

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING via WEBEX LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

## October 29, 2020

5:30 P.M. - 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48910

The BWL full meeting packet and public notice/agenda are located on the official web site at <a href="https://www.lbwl.com/about-bwl/governance">https://www.lbwl.com/about-bwl/governance</a>.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

#### **Public Comment**

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- Submitting written comments to mdenise.griffin@lbwl.com (By the End of Public Comment)
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#### Other

#### Adjourn

In compliance with the order from the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the order from the Ingham County Health Department, in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders and this State's health care system and other critical infrastructure, it is crucial that all Michiganders take steps to limit in person contact, particularly in the context of large groups. Therefore, the above meeting will be conducted via audio/video conference in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended by Public Act 228 of 2020 effective on October 16, 2020. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may do so by logging into or calling into the meeting using the website or phone number and the meeting ID provided above.

Corporate Secretary at (517) 702-6033 or <a href="mailto:mdenise.griffin@lbwl.com">mdenise.griffin@lbwl.com</a> , or utilize TTY by dialing 7-1-1. A 24-hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.					

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Meeting Minutes September 8, 2020

Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Committee of the Whole meeting for the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) was conducted via WebEx Conferencing in Lansing, MI, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Committee of the Whole Chair Tracy Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Corporate Secretary Griffin took the roll call to acknowledge attendance.

Present: Commissioners Tracy Thomas, Beth Graham (arrived @5:40 p.m.), David Lenz, Deshon Leek, Anthony Mullen, David Price, Ken Ross, and Sandra Zerkle, and Non-Voting Members: Douglas Jester (East Lansing) and Larry Merrill (Delta Township)

Absent: None.

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Commissioner Ross, **Seconded** by Commissioner Graham, to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 30, 2020.

A roll call vote was taken: Commissioners Thomas, Graham, Leek, Lenz, Mullen, Price, Ross, Zerkle **Action**: Motion Carried.

#### **Annual Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Program Update**

General Manager Dick Peffley introduced Environmental Services and Reliability Compliance Manager, Ms. Lori Myott, who presented the annual energy waste reduction (EWR) program update. Ms. Myott introduced Ms. Aileen Gow, Energy Analyst, and Mr. Patrick Walters, Energy Specialist.





Commissioner Ross asked whether the consumers are educated about the solar panel energy program before making the purchase as a customer complained that there wasn't a significant reduction in energy cost. GM Peffley responded that the contractors don't interact with the utility until the solar panel contract is signed by the customer. The customer requests a permit from BWL but that is after the purchase. At energy events BWL encourages prospective solar customers to contact the BWL first.

Commissioner Thomas asked about the results for the schools in the energy program and asked why Holt and Waverly schools weren't in the Million kWh Club. Ms. Myott responded that it depends on whether the school's projects meet the kWh amount. Ms. Gow responded that Holt School is under Consumers Power.

Commissioner Price asked for an explanation of how BWL works with Michigan Saves and what types of improvements are eligible. Ms. Myott responded that loans are purchased for renovation so that the customer has 0% interest for a four-year period. Michigan Saves promotes the program and works with financial institutions to help finance the projects. Ms. Gow responded that windows, furnaces, air conditioners, and building shell improvements are eligible. Consumers Energy contributes 60/40 with BWL. Ms. Gow also noted that the program may be phasing out as Consumers Energy will no longer be contributing to it.

Commissioner Graham asked whether new buildings being built were notified about energy reduction programs. Ms. Gow responded that anyone doing a new build is encouraged to contact BWL's commercial to make sure that what is being installed is the most efficient. Mr. Walters responded that there is a new construction program for commercial buildings.

Commissioner Zerkle asked whether Central Methodist Church received one of the grants and, if more difficulty occurs when obtaining contracts, what plans are in place to overcome the issues. Ms. Myott responded that the church received one of the grants and that a five-year plan is being constructed as the next couple of years are expected to be challenging.

Commissioner Lenz asked how non-profit grant recipients were selected. Ms. Gow responded that applicants need to be 501c3 organizations and the first applicants that qualify according to the guidelines are selected. There is a \$5,000 cap on the grant.

Commissioner Ross asked whether a portfolio of 222 MW of renewables by 2022 was correct. Ms. Myott confirmed. Commissioner Ross asked what amount of credit would be taken for the renewables. Ms. Myott responded that solar is 60% credit and wind is low and about 20% credit. GM Peffley responded that initially Pegasus wasn't going to be commissioned, so BWL switched to Ranger Solar. Pegasus was then negotiated for a lower cost and both Ranger Solar and Pegasus were kept. Pegasus started running September 10, 2020 and Ranger is ahead of schedule. GM Peffley will send the exact values to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Lenz asked where the BWL stands on the app project that monitors energy usage and when BWL would be rolling out the program to the customers. Ms. Myott responded that she would follow up as there isn't a specific date set yet for the app capability and it is part of the AMI program.

#### **BSmart Program Update**

Corporate Secretary M. Denise Griffin, on behalf of GM Peffley, introduced Enterprise Business Program Manager, Kellee Christensen, who provided information on the BSmart Program. Ms. Christensen highlighted the Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS), Geographical Information System (GIS), Customer Information System (CIS), and Enterprise Service Bus (ESB).

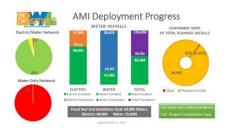


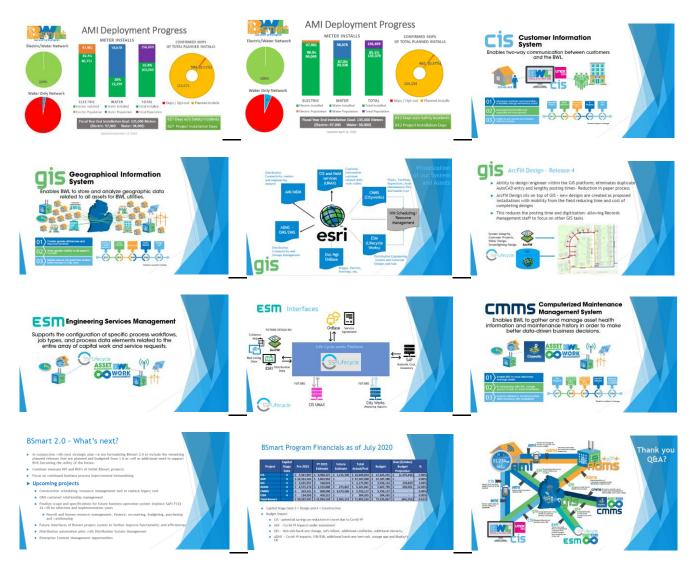












GM Peffley provided updated renewable portfolio numbers and stated that there will be 225 MW of wind and solar online at close of business next year. The daily average load of energy is 265 MW.

### **Other**

There was no other business.

### <u>Adjourn</u>

Commissioner Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Tracy Thomas, Chair Committee of the Whole