

# Kansas Municipal Gas Agency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023

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

<sup>\*</sup>Participated virtually

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

President Gus Collins called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., which was held in Moundridge, KS. A quorum was present.

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

- June 12, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting and June 29, 2023 Executive Committee Special Meeting minutes
- Gary Emry made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting and June 29, 2023 Executive Committee Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Rod Willis and carried unanimously.
- Financials for the months of May 2023 and June 2023

  John Weber presented the May 2023 and June 2023 financials. He also reviewed the net equity chart, deliveries vs. budget volume chart, and legal fund balance. Ethan Reimer made a motion to approve the May 2023 and June 2023 financials. The motion was seconded by Nathan Law and carried unanimously.

### Item No. 3 – Gas Director Report

Dixie Riedel provided the Gas Director Report, which included:

- Purchased Volume (Jan 2021 June 2023)
- Fixed Price Deals (Trade Dates thru June 1, 2023)
- Daily Index Pricing (May 1, 2023 July 25, 2023, and current vs prior year)
- Storage Impact on Prices (Jan 2022 July 2023)
- Projected Storage Inventory through 2023 (five-year range, 2018-2022)
- Industry News Dixie provided updates on industry trends on production, consumption, and exports.
- Projected Pricing (Aug 2023 Mar 2026)

## Item No. 4 – General Counsel Report

Paul Mahlberg provided a legislative update on behalf of Terri Pemberton on the following:

- Kansas 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 which is due in the near future. Additionally, we believe 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.
- Oklahoma AG The AG of Oklahoma announced that they may pursue action and remedies related to Winter Storm Uri. The previous Oklahoma AG had stated that they weren't going to pursue any action against suppliers. KMGA will monitor the situation and will report any activities.
- Mulberry Case is still ongoing and BP recently submitted a data request to the plaintiffs. KMGA will continue to monitor.
- Possible further legal action a discussion was held about a potential new legal action under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act that may be brought by a law firm in Kansas.

## Item No. 5 – General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- The Board approved the withdrawal of the Cities of Burlingame and Concordia from KMGA with a vote of 33-0 in favor.
- A board vote concerning the withdrawal of the City of Rozel from KMGA is expected soon as the city is in the process of selling their gas system.
- An awards committee has been formed ahead of the upcoming Annual Conference, they will meet later this week.
- A nominating committee has also recently been formed to consider the nominations for officers and at-large Executive Committee members. They will meet in the coming weeks.
- The KMEA Strategic Planning retreat was held last week in Salina. Five clear priorities came out
  of that session and moving forward those priorities will be a focus of future discussions.
- The Annual Gathering will take place on September 14, more info will be sent out in the near future.
- The Annual Conference is scheduled for October 19-20 in Wichita. Speakers are currently being lined up. More information to come.

## Item No. 6 – WoodRiver Gas Supply Update

Dixie Riedel reported that all cities have provided feedback on their desired portfolio. Once WoodRiver has received and assessed this information they'll be able to provide pricing information for cities. Paul Mahlberg reported that we are still waiting on the initial draft of the management services agreement but expect it soon.

#### Item No. 7 - Old Business

None.

## Item No. 8 - New Business

Paul Mahlberg mentioned that there is a vacancy on the Joint Board of Administration due to Mike Shook's resignation from the City of Coffeyville. Currently, Gus and Rod serve on the Joint Board. President Gus Collins has nominated Ethan Reimer to fill this vacancy. Rod Willis made a motion to install Ethan Reimer on the Joint Board of Administration to fill the seat formerly occupied by Mike Shook. Nathan Law seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

# Item No. 9 - Executive Session

There was no Executive Session needed.

Item No. 10 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting
The next KMGA Executive Committee meeting will be held virtually at 10:30 a.m. on August 23, 2023.

# Item No. 11 - Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

**Ethan Reimer**