



Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 February 21, 2024

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

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Jon Quinday called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., which was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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

- **Minutes from the January 25, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting**
 President Jon Quinday entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting. Bret Glendening moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded by Mike Muirhead and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations Report for January 2024**
 Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for January 2024. Chris Lindholm made a motion to approve the Appropriations Report for the month of January 2024. Dustin Bedore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Approval of Resolution No. 233 authorizing execution of the Gas Supply Agreement with Black Belt Energy Gas District and other associated documents for the prepay of natural gas for the Dogwood Energy Facility**
 Paul Mahlberg presented an overview of the Dogwood Natural Gas Prepay which included various talking points highlighting details of the proposed 30-year agreement. Paul mentioned that the Dogwood Project Participants Committee had recommended moving forward at their last meeting and asked the Executive Committee to consider approving the execution of Resolution No. 233. Discussion ensued. Mike Muirhead made a motion to approve Resolution No. 233, entitled *“A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Authorizing the Purchase of Natural Gas from the Black Belt Energy Gas District; Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Gas Supply Agreement, Limited Assignment Agreement, Asset Management Agreement, and Other Documents Relating to Said Purchase; Consenting to the Assignment of Certain Obligations under the Gas Supply Agreement in Connection with the Issuance of Bonds by the Black Belt Energy Gas District; and Addressing Related Matters.”* Dave Hunsaker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Staff Updates

- **Regulatory Update**

Terri Pemberton provided regulatory updates on a number of items, including the following:

- Every Regulatory Asset Docket – Settlement has been filed. Now waiting for FERC order to approve settlement.
- AEP Complaint Docket - Compliance filing made on February 9th.
- Every Metro TFR – issued informal challenge, reached consensus on some of the issues, and discussions are still underway.
- Every Central TFR – discovery and discussions are underway.
- Sunflower TFR – we agreed to forego a formal challenge and are having discussions with Sunflower regarding lease classifications and treatment.
- Dogwood Docket – Missouri Staff, Evergy, and the Office of Public Counsel reached agreement regarding Evergy’s ownership interest in Dogwood.
- Evergy conducted its IRP presentation with stakeholders. Parties will have the opportunity to issue discovery.

- **Operations Update**

Gerry Bieker provided an operations update on the following topics:

- Mike Meyer and John Seck recently rolled out a new billing template for KMEA invoicing, which will be more streamlined, Gerry noted they’d done a great job on this project.
- Questionnaires have gone out to the Cities of Garnett and Herington and term sheets for financing the new generation are being put together by the Piper Sandler group.

- **Member Services Update**

Tyson McGreer provided the following updates:

- Preparation for the Annual Conference continues.
- Grant opportunities for cities will be coming out soon.
- Tantalus is working with several cities to have more regional training for staff.
- Gerry and Tyson recently revisited the City of Savonburg and assisted the city in uncovering that Evergy had been overbilling them for quite some time. After this was brought to Evergy’s attention, the matter was corrected, and the city will be receiving a large reimbursement check from Evergy in the near future. This will be a big help to the city’s finances.

- **Mid-States Update**

Josh Schmaderer provided updates on the following topics:

- The Dighton crew has been working in the City of LaCrosse.
- The Osage City crew has been working in the City of Bronson.
- Generators in the City of LaCrosse are up and running. Hopefully the Cities of Colby and then Oberlin will also have their generators running soon.
- Work continues on the City of Lindsborg’s substation.
- Work in the City of Morrill is nearly complete.

Item No. 5 – General Manager’s Report

Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- Brooke Kistner, who was hired to fill the position previously held by John Weber, will begin working at KMEA on Monday, February 26.
- ARR results continue to trend up.
- Jon Quinday, Mike Muirhead, and Paul will be going to Washington, DC next week to attend a legislative rally.

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 at the KMU Facility in McPherson on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Item No. 9 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Stacie Eichen, Secretary/Treasurer