



**Kansas Municipal Energy Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 30, 2021**

**Lifesize Virtual Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Director	City
LeaAnn Myers	Altamont
Rob Lessen	Arma
Jim Sutton	Augusta
Tim Johnson	Augusta
Jeff Winkler	Baldwin City
Jason Rabe	Beloit
Manny Milbers	Beloit
Leslie Holman	Burlingame
Patty Atchison	Burlingame
Mike Finley	Chanute
Mark Campbell	Chapman
Debra Darnell	Chetopa
Jeff Acton	Cimarron
Mike Shook	Coffeyville
Tyson McGreer	Colby
Eldon Brown	Eudora
Mike Muirhead	Garden City
Kent Pottorf	Garden City
Matt Ponzer	Gardner
Travis Wilson	Garnett
Joe Owens	Garnett
Jeff Murphy	Girard
Dustin Bedore	Goodland
Branden Dross	Herington
Jonathan Mitchell	Hoisington
Kerwin McKee	Holton
Ira Harrison	Holton

Director	City
Matt Rehder	Iola
Michael Ort	Jetmore
Dong Quach	KC BPU
Bradley Eilts	Larned
Jeff Ahring	Lincoln Center
Greg DuMars	Lindsborg
Lucas Neece	Lindsborg
Murray McGee	Moundridge
Halley Roberson	Oberlin
Rod Willis	Osage City
Terry Upshaw	Osawatomie
Sarah Caylor	Ottawa
Dennis Tharp	Ottawa
Jeff Oleson	Ottawa
Jamie Huber	Pratt
Evan Hance	Pratt
Jon Quinday	Russell
Duane Banks	Russell
Tami Haverkamp	Seneca
Craig Crossette	Sterling
David Fankhauser	Sterling
Jeff Scott	Stockton
Courtney Flower	Stockton
Stacie Eichem	Wamego
Casey Frisbie	Wamego
Taggart Wall	Winfield

Others
Eric Hartwell, Colby
Cliff Gamblin, Foley Equipment
Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell
Cameron Philpott, GRDA
Heather Starnes, Healy Law
Colin Hansen, KMU
Brad Mears, KMU
Bryan Evans, Pratt

KMEA Staff
Gerry Bieker
Neal Daney
Paul Mahlberg
Sam Mills
Katia Mitchell
Steve Porter
Matt Powell
Darren Prince
Dixie Riedel
John Seck
Joni Shadonix
DJ Smith
Gerry Stephenson
John Weber

**Item No. 1 – Call to Order**

President Greg DuMars called the KMEA Lifesize Virtual Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Item No. 2 – Approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2021 Board of Directors meeting**

Branden Dross made a motion to approve, as presented, the minutes of the May 27, 2021, KMEA Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Rob Lessen and carried unanimously.

**Item No. 3 – Take action to adopt Resolution No. 223, consenting to an additional member (Minneapolis); and approving and providing for the execution of an Amendment to the Agreement Creating the Agency (31st) reflecting the addition of said member**

Taggart Wall made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 223. The motion was seconded by Manny Milbers and carried unanimously.

**Item No. 4 – Review and take action to adopt the 2022 Annual Budget**

Paul Mahlberg presented the 2022 Annual Budget highlighting the following:

- Budget by Project
- Budget by Expense Type
- Project Budgets
- Agency Budget
- Budget Agency Cost/MWh
- Agency Allocation to Cities
- Mid-States Budget

Lucas Neece made a motion to adopt the 2022 Annual Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Branden Dross and carried unanimously.

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

President DuMars called upon Dennis Tharp, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of candidates for this year's elections. Ira Harrison and Greg DuMars also served on this year's Nominating Committee.

Chair Tharp presented the following slate of candidates:

**Officers (one-year term)**

President – Tyson McGreer, City of Colby

Vice President – Jon Quinday, City of Russell

Secretary/Treasurer – Jonathan Mitchell, City of Hoisington

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

Rob Culley, City of Baldwin City

Barack Matite, City of Eudora

Stacie Eichem, City of Wamego

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

Dennis Tharp, City of Ottawa

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

Matt Rehder made a motion to accept, as presented, the slate of candidates for Officers, At-Large Members, and Joint Board Representative. The motion was seconded by Mark Campbell and carried unanimously.

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

Paul Mahlberg presented the General Manager Report, which included:

- Jameson Energy Center – Refunding update
- FERC/NERC Preliminary Report – February 2021 Cold Weather Grid Operations: Preliminary Findings and Recommendations Report released on September 23
- Senate Energy & Natural Resources – Hearing on September 28
- New EMP Members
  - 2021 – City of Moundridge (EMP3)
  - 2022 – City of Herington (EMP3); City of Oberlin (EMP2)
- Mid-States Update
  - Completion of 2 Large Projects (Anthony, Moundridge)
  - Increase in Staffing
  - Preventative Maintenance Program
- Looking Ahead
  - Community Solar
  - New Generation
  - Winter Storm Uri
  - Mid-States
- Heather Starnes of Healy Law Offices provided an overview of FERC Order No. 2222.

#### **Item No. 7 – Old Business**

None.

#### **Item No. 8 – New Business**

- **Passing the Gavel** – Greg DuMars passed the gavel to Tyson McGreer. President McGreer thanked Greg for his many years of friendship, mentoring, and service to KMEA and wished him the best.
- **KMEA Annual Awards** – President McGreer called upon Duane Banks, Chair of the Awards Committee, to present the slate of candidates for this year’s award recipients. Rob Culley, Ira Harrison, Tyson McGreer, and Duane Moeder also served on this year’s Awards Committee.

Chair Banks presented the following slate of candidates:

#### **Gil Hanson Outstanding Service Award**

Richard Nienstedt, City of Ottawa  
Mike Muirhead, City of Garden City

#### **Max Embree Distinguished Service Award**

Greg DuMars, City of Lindsborg  
Dennis Tharp, City of Ottawa

**Dedicated Committee to Service Award**

John Wagerle, City of Sterling

Manny Milbers, City of Beloit

Paul thanked the committee and indicated that awards will be presented in person at future governing body meetings.

- **Centennial Awards** – KMEA recognized the cities of Montezuma, Osborne, and Prescott as this year's Centennial Award recipients. Awards will be presented in person to each of these cities at a future date.

**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 27, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, in conjunction with KMU's Annual Conference. The time of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

Board members were encouraged to participate in the afternoon Annual Conference general and breakout sessions.

**Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

  
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Jonathan Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer