

# Kansas Municipal Gas Agency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes June 29, 2023

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMGA Staff/Guests
Tony Lawson	Coffeyville	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Ethan Reimer	Halstead	Present	Dixie Riedel
Nathan Law	Louisburg	Present	John Weber
Gus Collins	Winfield	Present	Terry Pemberton
Rod Willis	Osage City	Present	Lisa Ferguson
Stephanie Ashby	Walton	Absent	
Gary Emry	Hesston	Present	

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

President Gus Collins called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., which was held virtually. A quorum was present.

#### Item No. 2 – Continuation of Gas Supply Alternative Discussion:

Paul Mahlberg initiated the discussion by sharing there have been no further updates from member cities and that Wood River remains very interested in moving forward. Paul added that the likelihood of a prepay option with Wood River was slim, but we would investigate whether the pre-pay transaction is a possibility under the Wood River structure. A discussion ensued.

Rod Willis made a motion directing staff to move forward with Wood River Energy on a one-year contract beginning October 1, 2023 for natural gas supply and full gas management services for the KMGA membership. The motion was seconded by Gary Emry and carried unanimously.

Paul Mahlberg stated that KMGA will be reaching out to members in the near future to inquire what each city specifically desires for their gas supply portfolio from Wood River.

Paul mentioned that after discussion with President Collins, it was decided to hit the "pause button" on the strategic planning effort for KMGA given the fact that we are making a change with Wood River. Paul also informed members of the committee that the Annual Gathering would take place on September 14 in Overland Park.

Terri Pemberton provided a brief legislative update on the following matters:

- Crawford County/City of Mulberry Case had grown stagnant, and the court filed a notice of dismissal after a motion filed by BP to dismiss the case for failure to prosecute. Mulberry's legal team filed a response requesting that case not be dismissed, a review is set for August 21.
- Attorney General The case was recently moved to federal court, and the AG filed for an extension of time to submit a response to Macquarie. The court has granted a partial extension until July 29. Additionally, only one law firm ultimately responded to the AG's RFP for new representation after terminating the agreement with their former law firm, Morgan & Morgan. Morgan & Morgan may potentially file a lien against the state for expenses incurred which has been reported to be approximately \$2.8 million.

### Item No. 3 – Executive Session, if needed

There was no executive session.

Item No. 4 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting The next KMGA Executive Committee meeting will be decided at a later date by Doodle poll.

## Item No. 5 - Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

**Ethan Reimer**