



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

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMEA Staff/Guests
Jeff Winkler	Baldwin City	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Mike Muirhead	Garden City	Present	Gerry Bieker*
Dustin Bedore	Goodland	Present	Neal Daney*
Jonathan Mitchell	Hoisington	Present	Mike Meyer*
Jeremy Johnson	Moundridge	Present	Lisa Ferguson*
Bret Glendening*	Osawatomie	Present	Tyson McGreer
Dave Hunsaker	Ottawa	Present	Mike Schmaderer
Jeff Scott	Stockton	Present	Terri Pemberton
Stacie Eichen	Wamego	Present	Brooke Kistler*
			Darren Prince*
			Manny Milbers – Beloit

**Participated virtually*

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Mike Muirhead called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., which was held in at the KMU Facility in McPherson, KS.

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

- **Minutes from the September 26, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting and October 24, 2024, Special Executive Committee Meeting**
 President Muirhead entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting and October 24, 2024, Special Executive Committee Meeting. Dave Hunsaker made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Scott and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations Report for September 2024 and October 2024**
 Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for September 2024 and October 2024. Stacie Eichen made a motion to approve the Appropriations Reports for September 2024 and October 2024. Jonathan Mitchell seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Financial Results for Year-to-Date September 2024**
 Mike Meyer presented the Financial Results for Year-to-Date September 2024. Dustin Bedore made a motion to approve the Financial Results for Year-to-Date September 2024. Jeff Winkler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 238 – Authorizing Certain Individuals as Authorized Agents with UMB Bank**
 With the change of officers after the annual conference, the resolution governing authorized agents with UMB Bank needs to be updated. As a result, staff presented Resolution No. 238, which replaces Stacie Eichen with Dustin Bedore as the new secretary/treasurer of the Executive Committee. Dave Hunsaker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 238, the motion was seconded by Jonathan Mitchell and carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of the following two agreements related to the City of Girard Generation Project (i) Generating Capacity & Power Sales Contract between KMEA and the City of Girard for the purchase, installation and financing of one 3 MW Caterpillar diesel generator set and (ii) Site Lease between KMEA and the City of Girard providing the site for such generation project**

The City of Girard has approved the purchase, installation and financing of one 3 MW Caterpillar generation unit and has already approved the site lease. At the last board meeting in October, the Board authorized (a) the issuance of bonds for the Girard Project; and (b) the Executive Committee, the General Manager and other officers and agents of KMEA to take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the sale and issuance of the Bonds. As part of the necessary actions, Staff requested the Executive Committee give Paul Mahlberg the authorization to sign and execute the generating contract as well as the site lease, both of which are between the City of Girard and KMEA. Bret Glendening made a motion to authorize Paul Mahlberg to sign the Generating Capacity and Power Sales Contract and the Site Lease (City of Girard Generation Project). Jonathan Mitchell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Staff Updates

- **Regulatory Update**

Terri Pemberton provided updates on the AI policy, various Evergy dockets at FERC and the KCC, and the Evergy and Sunflower TFRs. She also mentioned that KMEA is working with KPP, KEPCo, and Evergy to develop a template for NITSA/NOA and DPFAs.

- **Operations Update**

Gerry Bieker provided updates on SPP tracking billing, IT infrastructure at the KMEA office, and shared that the City of Moran recently approved a new substation. In addition, he'll be visiting the City of Limon next week to meet with the lineman servicing crew there.

- **Member Services Update**

Tyson McGreer said that planning is already underway for the 2025 Annual conference which will take place at a different hotel in Wichita next year. He's also been lending support to large scale solar project efforts and working on the 40101 D grant which is due January 9th, 2025.

- **Mid-States Update**

Mike Schmaderer provided updates related to the Dighton and Osage City line crews. In addition, he provided updates on several generator and substation projects for various cities including Neodesha, Baldwin City, Augusta, Osborne, Lindsborg, Chapman and Moran. Mike also mentioned that two new employees will be starting in December.

Item No. 4 – General Manager's Report

Paul Mahlberg asked Neal Daney to provide a brief update on the NextEra large scale solar contract and GRDA contract extension. Neal shared that 30-35 member cities have expressed interest in the NextEra solar project and staff have been attending council/commission meetings supporting city staff in their efforts.

Neal also said that staff have been working with GRDA on the contract extension. We will be targeting the 1st quarter of 2025 to get city approvals from participating cities.

Paul provided the following updates:

- KMEA has partnered with KACM to provide an annual "KMEA Rising Star" scholarship of up to \$1,000 per year for three years. This scholarship is targeted for prospective City Managers within our member cities to attend leadership-related courses. To be eligible for the scholarship, the recipient must be employed by a KMEA member city and a member of KACM.

- The line superintendent for the City of Hugoton was tragically killed this week due to an accidental explosion & resulting fire at a warehouse belonging to the City's electrical department. Most of the City's electrical equipment and several city vehicles were believed to be destroyed.
- Paul provided a brief TCR update showing year-to-date results.
- Due to ongoing water issues at the KMEA office in Overland Park, including possible mold and sheetrock damage, KMEA staff have been taking bids from contractors to access the cost and labor needed to repair and remediate. KMEA will offer more information about cost and repair options as it becomes available.
- The plans for an on-site backup generator to be installed at the KMEA office are ongoing.

Item No. 5 – Old Business

- **Rate Study Fee Structure Options**

Paul gave a presentation on possible fee structures for rate studies and provided several options to consider. Discussion ensued. KMEA staff will take into consideration the feedback from the Executive Committee, with the plan to present a recommendation at the next meeting.

Item No. 6 – New Business

Mike Muirhead asked if any of the other members had any formal curtailment policies to deal with situations like those that occurred during Winter Storm Uri. Discussion ensued. Paul mentioned that he would reach out to others in the industry to see what others may have in this regard.

Item No. 7 – Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property

Stacie Eiche made a motion to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real property and to include KMEA staff and the Executive Committee starting at 12:14 p.m. and ending at 12:24 p.m. Dave Hunsaker seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously. At 12:24 p.m., Jonathan Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session by 5 minutes starting at 12:24 p.m. and ending at 12:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dustin Bedore and passed unanimously. At the conclusion of the executive session, Bret Glendening made a motion authorizing KMEA to make an offer on real property in Salina not to exceed \$30,000/acre or \$500,000 in total. Jonathan Mitchell seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Stockton, KS, in recognition of Jeff Scott's impending retirement.

Item No. 9 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Dustin Bedore, Secretary/Treasurer