

STUDY SESSION

The HBPW Board of Directors met
September 23, 2024
at 4:00 p.m.
625 Hastings Ave.
Holland, Michigan

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: PJ Thompson, Carolyn Maalouf, Paul Lilly, Brian Lynn, City Council Liaison Scott Corbin, and Ex Officio Members Dave Couch and Keith Van Beek

Members Absent: Kyle Engbers

Staff Present: Dave Koster, Janet Lemson, Ted Siler, Chuck Warren, Becky Lehman, Alex Craigmile, Joe Sikma, Mark Volkers, Doug Nibbelink, Julie DeCook, Tracy York

25.056 **Communications From the Audience**

Study Topics

25.057 **Integrated Resource Plan Update**

An Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a planning tool that looks at forecasts of future energy and demand requirements and identifies supply and demand side resource mixes to meet those needs. Resource mixes are evaluated as part of the IRP process based on factors such as cost, environmental attributes, reliability, and resiliency. Ultimately, an IRP is intended to aid in the planning of future resources.

The results of an IRP are highly dependent on inputs such as market conditions, available technologies and associated costs, state and federal regulations, and local interests. Due to the changes that can happen with each of these inputs in a relatively short period of time, IRPs are generally performed at regular intervals. HBPW has historically sought to have an updated study performed approximately every 5 years. HBPW staff solicited six firms for planning service proposals for the 2024 IRP. nFront was selected to complete the 2024 IRP and work has been ongoing since entering into a contract in May 2024.

Staff provided a presentation on the current status of the IRP. This includes work performed to date, current status, and the expected process moving forward.

Presented for information. No Board action required.

25.058 **Board SharePoint Reference Site**

As each new Board Member joins the team, it's been our practice to print and give them a ring binder full of reference materials. Since documents continue to change and are updated on a regular basis, these materials often become outdated within several months of their joining the Board.

We felt it would be an asset to our Board Members to have an active, regularly updated area where they could glean most any information they might need to assist in performing their duties. The Board SharePoint site would also be an easy-to-access area where their **hollandbpw.com** e-mail resides.

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

At our Study Session today, we want to do an introductory review of the site and entertain suggestions, provide further details, and answer any questions. Our plan is to fully launch the site and make it available to Board Members and Executive Staff exclusively by an end of October timeframe

Presented for information. No Board action required.

25.059

General Manager Comments

- GM evaluation will be conducted soon and presented under a closed session in November, It will potentially be a 360 this time.
this year
- Our next meeting is a regular session on October 7; October 28 will be changed to a special meeting and cover audit, and variable pay.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting of September 23, 2024, adjourned at *5:38 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Janet Lemson, Secretary to the Board