



Kansas Municipal Gas Agency  
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
 March 23, 2022

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMEA Staff	Other Attendees
Mike Shook *	Coffeyville	Present	Laurie Brock *	Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell *
Ethan Reimer	Halstead	Present	Kay Forsen	
Nathan Law *	Louisburg	Present	Paul Mahlberg	
Chad Buckley	Lyons	Present	Tyson McGreer	
Rod Willis *	Osage City	Present	Darren Prince	
Stephanie Ashby	Walton	Present	Dixie Riedel	
Gus Collins	Winfield	Present	Joni Shadonix *	
			John Weber *	

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

President Gus Collins called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. at City Hall in Halstead, KS. A quorum was present.

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

- **February 23, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
 Stephanie Ashby made a motion to approve the February 23, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ethan Reimer and carried unanimously.
- **Financials for the month of January 2022**  
 John Weber presented the financials for the month of January 2022. He also reviewed the net equity chart, delivered vs. budget volume chart, legal fund balance, and provided an analysis of KMGA's increased cash on hand. At President Collins request, staff reviewed the Net Equity Position and Surcharge Fee Policy.

Ethan Reimer made a motion to approve the January 2022 financials. The motion was seconded by Chad Buckley and carried unanimously.

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

Paul Mahlberg thanked Ethan Reimer for hosting today's meeting. He then provided the General Manager report, which included:

- **Staff Update** – Paul reported that an individual has accepted the position of General Counsel for KMEA and an announcement will be forthcoming in the near future.
- **Infrastructure Bill** – We are close to signing an agreement with a consultant that can assist members interested in applying for funds to make infrastructure improvements to their natural gas systems.

- **City of Burlingame** – Burlingame continues to request information from KMGGA.
- **City of Little River** – Little River will terminate its Gas Acquisition Agreement with KMGGA effective May 1<sup>st</sup> but will remain a member.

#### **Item No. 4 – Gas Director Report**

Dixie Riedel provided the Gas Director report, which included:

- Purchased Volume (Jan 2020-Feb 2022)
- SSC, EGT & PEPL Daily Index Pricing (Feb 1<sup>st</sup>-Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- SSC, EGT & PEPL Daily Index Pricing (Current vs Prior Year)
- NOAA’s Temperature/Precipitation Forecast (Apr)
- NOAA’s Temperature/Precipitation Forecast (Summer)
- NYMEX Futures/SSC, EGT & PEPL Projected Index (Last Month)
- NYMEX Futures/SSC, EGT & PEPL Projected Index (Apr 2022-Dec 2023)
- Regional Meetings – KMGGA will host in person only regional meetings in four locations across Kansas to share information on KMGGA and services provided to our cities, changes within our agency and within the industry, market updates and information on the Infrastructure Bill.

#### **Item No. 5 – Old Business**

- **Southern Star Rate Case** – Darren Prince provided an update on the status of the Southern Star Rate Case Settlement. Dixie Riedel reported that she will confirm refund amounts owed to KMGGA transport customers and those customers that own their own transport.
- **Pipeline Capacity Policy** – In follow up to last month’s meeting, Dixie presented an amendment to Exhibit A of the Pipeline Capacity Policy and reviewed the rationale for the proposed change in the “Discounted Rate” non-capacity holders pay firm-capacity holders for the summer months (Apr-Oct).

Following discussion, Rod Willis made a motion to approve the amendment to Exhibit A to the Pipeline Capacity Policy, with the new “Discounted Rate” to become effective April 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mike Shook and carried unanimously.

- **Risk Management Consulting Service** – Paul reviewed the revised proposal from The Energy Authority (TEA) that modifies the scope by eliminating the “Risk and Goal Definition” and the “Education and Implementation” from the previous proposal. TEA also included an on-going advisory/consulting option (Phase 2). Following discussion there was a consensus of the committee to proceed with Paul’s recommendation to 1) go back to TEA to see if there is flexibility for Phase 2; 2) talk with an alternate consultant to see what services he/she might be able to provide; and 3) include an analysis of the financial impact on the proposed TEA charges to the 2023 preliminary budget.

#### **Item No. 6 – New Business**

None.

#### **Item No. 7 – Executive Session to discuss matters covered by attorney-client privilege**

Stephanie Ashby made a motion for Executive Committee members, staff, and legal counsel to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 11:42 a.m. to discuss matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, with the open meeting to resume at 11:52 a.m. The motion was seconded by Chad Buckley and carried unanimously. The executive session ended at 11:52 a.m. No action was taken.

Ethan Reimer made a motion for Executive Committee members, staff, and legal counsel to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 11:53 a.m. to discuss matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, with the open meeting to resume at 11:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Ashby and carried unanimously. The executive session ended at 11:58 a.m. No action was taken.

**Item No. 8 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting**

The next KMGa Executive Committee meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the KMU Training Center, if available.

**Item No. 9 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.



Mike Shook  
Secretary/Treasurer