

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI  
HELD ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023**

On the twelfth day of September 2023 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. in the board room. The following members of the body were present:

**Messrs:** Jon Gilmore, Tim Merideth, and Brian Menz

**Absent:** Steven Burch

**Also Present:** Tom Robison, City Council Liaison; Greg Turnbow, Mayor; Jonathan Douglass, City Manager; Jay Lancaster, Public Works Director; Joe Blanton, BMU Legal Counsel; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Lora Foust, Laura Ramsey, Tre Holley, and Erin Miller of the Utility Staff.

There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

**Action on Agenda**

A motion was made by Brian Menz to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Special Meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Special Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Brian Menz. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Financial Reports**

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the July 2023 financial reports.

The Electric Retail division had net income of \$715,282 for the month. Revenues decreased from the prior year due to slightly lower kwh sales. Purchased power costs decreased, and distribution costs included additional tree trimming.

The Electric Wholesale division had net income of \$1,231,843 for the month. Revenues were up with increased Mwh sales and higher billed costs. Coal costs increased due to more usage and a higher cost per ton. Purchased power costs decreased as the plant was fully online all month compared to a small outage in the prior year.

The Water division had net income of \$148,341 for the month. Revenues were higher than last year due to a rate increase and higher sales. Expenses for the month included chemicals and audit fees.

The Sewer division had net income of \$157,137 for the month. Revenues were higher than last year due to a rate increase and higher sales. Expenses for the month included audit fees and miscellaneous net income included customer surcharges.

The NWWTP division had a net loss of \$1,315. Interest expense increased as the interest payments came due per the plant upgrades lease agreement.

A motion to approve the report was made by Brian Menz and was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Retail Operations**

Jeff Winders, Operations Manager, presented the retail operations report. There was a storm on August 4<sup>th</sup> that took a power line down at Main and Helen causing a large outage for approximately two hours.

Water Plant #4 is running, and Staff is planning plant tours for the Board and the public.

The EPA conducted an inspection and audit of the water production and distribution systems and Staff is waiting to receive their report.

The South Wastewater Treatment Plant is compliant but waiting on new blowers to complete the upgrade project. The North Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades have been delayed by recent weather but are anticipated to be complete in January.

A motion was made by Brian Menz to approve the Retail Operations Report. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill, Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station report for July 2023. There were no outages or derates during the month and the net capacity factor was 94%.

As of September 7<sup>th</sup>, there were 318,000 tons of coal on the stockpile, or 96 days of supply, with both trains in service. The second set was scheduled to be taken out of service from mid-September until late October, which will help with inventory management while still meeting the contract tonnage nomination. The unit is currently running well and the transition into the SPP RTO has been uneventful. AGC was tested in August and implemented on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Mechanical Maintenance department installed a pond baffle curtain to facilitate NPDES compliance at the plant outfall.

A motion was made by Brian Menz to approve the SPS Report. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Stormwater Basin Presentation**

After the extreme rain event of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Sikeston Public Works began reviewing options to address street flooding. Jay Lancaster, Director of Public Works, presented the results of the review and requested permission to pursue options that would include using portions of the Power Plant property for a storm water basin.

Brian Menz made a motion to approve BMU Management to continue conversations with the City about the use of Power Plant property for a stormwater basin. Tim Merideth seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Emergency Agreement with City of Matthews**

Rick Landers presented an Emergency Water Interconnection Contract for Board approval. The City of Matthews needs to perform maintenance on their water system, including work on a water treatment plant and tank. In order to perform the maintenance, they will need a replacement water supply. An interconnection near Water Plant #4 would provide benefits to both parties.

Tim Merideth made a motion to execute the Emergency Interconnection Contract. The motion was seconded by Brian Menz and a roll call vote was held, all yes.


### **General Manager's Report**

Mr. Landers reported that work is ongoing on the Comstock construction agreement with SWPA and an amendment to the Ameren agreement. BMU has completed one month of operations in the SPP market with no major hiccups. Staff submitted a letter of intent to apply for the USDA PACE grant program and is waiting to hear from the USDA.

Tim Merideth made a motion to approve the General Manager's report. The motion was seconded by Brian Menz and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Adjournment**

Brian Menz made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The Chairman declared the regular meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary