



**Kansas Municipal Gas Agency**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 18, 2024**

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>City</b> | <b>Present/<br/>Absent</b> | <b>KMGA Staff/Guests</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tony Lawson              | Coffeyville | Present                    | Paul Mahlberg            |
| Ethan Reimer             | Halstead    | Present                    | Lisa Ferguson            |
| Jason Thrasher           | Hesston     | Present                    | Terri Pemberton          |
| Nathan Law               | Louisburg   | Present                    | Dixie Riedel             |
| Katie Hodges             | Osage City  | Present                    | Mike Meyer               |
| Stephanie Ashby          | Walton      | Absent                     | Brooke Kistler           |
| Gus Collins              | Winfield    | Present                    | Manny Milbers - Beloit   |

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

President Gus Collins called the virtual meeting to order at 1:33 p.m., which was held via Microsoft Teams. A quorum was present.

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

- **November 25, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes**  
 Katie Hodges made a motion to approve the November 25, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nathan Law and carried unanimously.
- **November 2024 Appropriations Reports**  
 Mike Meyer presented the November 2024 Appropriations Report. Tony Lawson made a motion to approve the November 2024 Appropriations Report. Ethan Reimer seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Item No. 3 – Gas Director’s Report**

Dixie Riedel provided updates on the Natural Gas Industry market, including a 2025 energy outlook.

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

Terri Pemberton provided an update on Winter Storm Uri related to the AG lawsuit and the class-action lawsuits.

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

Paul Mahlberg said that KMEA staff will be presenting their recommendation for the proposed new Rate Study Fee Structure to the KMEA Executive Committee at their meeting tomorrow. Staff will give a similar presentation to the KMGA Executive Committee at next month’s meeting. Paul also provided a brief preview of the cost considerations for the Rate Study Fee Structure that’s being recommended tomorrow.

Paul also mentioned that the cities of Sharon, Sawyer and Hardtner, which are not members of KMGA, are working with Kansas Municipal Utilities to obtain a grant that will allow the cities to bypass the

gathering system and hook up to either KGS or BHE, but the cities need to have a rate study performed to be eligible for the grant. KMU has issued a request for proposal and KMEA has responded to their request for proposal to perform the rate study.

**Item No. 6 – Old Business**

- **Natural Gas Prepay Update**

Staff had a call recently with Goldman Sachs to explore the idea of a prepay without requiring back-to-back agreements with cities. The meeting went well and presently KMGA is waiting for additional information from Goldman Sachs on a required tax certification and possible off ramps & provisions in the gas supply agreement. Staff will update the Executive Committee on any new developments at the next monthly meeting.

**Item No. 7 – New Business**

- **Garden Plain – New Member/Gas Supply Management**

Dixie informed the Executive Committee results from the membership vote on the City of Garden Plain becoming a member of KMGA passed unanimously 34 – 0. Although the City of Garden Plain is now a member of KMGA, they are contracted with Symmetry through January 2026. Dixie will begin managing that contract for the City of Garden Plain starting January 1, 2025. Paul added that the city will be paying management fees.

- **Member Dues/Management Fee Structure Review**

Paul highlighted the topics of KMGA annual dues and management fees and supplemented his presentation with historical data and a breakdown of management fees by city.

**Item No. 8 – Executive Session**

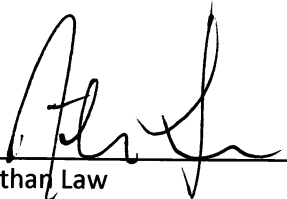
None.

**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 via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

**Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

  
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Nathan Law