



**Kansas Municipal Energy Agency**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2024**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Present/ Absent</b>	<b>KMEA Staff/Guests</b>
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	Lisa Ferguson*
Jon Quinday*	Russell	Present	Mike Schmaderer
Jeff Scott*	Stockton	Present	John Seck*
Stacie Eichem	Wamego	Present	Brad Mears - KMU
			Chester Moyer*-RubinBrown

*\*Attended virtually via Microsoft Teams*

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

Vice-President Mike Muirhead called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., which was held in person at the KMU Training Facility in McPherson, Kansas.

**Item No. 2 – RubinBrown 2023 Audit Report Review**

Chester Moyer of RubinBrown provided an overview of the 2023 audit for KMEA. Chester noted that the audit resulted in an Unmodified Opinion (a/k/a “clean audit”), which is the highest opinion given. Additional items of discussion were:

- Implementation of a new accounting standard, GASB 96 regarding Subscription Based Information Technology, was applicable for the first time with the current reporting period, but the standard had no impact on KMEA.
- There was one uncorrected misstatement that would have increased interest revenue and reduced opening net position by \$138,000 that the management determined was immaterial to the financial statements as a whole.
- Segregation of Duties – the 2022 audit results contained a footnote that work could be done to improve segregation of duties. Chester noted that the enhanced processes Mike Meyer has implemented within the division since that time, including the decrease in the number of bank accounts, have resulted in adequate segregation of duties.
- There were no significant deficiencies found.
- Bond Letter – Chester noted that the Inflows and Outflows are adequate and in accordance with the bond agreements.

Stacie Eichem made a motion to accept the findings of the 2023 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Dustin Bedore and passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3 – Seek approval for the following items:**

- **Minutes from the March 28, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting**  
Vice-President Mike Muirhead entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting. Dave Hunsaker moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chris Lindholm and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations Report for March 2024**  
Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for March 2024. Dustin Bedore made a motion to approve the Appropriations Report for the month of March 2024. Jeff Winkler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- **WAPA Hydro Power Pooling Contracts between KMEA and seven member cities (Alma, Blue Mound, Elwood, Morrill, Prescott, Robinson, Wathena)**  
Neil Daney said that seven member cities (Alma, Blue Mound, Elwood, Morrill, Prescott, Robinson, Wathena) had recently signed Hydro Power Pool contracts to join WAPA and asked for the Executive Committee’s approval of said contracts. Chris Lindholm made a motion to approve the WAPA Hydro Power Pooling Contracts between KMEA and seven member cities (Alma, Blue Mound, Elwood, Morrill, Prescott, Robinson, Wathena). Dave Hunsaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Item No. 4 – Staff Updates**

- **Regulatory Update**  
Terri Pemberton provided regulatory updates on a number of items, including the following:
  - KCC Docket
  - Annual Transmission Filings
  - FERC
  - SPP
- **Operations Update**  
On behalf of Gerry Bieker, Paul Mahlberg provided an update on the following topics:
  - Work continues on various Caterpillar Generation projects.

John Seck provided an update on ARR Optimization 2023-2024 results (June 2023 – May 2024).
- **Member Services Update**  
Tyson McGreer provided the following updates:
  - The Joint EMP Meetings will take place next month on June 26 – 27.
  - Speakers are being lined up for the KMEA Annual Conference in October.
  - The City of Savonburg will be completing paperwork to become an official member of KMEA.
- **Mid-States Update**  
Mike Schmaderer provided updates on the following topics:
  - Dighton work continues, is slightly behind schedule.
  - Osage crew is staying busy.
  - Linemen recently completed work in Savonburg.
  - The Cities of Colby and LaCrosse will have their generation work completed soon.
  - Work on the City of Washington’s generation continues.
  - Work will be starting soon on generation in the City of Baldwin City.
  - The City of Herington recently got a control upgrade.
  - Work is almost complete on the City of Lindsborg’s substation.
  - The City of Morrill’s substation is also close to being done.
  - A meeting with Evergy and the City of Wamego is scheduled for next week.

**Item No. 5 – General Manager’s Report**

Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- Paul recently had a phone conversation with the Kansas Sierra Club representative.
- Planning to meet with KEPCo/KPP for our quarterly coordination meeting.
- Paul and Terri Pemberton will be meeting with Sunflower’s CEO (Steve Epperson) in the next couple of weeks.
- It was recently brought to KMEA’s attention that a few members of the EMP groups are using an AI bot to attend and record meetings. KMEA will be working on a policy regarding the use of AI and will bring it back for the Executive Committee’s consideration.

**Item No. 6 – Old Business**

None.

**Item No. 7 – New Business**

- Discussion on KMEA’s role in providing a solution for behind-the-meter community solar was discussed. KMEA staff has identified Priority Power as a preferred option. Priority Power’s structure is very transparent with a known developer fee up-front. Priority Power has developed a plan to evaluate solar in cities including an initial feasibility study followed by a more in-depth development study. If a city decides to move forward, then Priority Power will bid the material and labor. Paul mentioned that this is just one option for the members. KMEA could also assist members that would rather utilize a request-for-proposal process. A presentation by Priority Power may be set up at a future meeting of the Executive Committee.
- Brad Mears of KMU provided a brief summary of recent legislative updates.

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

The date, location and time for the next Executive Committee Meeting will be determined via a Doodle poll that will be sent out at a later date.

**Item No. 9 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.



Stacie Eichen, Secretary/Treasurer