



**Kansas Municipal Energy Agency  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2020  
Conference Call/GoToMeeting**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Present/ Absent</b>	<b>KMEA Staff Present</b>	<b>Other Attendees Present</b>
Tyson McGreer	City of Colby	Present	Gerry Bieker	Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell Mike Schmaderer, Mid-States
Mike Muirhead	City of Garden City	Present	Paul Mahlberg	
Robert Mills	City of Garnett	Present	Sam Mills	
Jonathan Mitchell	City of Hoisington	Present	Jennifer Moore	
Ira Harrison	City of Holton	Absent	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		

**Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order**

President Mike Muirhead called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. via Conference Call/GoToMeeting. A quorum was present.

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

- **Minutes from the May 13, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting**  
Jonathan Mitchell made a motion to approve, as written, the May 13, 2020, Executive Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Tyson McGreer and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations for May 2020 and Financials for April 2020**  
Jennifer Moore reviewed the Appropriations for May 2020 and Financials for April 2020.

Robert Mills made a motion to approve the Appropriations for May 2020 and Financials for April 2020. The motion was seconded by Jon Quinday and carried unanimously.

**Item No. 3 – General Manager Report**

Paul provided an update on the following topics:

- **SB 69** – The report for the second phase of the electric rate study, currently being conducted by AECOM Technical Services, is due July 1<sup>st</sup>. KCK BPU is working to provide additional information requested by AECOM.
- **Regulatory Matters** – With the hiring of Darren Prince, KMEA has increased its regulatory efforts on behalf of its members. Two of the current efforts underway include:
  - **Sunflower FERC Docket** – Negotiations continue on Sunflower’s zonal transmission merger. The next settlement conference is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> and we are hopeful a settlement can be reached.
  - **Local Access Delivery Charges** – KMEA is intervening on all of the coop’s LADC’s. Heather Starnes is assisting with this process.

- **ARR Optimization** – Paul reported that the new ARR/TCR Optimization Agreement with TEA went into effect June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reviewed the 2019 and 2020 annual auction results and provided an estimate for 2021 revenues.
- **Solar Project** – The City of Osage City is moving forward with a 1.7 MW solar farm with Evergy. KMEA will assist with contract negotiations as requested by the City.
- **Kansas Power Pool (KPP)** – KPP’s General Manager and CEO, Mark Chesney, has announced that he plans to retire by the end of May 2021.

#### **Item No. 4 – Member Services Update**

The following topics were discussed during the member services update:

- **Dighton project** – Much of Gerry’s time has been spent traveling back and forth to Dighton. Nick Wapelhorst, the apprentice lineman started earlier this week and the majority of the equipment and tools are in place. Discussion was held on whether KMEA should continue to rent the digger derrick and bucket truck or move to a lease/purchase option. There was a consensus of the Committee to move forward with the lease/purchase option, subject to legal counsel’s review.
- **KMEA Annual Conference** – With the ongoing COVID pandemic, Gerry Bieker asked for input on whether or not KMEA should hold its Annual Conference October 29-30, 2020. Gerry reported that at this time, KMEA would not lose any deposits that have been made, but as the event gets closer, we could start losing deposits. There was a general consensus of the Committee to proceed with the Annual Conference at this time, but they asked for confirmation on deadline information from the Drury Hotel and the Keynote Speakers. The Committee was mindful that situation could change. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- **EMP3** – KMEA held an onboarding video conference for the 5/6 of the new EMP3 cities that started taking power June 1<sup>st</sup>. KMEA will hold an onboarding session for the City of Lindsborg within the next few weeks.

#### **Item No. 5 – Operations Update**

Sam Mills provided an update on the following topics:

- **24/7 Operations** – KMEA’s system operators are now working their regular schedules but continue to work in separate offices.
- **Anthony/Magellan & Moundridge Projects** – Both projects are going well. The Anthony project is slated to be completed by the end of the year; the Moundridge project is experiencing delays due to engineering issues, but we hope to get the project back on track.

#### **Item No. 6 – Old Business**

- **Mid-States Transaction Update** – Paul provided an update on the Mid-States transaction which is scheduled to close at 10:00 a.m. on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Linemen services for the City of Dighton** – Paul announced that both linemen are now in Dighton and the project is going well. As time permits, the linemen will be able to assist other member cities and Mid-States.

#### **Item No. 7 – New Business**

- **Annual Conference Discussion** – The annual conference discussion took place during the Member Services update.

#### **Item No. 8 – Executive Session, if needed**

Robert Mills made a motion for all of those in attendance at today’s meeting to go into executive session for 15 minutes beginning at 11:17 a.m. to discuss matters covered by the attorney-client

relationship, with the open session to resume via Conference Call/GoToMeeting at 11:32 a.m. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Mitchell and carried unanimously.

The regular session resumed at 11:32 a.m., via Conference Call/GoToMeeting. No action was taken.

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

The next KMEA Executive Committee meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at Mid-States Energy Works, 618 N. Santa Fe Ave., Salina, KS. All Committee members are welcome to attend the 10:00 a.m. KMEA/Mid-States closing. Lunch will be provided.

**Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.



Robert Mills  
Secretary/Treasurer