## Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Special Meeting

July 12, 2017

A special Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities meeting was called to order at Olivia's Chop House, 212 E. Chicago, Jonesville, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Barry Hill, President to the Board. This was the Annual Meeting of the Michigan South Central Power Authority (MSCPA).

**Board Members Present:** 

Mr. Barry Hill, President

Mr. Bob Batt, Vice-President

Mr. Chris Sumnar

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Eric Hoffman

Ms. Lois Howard

Others present: Mike Barber, Director; Chris McArthur, Assistant Director; Stephen M. French, Secretary to the Board; Scott Sessions, Mayor; Don Reid, Hillsdale Daily News; and, David Mackie, City Manager.

## **PROGRAM**

Mr. Brad Kitchens, President and CEO of ScottMadden, Inc. presented a program entitled, "Preparing for Change." Mr. Kitchens discussed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan and the increased demand for renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind. Mr. Kitchens discussed in detail the reduce volatility of the natural gas market and the continued decrease in demand for nuclear and coal energy sources. Mr. Kitchens discussed the importance of fresh water in the energy sector and the advantage that the Midwestern states have in this area. Mr. Kitchens finalized his presentation by encouraging the MSCPA to:

- 1. Plan for future energy supply (either through natural gas, wind, or solar)
- 2. Build the Platform: grid modernization
- 3. Optimate the utility rate structure
- 4. Consider the inorganic: external growth opportunities

## **MSCPA PRESENTATION**

MSCPA Chairman Paul Beckhusen discussed the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that was necessary due to:

- 1. Closure of the Endicott Plant in Litchfield
- 2. Construction of the new AMP hydro plants in Ohio
- 3. Ongoing load growth
- 4. State Legislation
- 5. Changing customers and changing industries

Chairman Beckhusen then presented the Power Supply Study that had been completed and the expected shortfall of available power resources in the upcoming years.

MSCPA General Manager Glen White reviewed available options to the MSCPA membership to obtain power resources that would be needed in the upcoming years. Mr. White stated MSCPA representatives would be meeting with individual communities in the upcoming months to discuss in greater detail, this expected shortfall in power resources.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Stephen M. French, MMC Secretary to the Board

**MINUTES APPROVED: AUGUST 8, 2017**