



**Kansas Municipal Gas Agency**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 24, 2024**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Present/ Absent</b>	<b>KMGA Staff/Guests</b>
Tony Lawson	Coffeyville	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Ethan Reimer	Halstead	Present	Dixie Riedel
Gary Emry	Hesston	Present	Mike Meyer
Nathan Law	Louisburg	Absent	Terri Pemberton
Katie Hodge	Osage City	Present	Lisa Ferguson
Stephanie Ashby	Walton	Present	Brooke Kistler
Gus Collins	Winfield	Present	

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

President Gus Collins called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., which was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. A quorum was present.

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

- **June 27, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting minutes**  
Gary Emry made a motion to approve the June 27, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Ashby and carried unanimously.
- **June 2024 Appropriations Report**  
Mike Meyer presented the June 2024 Appropriations Report. Ethan Reimer made a motion to approve the June 2024 Appropriations Report. Tony Lawson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 Financial Report**  
Mike Meyer presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 Financial Report. Gary Emry made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 Financial Report. Ethan Reimer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3 – Gas Director Report**

Dixie Riedel presented the Gas Director Report, which included:

- Purchased Volume (Jan 2022 – Dec 2024)
- Natural Gas Industry Update
- Daily Index Pricing (6/1/24 – 7/22/24)
- Projected Pricing (Aug 2024 – Apr 2026)
- KMGA’s Regional Meetings 2024 Schedule – Cities of Lyons (July 31<sup>st</sup>), Osage City (August 12<sup>th</sup>), Kechi (August 13<sup>th</sup>), and Humboldt (August 21<sup>st</sup>).

**Item No. 4 – General Counsel Report**

Terri Pemberton provided updates on the following topics:

- Class Action Lawsuits – Various pleadings and motions have been filed, as well as discovery and protective orders issued.
- AG Lawsuit – Macquarie filed to dismiss, and the AG responded. Macquarie filed for an extension of time in which to file its reply.
- AG enforcement action on subpoena – nothing new to report here. Presumably discovery is still underway, but nothing new has been filed or issued in the docket since December 2023.
- KCC – cases are done

#### **Item No. 5 – General Manager Report**

Paul Mahlberg provided updates on the following topics:

- The date for the 2024 Annual Gathering has been set for September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The 2024 Annual Conference will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> this year and will have a slightly different format and timeframe.

#### **Item No. 6 – Old Business**

- 2024 Audit Consideration – Cash Basis Audit  
Mike Meyer revisited the subject that was discussed at the KMGa Executive Committee meeting in June of changing the annual audit to a cash basis audit. A cash basis audit would incur less cost while still suiting the needs of the organization. Mike plans to come back with a formal proposal at the August KMGa Executive Committee meeting but won't seek approval until the September meeting.

#### **Item No. 7 – New Business**

- City of Washington's Request for Termination  
KMGa received a letter last month from the City of Washington requesting withdrawal of their KMGa membership. After staff discussions with the city, the city is also requesting early termination of the Gas Acquisition Agreement. The city is requesting termination due to new requirements being imposed by Kansas Gas Service (KGS) that require EFM (electric flow measurement) meters be installed on any meters not taking gas directly from KGS. These meters cost \$2,400 each to install and as Washington doesn't use much gas, they'd like to avoid this extra cost. Discussion ensued. Gary Emry made a motion to allow the City of Washington early termination from its Gas Acquisition Agreement with KMGa to be effective August 31, 2024. Tony Lawson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously. In accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, withdrawal from KMGa membership must be voted on by the KMGa Board of Directors (BOD), so a resolution will be presented to the KMGa BOD at the 2024 Annual Conference for approval of this matter.
- KMGa Award Nominating Committee  
The KMGa Awards Nominating Committee for 2024 has been established. The Committee will consist of past award winners Kim Everly and Pat Adams, as well as Tony Lawson. A discussion was had as to whether the awards structure for KMGa should change or stay the same moving forward. It was the consensus of the group that no changes were needed at this time.
- Executive Committee Meeting Structure Discussion  
Paul Mahlberg asked the Executive Committee to provide feedback on the current content of the meetings, the frequency of the meetings and preference on in-person versus virtual meetings. Terri mentioned that the governing documents do not require a certain number of meetings but allows the President/Executive Committee to determine the need for meetings. Discussion ensued on meeting frequency with potentially reducing the number of meetings per year. It was the consensus of the group to continue to have at least quarterly in-person meetings with possibly virtual meetings in-between. Paul mentioned that nothing needed to change at this time, and we would revisit the topic after a new Executive Committee is elected in October.

#### **Item No. 8 – Executive Session**

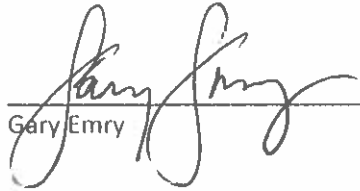
There was no Executive Session needed.

**Item No. 9 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting**

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place virtually on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

  
Gary Emry