



Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMEA Staff/Guests
Jeff Winkler	Baldwin City	Present	Gerry Bieker
Mike Muirhead	Garden City	Present	Neal Daney*
Dustin Bedore	Goodland	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Chris Lindholm	Lindsborg	Present	Lisa Ferguson*
Bret Glendening*	Osawatomie	Present	Mike Meyer*
Dave Hunsaker*	Ottawa	Present	Terri Pemberton
Jon Quinday	Russell	Absent	Mike Schmaderer
Jeff Scott	Stockton	Present	Tyson McGreer
Stacie Eichen	Wamego	Present	Darren Prince
			Tom Saitta
			Brad Mears

**Participated virtually*

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

On behalf of President Jon Quinday, Vice-President Mike Muirhead called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in McPherson, KS. A quorum was present.

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

- **Minutes from the December 14, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting**
 Mike Muirhead entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. Chris Lindholm moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded by Stacie Eichen and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations Report for December 2023**
 Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for December 2023. Dustin Bedore made a motion to approve the Appropriations Report for the month of December 2023. Chris Lindholm seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Winter Storm Gerri Recap

Paul Mahlberg and Tom Saitta provided a recap of Winter Storm Gerri which included the following information:

- Comparison of the weather and gas prices during this storm and 2021 Storm Uri.
- SPP alerts that were issued during the storm as well as the challenges facing SPP from a power supply perspective.
- A summary of the day ahead and real-time pricing during the storm.
- A summary of the city generation that was dispatched during the storm.

Item No. 4 – Staff Updates

- **Regulatory Update**

Terri Pemberton provided regulatory updates on a number of items that staff is involved or monitoring including TFR dockets, Evergy Regulatory Asset Docket, and an update on the Winter Storm Uri lawsuits including the Attorney General lawsuits against Macquarie and the class action lawsuits.

Darren Prince also provided a brief update on ongoing rate studies being conducted in various member cities.

- **Operations Update**

Gerry Bieker provided an operations update on the following topics:

- The City of Seneca has been having discussions about the location of a new substation and generation. The financing will be handled similarly to recent projects.
- The City of Moran is working through CAT financial to finance their potential new CAT generating unit.
- The new I.T. employee, Gideon Adjei, has recently started at KMEA.

- **Member Services Update**

Tyson McGreer provided the following updates:

- More KMEA 101 presentations are being planned throughout the spring and summer.
- The 2024 Annual Conference will be changing up the itinerary and will be shorter in length this year. Details are still being worked out, and Tyson will be asking for feedback from the Executive Committee.
- Tyson has been assisting the City of Savonburg, which is not a KMEA member city. He and KMEA are providing some guidance with city management and finances.

- **Mid-States Update**

Mike Schmaderer provided updates on the following topics:

- A Dighton crewmember that had a recent medical procedure is back at work with no restrictions.
- The Osage City crew is staying busy.
- Mid-States crew will be working on the new generators in the City of Colby next week followed by work in the City of LaCrosse.
- Work being done in the City of Baldwin City.
- The City of Neodesha is waiting on a permit.
- Work on the City of Lindsborg's substation continues.
- The City of Augusta has a big substation project lined up.

Item No. 5 – General Manager's Report

Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- Brooke Kistner has been hired to fill the position previously held by John Weber. She will start sometime in early March.
- Laurie Brock, a former KMEA employee, has returned temporarily to help out with payroll until Brooke is settled into her new position.
- Dogwood Cities are looking at a Natural Gas Pre-Pay program with Black Belt and Goldman Sachs. Moving quickly. The Executive Committee has authority to approve the pre-pay agreement, but we will present it to the Dogwood Participants Committee (five cities) to get their recommendation before bringing it to the Executive Committee for their consideration. The current schedule requires approval of the agreement during the week of February 19.

Brad Mears of KMU presented a legislative update on various topics.

Item No. 6 – Old Business

None.

Item No. 7 – New Business

None.

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

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held virtually and will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Item No. 9 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.



Stacie Eighem, Secretary/Treasurer