



Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 February 9, 2022

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMEA Staff Present
Rob Culley	City of Baldwin City	Present	Gerry Bieker
Barack Matite	City of Eudora	Present	Laurie Brock
Mike Muirhead	City of Garden City	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Dustin Bedore	City of Goodland	Present	Tyson McGreer
Ira Harrison	City of Holton	Present	Mike Schmaderer
Jonathan Mitchell	City of Hoisington	Present	Joni Shadonix
Dennis Tharp	City of Ottawa	Present	
Jon Quinday	City of Russell	Present	
Stacie Echem	City of Wamego	Present	

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Jon Quinday called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. via Lifesize. A quorum was present.

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

- **Minutes from January 13, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting**
Mike Muirhead made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ira Harrison and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations for January 2022 and Financials for December 2021**
Laurie Brock reviewed the appropriations for January 2022, noting that the fund balance requirement, which is 25% of budgeted expenditures, has been updated for 2022. The December 2021 financials will be ready for review at next month's meeting.

Jonathan Mitchell made a motion to approve the appropriations for January 2022. The motion was seconded by Dennis Tharp and carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg provided the General Manager report, which included:

- **Staffing Update** – Tyson McGreer started Monday as Manager, Member Services. Laurie Brock has agreed to stay on as Finance Director for about a year. John Seck is preparing EMP invoices. The attorney position should be posted soon.
- **Legislative Update** – Paul provided an update on key items being discussed in Topeka such as redistricting, sales tax and the potential of removing the food sales tax and providing some kind of tax credit, SB 349 – a bill that would cap electric rate increases to 1% per year, charitable giving legislation, efforts to get the KC BPU under KCC jurisdiction, and potential anti-renewable legislation.
- **KMU Day at the Capitol** – February 16th

- **Evergy Transmission Formula Rate** – KMEA has teamed up with KEPCo and KPP to challenge the Evergy Transmission Formula Rate Update.
- **Community Solar** – KMEA continues to work with several cities that are interested in community solar.
- **Valley Center** – Valley Center continues to look to municipalize their electric system. Their council has approved renewal of their franchise agreement with Evergy on a year-to-year basis, the hiring of a consultant, and the formation of a steering committee to look at municipalization.
- **Winter Storm Uri** – Saturday marks the one-year anniversary of Winter Storm Uri. Paul thanked committee members for their leadership and support during trying times for all.

Items No. 4 – Operations Update

Gerry Bieker reported that he and Mike Schmaderer recently met with cities in Southwest Kansas to discuss potential lineman services and generation projects. Chetopa and Altamont will probably not move forward. Gerry reviewed the lineman services program Osage City and Pomona are looking to put together.

Item No 5 – Member Services Update

Tyson thanked the Committee for the opportunity to work at KMEA. He reported that he is looking into EV charging stations for a couple of communities, the Infrastructure Bill and how KMEA can help members, and the development of criteria for participation in the APPA Public Power Manager Certification Program.

Item No. 6 – Mid-States Update

Mike Schmaderer provided an update on recently completed, pending, and future Mid-States projects. He also reported that he has an employee that has some health issues.

Item No. 7 – Old Business

- **CAT Financing Update** – Gerry reported that CAT Financial has approved credit for two preliminary cities and that we are waiting on a commitment letter to move forward. The arrangement would be a 20-year term financed through KMEA with a capacity contract with each city for the same period.

Item No. 8 – New Business

None.

Item No. 9 – Executive Session, if needed

None.

Item No. 10 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

The next KMEA Executive Committee meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in Russell, KS.

Item No. 11 – Adjourn Meeting

Prior to adjournment, on behalf of the City of Russell, Jon Quinday thanked KMEA staff for their efforts during Winter Storm Uri. He also welcomed Tyson and Laurie.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Mike Muirhead, Secretary/Treasurer