



**Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2020**

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMEA Staff Present	Other Attendees Present
Tyson McGreer	City of Colby	Present	Gerry Bieker	Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell * Mike Schmaderer, Mid-States Energy
Mike Muirhead	City of Garden City	Present	Paul Mahlberg	
Robert Mills	City of Garnett	Present *	Jennifer Moore *	
Jonathan Mitchell	City of Hoisington	Present	Sam Mills	
Ira Harrison	City of Holton	Present	Joni Shadonix	
Greg DuMars	City of Lindsborg	Present		
Dennis Tharp	City of Ottawa	Present *		
Jon Quinday	City of Russell	Present		
Matt Rehder	City of Seneca	Present *		

* via conference call

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Mike Muirhead called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. at Martinelli’s Little Italy Restaurant, 158 S. Santa Fe Ave., Salina, KS. A quorum was present.

Item No. 2 – Seek Approval of the following items:

- **Minutes from the December 12, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting**
Jonathan Mitchell made a motion to approve, as written, the December 12, 2019, Executive Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Greg DuMars and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations for December 2019 and Financials for November 2019**
Jennifer Moore reviewed the Appropriations for December 2019 and Financials for November 2019.

Robert Mills made a motion to approve the Appropriations for December 2019 and Financials for November 2019. The motion was seconded by Tyson McGreer and carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – General Manager’s Report

Paul Mahlberg presented the General Manager’s report, which included the following topics:

- **EMP3 Membership** – The City of Hugoton’s consultant has submitted its recommendation and we hope to hear from Hugoton within the next few weeks.
- **APPA Joint Action Conference** – Paul provided a recap of several topics discussed at last week’s APPA Joint Action Conference in Palm Springs, CA, including solar, EV’s, the message and value of public power, public power branding on a national level, the sale vs. non-sale of Jacksonville’s utility, and cybersecurity.
- **ARR/TCR Revenue Sharing Program with TEA** – Paul provided an update on the results of the ARR/TCR Revenue Sharing Program to date.

- **SB69** – Phase One of the Kansas Electric Rate Study conducted by London Economics was released January 8th. Staff will study the findings of the 324-page report and participate in a conference call next week to discuss any action that needs to be taken. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.
- **Sunflower/MKEC Merger** – Staff, along with other intervenors, continue to participate in settlement discussions regarding the proposed merger of the two transmission zones. Darren Prince has prepared preliminary rate increase estimates for those members that receive power supply from Sunflower/MKEC. Once we receive additional data from SPP, Darren will fine-tune the estimated rate increases. New rates went into effect January 1, 2020, subject to refund.

Item No. 4 – Member Services Update

Gerry Bieker presented the Member Services update, which included the following topics:

- **KMEA 2019 Annual Report Questionnaire** – Annual Report Questionnaire's will be sent to members next week.
- **2020 Annual Conference** – KMEA has contracted with Keynote Speaker Tim Cavanagh for KMEA's October 29-30, 2020 Annual Conference.
- **Joint EMP Meeting** – The Joint EMP3 meeting will be held June 3-4, 2020.
- **City-Specific Promotional Videos** – KMEA received a draft of the first city-specific promotional video today. Let Gerry know if you are interested in a city-specific promotional video.
- **2019 City Visits** – Paul recapped 2019 city visits, city contacts, and miles driven and thanked Gerry and staff for their efforts.

Item No. 5 – Operations Update

Sam Mills presented the Operations update, which included the following topics:

- **Operations Staffing** – With the addition of Matt White and Willie Wilkerson that came on board in 2019, the operations group is fully staffed and running smoothly.
- **SPP Settlement System Replacement Project** – As a result of SPP's new Settlement System Replacement Project that goes live February 5th, KMEA is in the process of changing its internal billing model. Invoices may need to be estimated using load data, with a true up to follow at a later date.
- **Projects** – Staff continues to work on special projects for the cities of Anthony, Moundridge, and Sterling.

Item No. 6 – Old Business

- **Advisory Committee Update** – Tyson McGreer reported that the Advisory Committee met earlier today to continue discussions on the Lineman Services Project. The Committee continues to move forward on the development of the project and will bring draft agreements for the Executive Committee's consideration within the next few weeks.
- **ARR Optimization Project Update** – Staff recommended that KMEA continue its ARR Optimization Project with The Energy Authority. Following discussion, Robert Mills made a motion to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a three-year ARR Optimization Agreement with The Energy Authority, to be presented for the Committee's approval. The motion was seconded by Tyson McGreer and carried unanimously.

Item No. 7 – New Business

Paul provided an update on a potential solar project and reported that due to a timing issue, KMEA is exploring other solar opportunities to try to capitalize on available tax credit incentives.

Item No. 8 – Executive Session

Tyson McGreer made a motion for Executive Committee members, KMEA staff, legal counsel, and Mike Schmaderer to go into executive session for 20 minutes beginning at 12:00 p.m. to discuss the possible expansion of services to KMEA members pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships, with the open meeting to resume at Martinelli's Little Italy Restaurant at 12:20 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Mitchell and it passed unanimously.

After the open meeting resumed at 12:20 p.m., Greg DuMars made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a Letter of Intent between KMEA and Mid-States Energy Works, Inc. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Mitchell and carried unanimously.

Item No. 9 – Announce date, time and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at KMU's Training Center in McPherson, KS.

Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.



Robert Mills
Secretary/Treasurer