



Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022

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

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Jon Quinday called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. via Lifesize. A quorum was present.

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

- **Minutes from June 9, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting**
Mike Muirhead made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Mitchell and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations for June 2022 and Financials May 2022**
Laurie Brock presented the appropriations for June 2022 and financials for May 2022.

Paul Mahlberg provided a recap of the factors that have contributed to the negative net income for Mid-States and efforts underway to remedy same.

Dennis Tharp made a motion to approve the appropriations for June 2022 and financials for May 2022. The motion was seconded by Rob Culley and carried unanimously.

Prior to the General Manager Report, President Quinday announced the need to amend the Old Business section of today's agenda to include a discussion on the KMEA Public Power Manager Program.

Mike Muirhead made a motion to amend the Old Business section of today's agenda to include a discussion on the KMEA Public Power Manager Program. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Mitchell and carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg provided the General Manager report, which included:

- **Mid-States Purchase** – July 1st marked the second anniversary of the purchase of Mid-States.

- **Osage City/Pomona Line Crew** – KMEA’s second line crew started July 1st. The three-man crew will serve the cities of Osage City and Pomona and nearby cities as needs arise and time permits. KMEA hired Osage City’s two linemen and Chris Croucher from Baldwin City.
- **Director, Finance & Accounting** – The Director, Finance & Accounting position has been posted. Laurie Brock has committed to stay through February 2023, if needed, to allow for cross-training.
- **TEA Optimization Results** – Paul reviewed the TCR/ARR Optimization results for June.
- **EMP Agency Cost Allocation Process** – the EMP Agency Cost Allocation Process will be discussed at the July EMP meetings.

Items No. 4 – Operations Update

Gerry Bieker reported that his time has been spent working on the following:

- Osage City/Pomona line crew start up
- Generation financing program
- Cybersecurity on KMEA’s systems such as computers, phones, and email accounts.

Item No. 5 – Member Services Update

Tyson McGreer reported that his time has been spent working on the following:

- Infrastructure Bill
- Annual Gathering – August 25th, in Overland Park, KS
- Annual Conference – September 29-30th, in Wichita, KS.

Item No. 6 – Mid-States Update

Mike Schmaderer provided an update on recently completed, pending, and future Mid-States projects.

Item No. 7 – Old Business

- **KMEA Public Power Manager Program** – Tyson reported that the Committee to recommend candidates for the KMEA Public Manager Program met yesterday to evaluate the seven applications received. The Committee was comprised of Jon Quinday, Dennis Tharp, Gerry Bieker, Neal Daney, and Tyson McGreer. The Committee selected the following individuals for recommendation into the program.
 - Chris Douglass – Electric Production Supervisor, City of Goodland
 - Amy Taylor – Utility Compliance Officer, City of Ottawa
 - Johanna O’Brien – City Administrator, City of Girard

Mike Muirhead made a motion to accept the Committee’s recommendation of Chris Douglass, Amy Taylor, and Johanna O’Brien into this year’s KMEA Public Power Manager Program. The motion was seconded by Ira Harrison and carried unanimously.

Item No. 8 – New Business

- **Nominating Committee for Elections** – Paul announced that President Quinday selected Barack Matite, Rob Culley, and Stacie Eichem to serve on the Nominating Committee for Elections. Barack will serve as Chair.
- **Nominating Committee for Awards** – Paul announced that President Quinday selected Dennis Tharp, Mike Muirhead, Manny Milbers, and John Wagerle to serve on the Nominating Committee for Awards. Dennis will serve as Chair.

Item No. 9 – Executive Session, if needed

No executive session was needed.

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 12:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2022, at KMEA's office in Overland Park, KS.

Item No. 11 – Adjourn Meeting

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Muirhead", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Muirhead, Secretary/Treasurer