

# Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 20, 2023

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMEA Staff/Guests
Rob Culley	Baldwin City	Present	Gerry Bieker
Mike Muirhead	Garden City	Present	Neal Daney
Dustin Bedore	Goodland	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Jonathan Mitchell	Hoisington	Present	Tyson McGreer
Jon Quinday	Russell	Absent	Darren Prince
Dave Hunsaker	Ottawa	Present	Lisa Ferguson
Stacie Eichem	Wamego	Present	Mike Meyer
Bret Glendening	Osawatomie	Absent	Mike Schmaderer

Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams

## Item No. 1 - Call the Meeting to Order

Vice-President Jonathan Mitchell led the meeting due to President Jon Quinday's absence. The meeting was called to order virtually at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

- Minutes from the March 23, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting
   Mike Muirhead moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023, Executive Committee
   meeting. The motion was seconded by Dustin Bedore and the motion carried unanimously.
- Appropriations Report for January 2023 through March 2023
  Mike Meyer presented the appropriations report as provided in the agenda packet. Rob Culley moved to approve the Appropriations Report for January 2023 through March 2023. The motion was seconded by Dave Hunsaker and the motion carried unanimously.
- Financial Results for First Quarter 2023

Mike Meyer presented the Financial Update which included the following:

- o Revenue, Expenses & Change in Net Position Compared to Budget
- Admin & General Expenses Compared to Budget
- Change in Net Position by Segment
- Net Position by Components

Mike Muirhead moved to approve the Financials. The motion was seconded by Stacie Eichem and the motion carried unanimously.

# Item No. 3 – Staff Updates:

#### Regulatory Update

Paul Mahlberg presented updates on behalf of Terri Pemberton, which included the following:

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A filing is imminent on their retail rate case. KMEA will plan to intervene and monitor the docket.

#### Kansas Gas Service

KGS has filed a rate docket. KMEA will intervene and participate in the docket proceedings on behalf of both KMEA and KMGA.

#### Kansas AG Lawsuit

The Kansas AG has fired the law firm of Morgan & Morgan, whom they hired for representation in their lawsuit against Macquarrie Gas as part of Winter Storm Uri. Expectations are that the AG will seek a replacement outside law firm soon to take over the legal cases.

# Operations Update

Gerry Bieker provided the following updates:

- The City of Herington is moving forward with a generation project, more information to follow.
- The City of Kiowa and the City of Ashland are in discussions to potentially share a lineman, more information to follow.

#### Member Services

Tyson McGreer provided updates on potential grant opportunities. In addition, KMEA has submitted a concept paper for a \$40 million federal grant opportunity to build a large-scale solar farm.

### Mid -States Update

Mike Schmaderer provided the following updates:

- o The Dighton and Osage City line crews have recently completed work in several cities including Scranton, Elsmore, Troy, Ashland, and Jetmore.
- O Substations in the cities of Colby and Minneapolis were recently completed.
- An environmental review is currently being conducted on the empty lot being considered for purchase and will be completed soon.

# Item No. 4 - General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg spoke about the following matters:

- KMEA recently met with an HR firm to review PTO policy and other policies. The review will take a few months to be completed, more information to follow.
- Neal Daney has set up a meeting with NextEra and KPP Energy, KEPCO and KCBPU to discuss large scale solar as a group to see if that would help move the NextEra solar project forward.

Item No. 5 - Old Business

None

Item No. 6 - New Business

None

Item No. 7 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

Due to busy schedules, it was decided that the date, time and location of the next meeting would be determined at a later date via email or Doodle poll.

Item No. 8 - Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Mike Muirhead, Secretary/Treasurer