



**Kansas Municipal Energy Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2020**

**Lifesize Virtual Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Director	City
Audree Aguilera	Altamont
Larry Berry	Anthony
Rob Lessen	Arma
Jim Sutton	Augusta
Tim Johnson	Augusta
Glenn Rodden	Baldwin City
Adam Anderson	Belleville
Manny Milbers	Beloit
Max Krull	Blue Mound
Alan Schneider	Burlington
Brandon Westerman	Chanute
Mike Finley	Chanute
Debbie Darnell	Chetopa
Jeff Acton	Cimarron
Mike Shook	Coffeyville
Tyson McGreer	Colby
James Eldon Brown	Eudora
Mike Muirhead	Garden City
Jennifer Cunningham	Garden City
Matt Ponzer	Gardner
Chris Weiner	Garnett
Robert Mills	Garnett
Dustin Bedore	Goodland
Branden Dross	Herington
Dennis Mersch	Hill City
Cecelia Conrad	Hoisington
Kerwin McKee	Holton
Ira Harrison	Holton

Director	City
Scott Fredrickson	Holton
Corey Schinstock	Iola
Michael Ort	Jetmore
Dong Quach	KC BPU
Duane Moeder	LaCrosse
Bradley Eilts	Larned
Ralph Streit	Larned
Harry Zielke	Larned
Jeff Ahring	Lincoln Center
Lucas Neece	Lindsborg
Rod Willis	Osage City
Dennis Tharp	Ottawa
Jeff Oleson	Ottawa
Jamie Huber	Pratt
Evan Hance	Pratt
Kathy Wood	Prescott
Jon Quinday	Russell
Duane Banks	Russell
Matt Rehder	Seneca
John Wagerle	Sterling
Craig Crossette	Sterling
David Fankhauser	Sterling
Jeff Scott	Stockton
Stacie Eiche	Wamego
Casey Frisbie	Wamego
Richard Applegarth	Washington
Jason Newberry	Wellington
Roger Estes	Wellington

Others
Jeff Winkler, Baldwin City
Cliff Sonnenberg, Garden City
Murray McGee, Moundridge
Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell

KMEA Staff
Gerry Bieker
Neal Daney
Paul Mahlberg
Sam Mills
Katia Mitchell
Jennifer Moore
Darren Prince
Neal Rowland
Mike Schmaderer
John Seck
Joni Shadonix

**Item No. 1 – Call to Order**

President Muirhead called the KMEA Lifesize Virtual Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Item No. 2 – Approve the Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Board of Directors meeting**

Jon Quinday made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2019, Board of Directors meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Manny Milbers and carried unanimously.

**Item No. 3 – Take action to adopt Resolution No. 221, consenting to withdrawal of a member (Attica); and approving and providing for the execution of an Amendment to the Agreement Creating the Agency (29<sup>th</sup>) reflecting such withdrawal by the member**

Dennis Tharp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 221. The motion was seconded by Michael Ort and carried unanimously.

**Item No. 4 – Review the 2021 Annual Budget and take action to adopt the 2021 Annual Budget**

Jennifer Moore presented the 2021 Annual Budget which now includes Mid-States and Linemen Services and highlighted the variances from the 2020 Annual Budget. A brief discussion was held on the potential expansion of the Linemen Services Project to Southeast Kansas. It was decided that if an additional line crew is brought on in 2021, the budget would be revised at that time.

Robert Mills made a motion to adopt the 2021 Annual Budget, as presented. The motion was seconded by Rob Lessen and carried unanimously.

**Item No. 5 – Receive Nominating Committee Report and take action to elect Officers, Executive Committee members and Joint Board Executive Committee representative**

President Muirhead called upon Tyson McGreer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of candidates for this year's elections. Jon Quinday and Matt Rehder also served on this year's Nominating Committee.

Tyson McGreer presented the following slate of candidates:

**Officers (one-year term)**

President – Greg DuMars, City of Lindsborg  
Vice President – Robert Mills, City of Garnett  
Secretary/Treasurer – Matt Rehder, City of Seneca

**At-Large Member (one-year term \*)**

Jennifer Cunningham, City of Garden City  
*\* to fill Matt Rehder at-large member vacancy*

**At-Large Members (two-year term)**

Jonathan Mitchell, City of Hoisington  
Ira Harrison, City of Holton  
Dennis Tharp, City of Ottawa

**Joint Board Executive Committee Representative (two-year term)**

Jon Quinday, City of Russell

President Muirhead called for nominations from the floor. No other nominations were made.

Chris Weiner made a motion to accept the slate of candidates for Officers, At-Large Members, and Joint Board Executive Committee representative, as presented. The motion was seconded by Lucas Neece and carried unanimously.

Mike Muirhead continued to reside over the meeting as Greg DuMars was unable to attend today's meeting. Paul Mahlberg thanked Mike Muirhead for his eight years of service and highlighted major KMEA accomplishments during his tenure. He also shared a letter from Garden City City Manager Matt Allen, which provided a short description of the positive impact Mike has provided to the City of Garden City's electric utility.

#### **Item No. 6 – General Manager Report**

Paul Mahlberg reported that 2020 was a unique and unusual year with the COVID-19 pandemic. He provided a brief review of 2020 activities and accomplishments, which include:

- **New Revenue Stream** – Continuation and renegotiation of a “no risk” contract with a third-party allowing KMEA to optimize the value of members SPP transmission service,
- **New EMP Members** – addition of six new EMP3 cities, effective June 1,
- **Regulatory and Rates** – addition of a rates and regulatory staff member to provide financial and rate reviews, as well as monitor regulatory matters that could potentially impact our members,
- **Engineering/Construction Project** – involvement in major engineering/construction projects for the cities of Anthony and Moundridge,
- **Linemen Services** – signed contract with the City of Dighton May 1<sup>st</sup> with plans to expand to regional service, and
- **Mid-States Purchase** – closed on purchase of assets of Mid-States Energy Works on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul also provided a quick look at 2021 efforts, which include:

- **Mid-States** – further integration into KMEA and managing backlog and growth,
- **Large Scale Solar** – continued efforts to identify project in the 2024-25 timeframe,
- **Community Solar** – assist members interested in community solar with RFPs, vendor selection, contract negotiations, etc.,
- **New EMP Members** – Moundridge (2021) and Oberlin (2022)
- **Linemen Crew Efforts** – “Regionalize” Dighton Crew and continue efforts in other parts of the State,
- **Long-Term Power Supply Planning** – GRDA expiration in 2026 (28 Cities).

#### **Item No. 7 – Old Business**

None.

#### **Item No. 8 – New Business**

None.

**Item No. 9 – Announce date, time, and location for the next meeting of the KMEA Board of Directors**

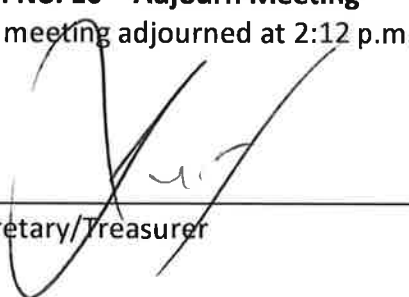
The next meeting of the KMEA Board of Directors was tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, in conjunction with KMU's Annual Conference. The time of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

Mike Muirhead announced that Greg DuMars mother passed away yesterday and requested Board members keep Greg and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Board members again thanked Mike for the outstanding job he has done for KMEA and the City of Garden City.

**Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



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Secretary/Treasurer