

**STUDY SESSION**

The HBPW Board of Directors met  
**August 26, 2024**  
at 4:00 p.m.  
625 Hastings Ave.  
Holland, Michigan

**Vice Chair Maalouf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Carolyn Maalouf, Kyle Engbers, Brian Lynn, Paul Lilly, and Ex Officio Members Keith VanBeek and Dave Couch

**Members Absent:** PJ Thompson, Scott Corbin

**Staff Present:** Dave Koster, Janet Lemson, Ted Siler, Becky Lehman, Joel Davenport, Chuck Warren, Andrew Reynolds, Julie DeCook, Amy Yost, Harle Battjes Jennifer Owens, Lakeshore Advantage

25.039 **Communications From the Audience**

**STUDY TOPICS**

25.040 **Lakeshore Advantage Update**

Lakeshore Advantage recently celebrated 20 years serving primary manufacturers and cultivating entrepreneurial growth in the region. The City of Holland and Holland Board of Public Works view Lakeshore Advantage as a key strategic partner. Given the significant and diverse business presence within the Holland BPW's customer base in each utility function, Lakeshore Advantage's work is critical to our long-term success. Further, by working closely in partnership, we are better able to plan infrastructure growth and improvements.

Jennifer Owens, Lakeshore Advantage's President and CEO, will be on hand to provide an update on Lakeshore Advantage's recent achievements and upcoming priorities.

*Study topic for information only. No Board action required.*

25.041 **Community Energy Services Annual Report**

Michigan Public Act 295 (PA 295) passed in 2008, and as amended by PA 341 and 342 in 2016, requires utilities to file annual reports on their Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) programs. PA 341/342 requirements for municipal utilities to complete these annual filings expired at the end of the CY 2021 program year. The MPSC has encouraged continued annual filings by the electric co-ops and municipal utilities as information for the State.

In response to MPSC's request, HBPW submitted our CY 2023 program results to MPPA and MMEA to be compiled with other member utilities and submitted to the State. We have also chosen to voluntarily continue our annual report to customers via a new residential program catalog and this presentation to the Board.

Starting with the CY 2026 program year, our EWR program will fall under state rules once again (PA 229 of 2023); and we will have a mandated EWR savings goal of 1.5 percent of retail sales.

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*\* Red italics indicate information or discussion added during the meeting and/or action taken.*

25.042      **Renewable Portfolio Update**

Staff will provide a presentation reviewing the performance of HBPW's renewable energy resources in calendar year 2023. The presentation will also provide updates on recent legislative changes and an outline of planned future actions in response to those changes.

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25.043      **Review of the Annual Corporate Level Tactical Actions For the HBPW**

As part of the Holland Board of Public Works variable pay program, each year tactical actions are chosen that are both cross-departmental and aligned with the priorities identified in the strategic plan. Completion of these actions are paired with achievement of key metrics to determine the total variable pay opportunity. While final review and payout determinations do not occur until the financial audit is completed in October, staff will provide an update on the items that were completed this past year as well as the action plans for the current fiscal year.

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25.044      **General Manager Comments**

- Our next meeting, a regular meeting, is scheduled for September 9
- We will getting the Lake Macatawa crossing pull back tomorrow
- Tomorrow is a MISO warning/alert on grid due to high electricity usage (A/C)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting of August 26, 2024, adjourned at *6:11 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Janet Lemson, Secretary to the Board