

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

On the tenth day of October 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, Steven Burch, and Chad Crow

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Tom Robison, City Council Liaison; Greg Turnbow, Mayor; Joe Blanton, BMU Legal Counsel; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Lora Daugherty, 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 Tim Merideth to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Chad Crow and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Chad Crow to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Special Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and the NERC meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Financial Reports**

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

The Electric Retail division had net income of \$351,713 for the month. Revenues decreased from the prior year due to slightly lower kwh sales. Purchased power costs increased due to new charges from SPP and higher power costs from SPS. Distribution costs included additional tree trimming.

The Electric Wholesale division had net income of \$968,077 for the month. Revenues were up with increased Mwh sales. Coal costs increased due to more usage and a higher cost per ton. General and Administrative costs were up due to planning studies.

The Water division had net income of \$78,514 for the month. Revenues were higher this month over last year due to the rate increase and an increase in gallons sold. Water Treatment Plant #4 began operations, causing an increase in production costs.

The Sewer division had net income of \$371,023 for the month. Revenues were higher than last year due to a rate increase and higher sales. There were no major or extraordinary expenses for the month. Miscellaneous net income included customer surcharges.

The NWWTP division had a net loss of \$123,440. Depreciation and Amortization increased with the implementation of GASB 87 to record year to date amortization on leased assets. Interest expense increased as the interest payments came due per the plant upgrades lease agreement.

A motion to approve the report was made by Steven Burch 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 were two outages during the month of September, one caused by a lightning strike, and another caused by wear and tear on lines. A contractor is in the process of inspecting electric lines with a drone. The staff have returned comments on the power study to Fisher Arnold and are awaiting the final report.

Staff are currently working on comments from the EPA inspection. The North Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements are progressing well, and staff are still working on the grants for this project. The South Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks project is scheduled to be put out for bid early next year.

After storm water flooding issues, BMU Staff smoke-tested sewer lines. They found and are addressing a few manhole lids that had holes (one of which is repeatedly struck by lawn mowers), a couple of inflow and infiltration points of repair, and a few residences with leaking service lines.

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

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Rick Landers, General Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station report for August 2023. There were no outages or derates during the month and the net capacity factor was 96%.

As of October 5<sup>th</sup>, there were 313,000 tons of coal on the stockpile, or 95 days of supply, with one train in service. The unit was running well. MATS LEE mercury 30-day testing was successfully completed. 3,000-hour mill inspections will begin in mid-October.

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

### **Caterpillar Dozer Lease Resolution**

The Board previously approved the lease of a dozer from Caterpillar. A resolution was presented authorizing Marcia Witt to execute the lease documents.

Steven Burch made a motion to authorize Marcia Witt to execute Caterpillar Financing lease documents for the dozer lease. Tim Merideth seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Insurance Renewal**

Laura Ramsey, Director of Human Resources, presented the Power Plant/Boiler & Machinery insurance policy renewal that was effective on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**General Manager's Report**

Mr. Landers reported that work is ongoing on Comstock substation agreements. The Sikeston Power Station was operating solely under SPP's control in September, but a portion of the unit will be operating in the MISO market beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Staff has not received any information on the letter of intent submitted for the USDA PACE grant program. September spot sales averaged \$30.92 and the YTD average price was \$33.82.

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

**Adjournment**

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

  
Secretary