



Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 16, 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	Lisa Ferguson*
Chris Lindholm	Lindsborg	Present	Mike Meyer
Bret Glendening*	Osawatomie	Present	Terri Pemberton
Dave Hunsaker*	Ottawa	Present	Mike Schmaderer
Stacie Eichem*	Wamego	Present	Tyson McGreer
Jon Quinday	Russell	Present	

**Participated virtually via Microsoft Teams*

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Jon Quinday called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Hoisington, KS. A quorum was present.

Item No. 2 – Seek approval for the following items:

- **Minutes from the July 18, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting**

President Quinday entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. Jonathan Mitchell moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded by Chris Lindholm and carried unanimously.

- **Appropriations Report for July 2023 and Financial Report for 2023 Second Quarter & Year-to-Date**

Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for July 2023 as provided in the agenda packet. Mike Muirhead moved to approve the July 2023 Appropriations Report. The motion was seconded by Dustin Bedore and carried unanimously. Mike Meyer also presented the Financial Report for 2023 Second Quarter & Year-to-Date. Chris Lindholm moved to approve the Financial Report for 2023 Second Quarter & Year-to-Date. Bret Glendening seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Staff Updates

- **Regulatory Update**

Terri Pemberton provided a regulatory update on the following items:

- KCC – currently tracking Kansas Gas service docket – in the testimony round. Company filing rebuttal end of next week. Hearing date set for October.
- Every Rate Case – Being monitored.
- Annual Local Access Charge dockets have been filed and we'll continue to review. The Order on Southern Pioneer's has issued but is currently under review, so the final rate is not yet known.

- FERC – Evergy’s Transmission Formula Rate dockets continues. Evergy filed an appeal with the 10th circuit court. Evergy also filed to withdraw appeal for reasons unknown, but it’s a good situation for us and may positively impact our complaint case at FERC.
 - Darren Prince is currently working on the annual TFR update for Metro. Discovery has issued.
 - Sunflower – now into new TFR update period.
 - EPA proposed rule on RICE-NESHAP. Working to get comments filed soon.
- **Operations Update**

Gerry Bieker provided an operations update on the following topics:

 - Lots of interest from multiple cities about new CAT generation.
 - Lead time on new CAT units is now 3 years out instead of 2 years.
 - Gerry and Tom Saitta met with the City of Cimarron as they’re interested in 2 new generation units.
 - Gerry, Tyson McGreer, and Tom Saitta have a meeting tonight with the City of Osborne to talk about replacing current generation.
 - Gerry and Tyson McGreer met with the Cities of Wathena and Elwood, along with Evergy, last week to discuss substation replacement.
 - Gerry also mentioned that requests by cities for lineman work have gone up noticeably lately.
- **Member Services Update**

Tyson McGreer provided the following updates:

 - Recently met with the City of Muscotah. They are not yet members of KMEA but could be potentially. Evergy referred the City to KMEA to ask for guidance with their energy charges. We are helping them with their operations options as well as rate issues. Discussion ensued over the best way to help the City of Muscotah.
 - The KCC should be releasing details soon on the state grant program. The grant is a five-year Federal program coordinated through KCC for Kansas and eligible to municipalities and co-ops only. The grant is targeted for hardening your electric system.
 - KMEA is still waiting to hear back from the USDA on the PACE grant that we applied for, to be used for a solar farm.
 - Annual Gathering – Emails containing hotel registration information were recently sent out to Executive Committee members.
 - Annual Conference – email registration for the conference should be getting sent out next week.
- **Mid-States Update**

Mike Schmaderer provided updates on the following topics:

 - Mike echoed what Gerry mentioned about lineman service requests going up.
 - The Dighton lineman crew recently spent a week working in the City of Garden City.
 - There’s a lineman project scheduled for the City of Cimarron.
 - The Osage City lineman crew spent some time working in the City of Scranton recently.
 - Lineman work is ongoing in several other cities as well.
 - Mid-States was recently in the City of Hoisington to look at their new generator, some additional work is needed to bring that unit online.
 - The generator for the City of LaCrosse is being delivered tomorrow.

- The new transformer for the City of Lindsborg is being delivered sometime in the next week.
- The delivery of the new generator for the City of Colby is still on-schedule for September.
- The permit for the City of Oberlin was approved, and its hopeful work will begin soon on the foundation.
- A labor bid is going out for the City of Russell.
- A bid request for a transformer was recently sent out by Mid-States to 6 companies, only 2 responses were received.
- Maintenance plans are underway for the Cities of Ashton, Meade and Hoisington.
- Work continues on the demonstration trailer as time permits.

Item No. 4 – General Manager’s Report

Paul Mahlberg updated members on the following:

- KMEA staff recently attended and participated in a Solar Symposium held at Kansas State University in Manhattan. The event was put on by the K-State Engineering Department, which is the same group that conducted the solar survey earlier this year that asked Kansas residents what factors would encourage utilization of solar energy.
- KMU has formed a distributed generation task force with the purpose of updating the KMU DG toolkit.
- The Awards Committee recently held a meeting and nominees have been chosen.
- The Nominating Committee is meeting on Monday, there are a couple positions needing to be filled.
- The Joint Board of Administration meeting is set to take place next week.
- Paul provided a brief summation of the Strategic Planning Retreat that took place the last week of July and displayed some slides that highlighted several priorities and goals. Next steps include a meeting with the Task Force for input, presentation and approval from the Executive Committee followed by a presentation to the full board of directors during the Annual Conference in October.

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

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on September 14th at 12:30 p.m. at the KMEA office in Overland Park, to coincide with the Annual Gathering.

Item No. 8 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



Mike Muirhead, Secretary/Treasurer