



Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 27, 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	Sam Mills
Bret Glendening*	Osawatomie	Present	Mike Meyer
Dave Hunsaker	Ottawa	Absent	Lisa Ferguson
Jon Quinday	Russell	Present	Brooke Kistler
Jeff Scott	Stockton	Present	Mike Schmaderer
Stacie Eiche	Wamego	Present	Josh Schmaderer
			Sharon Schmaderer
			Neal Daney
			Tom Saitta
			Darren Prince
			Kayla Hilbrink
			Eldon Brown
			Paul Lampe
			Evan Rose
			Gonzalo Garcia
			Rod Willis

**Participated virtually*

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Jon Quinday called the meeting to order at 11:22 p.m., which was held at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park and virtually.

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

- **Minutes from the May 31, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting**
 President Quinday entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting. Dustin Bedore moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Muirhead and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations Report for May 2024**
 Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for May 2024. Mike Muirhead made a motion to approve the Appropriations Report for the month of May 2024. Jeff Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- **UMB Line of Credit Renewal for July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2025**
 Chris Lindholm made a motion to approve the UMB Line of Credit Renewal for July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2025. Dustin Bedore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution No. 234 – Authorizing Certain Individuals as Authorized Agents with UMB Bank**
An updated resolution was needed to designate Paul Mahlberg, Mike Meyer, and Stacie Eichem as authorized agents with UMB Banks. Mike Muirhead made a motion to approve Resolution 234 - Authorizing Certain Individuals as Authorized Agents with UMB Bank and repealing Resolution No. 196. Jeff Winkler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Staff Updates

- **Regulatory Update**

Terri Pemberton provided updates on the following topics:

- Evergy's KCC Capital Plan and IRP Dockets
- Local access charge dockets
- FERC dockets
- TFR customer meetings underway next month
- Winter Storm Uri litigation

- **Operations Update**

On behalf of Gerry Bieker, Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- Financing for the CAT Projects is underway for the Cities of Garnett and Herington and is expected to close by the end of August.
- Staff is working with the Cities of Arma, Cimarron, Girard, Seneca and Osborne on future CAT projects.

Tom Saitta provided the following updates:

- A new employee, Paul Lampe, was hired by KMEA in the spring to take over the position held by Neil Rowland, after Neil retires on July 1st. Neal and Paul have been working together closely for the past few months to enable a smooth transition of responsibilities.
- Steps are being taken to acquire a backup generator for the KMEA office.

- **Member Services Update**

Tyson McGreer provided the following updates:

- The City of Savonburg is in the process of becoming a full member of KMEA.
- Staff is working with several member cities on grants & grant work.
- KMEA recently hosted a week-long Tantalus training session at their office in Overland Park. It's possible that this could become an annual thing.
- On July 9th there will be a ribbon cutting in the City of Oberlin to celebrate the new CAT generator being completed.
- Preparations for the Annual Conference are underway, and speakers are being lined up.
- KPP, KMU and KMEA are working together to help explore the potential for insurance pooling for member cities, due to rising costs.

- **Mid-States Update**

Mike Schmaderer provided updates on the following topics:

- The Dighton line crew has recently been doing work in the Cities of Jetmore, LaCrosse, and Cimarron.
- The Osage line crew continues to make repairs caused by recent storm damage.
- Dan White and Nolan White recently provided assistance to the Cities of Troy and Sterling.
- Generation work has been completed in the Cities of Oberlin and Washington, an upgrade to an existing generator is underway for the City of Herington, and substation work is almost complete in the Cities of Lindsborg and Morrill. Meanwhile work continues in the Cities of Baldwin City and Augusta, and the City of Chapman is also interested in a substation.

Item No. 4 – General Manager’s Report

Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- A rating review of the Dogwood and Jameson bonds was recently completed by Standard & Poor’s. The ratings were left unchanged from the previous review for both bonds – BBB+ with a stable outlook.
- The annual APPA conference was held last week, and Jonathan Mitchell received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award.
- Work continues on Artificial Intelligence (AI) policies, hopeful to have something next month for the Executive Committee to review.
- Former KMEA employee, Sam Mills, has come out of retirement to work part-time for KMEA.
- Paul provided a summary of the proposed transaction with Priority Power for community solar solution. We are close to a final agreement with Priority Power and are hopeful we’ll have that ready for the Executive Committee to review and discuss very soon. We may want to utilize a special meeting since we have several cities ready to utilize this process for their needs.

Mike Meyer took a moment to introduce a new KMEA accountant, Brooke Kistler, who was hired for the position left vacant by former employee John Weber.

Item No. 5 – Old Business

None.

Item No. 6 – New Business

- Recommendation for the KMEA Public Power Manager Program
The Selection Committee recently met to select candidates for the KMEA Public Power Manager Program. Two candidates were selected and have been nominated to attend the program, pending the approval of the Executive Committee. The nominees are Kristi Northcutt from the City of Lindsborg and Halley Roberson from the City of Beloit. Due to cost increases, only two candidates are nominated instead of the usual three candidates from years past. Bret Glendening made a motion to approve the nomination of the two selected candidates to attend the KMEA Public Power Management Program. Mike Muirhead seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on July 25th at 10:30 a.m. in McPherson, KS.

Item No. 8 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



Stacie Eichem, Secretary/Treasurer