City Council Vice President
- State Representative Theresa Abed, (D-Grand Ledge) and State Representative Robert L. Kosowski, (D-Westland)
- Nicole Noll Williams, Director, Capital Region International Airport and Keith Williams, Consultant, Pondera Advisors
- Lauren Aitch, Owner, Lady Aitch Clothing for Women and former Michigan State University (MSU) basketball player and Otis Wiley, MSU Development Assistant of Annual Giving and former MSU football player

- Tony Conley, WILS 1320 radio personality and Julie Conley, Manager, First Independence Bank

Mr. Lark stated that tickets can be purchased at various locations at the BWL and on-line.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS

Chair Zerkle thanked the families for their effort on raising money for the "Pennies for Power" program on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

On **motion** by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Ward to excuse Commissioner Thomas from tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

L. W. Marrow of Lansing spoke about local businesses partnering on a joint venture for an alternative fuel station to be located in Lansing.

Monique Harvey of E. Lansing, thanked the Board of Commissioner for the opportunity to work with them and allowing the young people in Church to give back to the community through the "Pennies for Power" program. She said that they look forward to working with the BWL in the future.

David Steward of DeWitt, stated that he owns several properties in the City of Lansing. Mr. Steward presented his concerns regarding copper replacement and the different mechanical codes that effect how and who can replace copper.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Ward the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

M. Denise Griffin, Corporate Secretary

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