

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI**  
**HELD ON THE TENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2020**

On the eleventh day of March, 2020 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Utility office. The following members of the body were present:

**Messrs:** Brian Menz, Tim Merideth, John Gilmore, Alan Keenan

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Steven Burch, Mayor; J.D. Douglass, City Manager; Gerald Settles, City Council; Shaun Hanschen, Board Attorney; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Doug Shaw, Ron Priday, Erin Miller, Lora Foust of the Utility Staff; John Chittenden, Waters & Associates, Engineers

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

**Action on Agenda**

Rick Landers asked that Item 7, I-57 Interchange Project, be moved up to Item 4.

A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Jon Gilmore and was seconded by Tim Merideth. The following roll call vote was held. Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The Revised Agenda was approved.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2020. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Alan Keenan. A roll call vote was held as follows. Keenan, Menz, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

**Financial**

Finance Manager Marcia Witt reviewed the financial reports for January 2020. The

electric retail department had net income of \$617,089. Electric Wholesale had net income of \$433,178. The Water Department had a net loss of \$24,433. The Sewer Department had a net income of \$32,654. The sewer lagoon had a net income of \$11,831. Witt gave a preliminary review of the Sikeston Power Station Budget. This item was covered more in-depth later in the meeting.

A motion to approve the report was made by Tim Merideth and was seconded by Jon Gilmore. The following roll call vote was held. Keenan, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz "Yes". The report of the Financial Department was approved.

### **Retail Operations**

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

As a result of the recent lighting study on Murray Lane the street lighting along Murray Lane is being upgraded to LED lighting. Also, LED lights are being installed around the parking lot south of the DPS Headquarters.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 3.249 MGD. Water crews will be working the system flush the week of March 23.

An electrical failure occurred on February 3, 2020 at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. Crews have completed the repairs. Crews also replaced a chlorine feeder tube at WWTP #2.

Water and sewer crews are fixing leaks, replacing fire hydrants and doing system maintenance. The crews installed a new lift station downtown. This station will serve the new Legion Park fountain and the Sikeston Depot.

Winders also updated the Board on the status of various DNR issues and permits.

The pipeline project for the new water plant has been awarded. Waters and Associates is preparing final plans for the plant.

Update on GIS, AMI and NE Substation rebuild projects.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the Retail Operations Report. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Merideth, Menz, Gilmore, Keenan "Yes". The Retail Operations Department Report was approved.

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for January, 2020.

McGill reported one derate to repair a pulverizer lube oil pump. The net capacity factor for the month was 96%. He reported on various tube, valve and seal leaks. These will all be addressed during the upcoming outage.

McGill reported one train is currently running. He reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. We currently have 152,000 tons on the ground which is a 46-day supply.

McGill reported the status of current projects, tests and outage preparations. FYE 2021 Budget has been submitted. Details are being finalized for the outage which will begin March 20, 2020. McGill's report outlined projects to be done during the outage.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the SPS Report. The motion was seconded by Alan Keenan and the following roll call vote was held, Menz, Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The Report for the Sikeston Power Station was approved.

### **I-57 Interchange Project**

Mayor Burch presented general information on the project, the history leading up to the project and the anticipated benefits. John Chittenden of Waters and Associates presented the Board a preliminary drawing showing some of the utility-related aspects of the project. He also presented a preliminary cost estimate showing BMU's cost in the project. Chittenden answered project questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the project participation as presented by Waters and Associates. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Menz, Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The motion was approved.

### **Power Plant Budget**

Finance Manager Marcia Witt presented the FYE 2021 Budget for the Sikeston Power Station. She reviewed the budget process and the major items in the Budget. She and Mark McGill answered the Board's questions about the budget.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the Power Plant Budget for FYE 2021. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Menz, Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The motion was approved.

### **2021-22 Coal Pricing**

Rick Landers presented the Third Amendment to Arch MO #5195, the Coal Agreement between Arch Coal Sales Co. and Western Fuels Association, Inc. The amendment sets the coal price for years 2021 and 2022. Landers reported this would be advantageous to BMU considering the current merger talks between Arch and Peabody Coal. Coal prices could be impacted if the merger is successful.

Alan Keenan moved to approve execution of the Amendment by Western Fuels Association. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Menz, Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The motion was approved.

## **Make Ready Engineering RFP Bids**

Bids have been received for the Make Ready Engineering project. This is the project to assess the readiness of BMU's poles before the fiber build-out begins for the GoSEMO project. Bids were received earlier in March. The lowest, best bid was submitted by Osmose Co. Requesting Board approval for the General Manager to execute the agreement with the bidder.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to allow the General Manager to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The motion was approved.

## **General Manager's Report**

### Current Topics

EV Charging Station - The State of Missouri will issue an RFP soon for bidders interested in establishing an Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Landers reported that the AT&T Store appears to be the best possible site. Nothing final to report at this time.

Customer Solar - Currently working on the policy & application for large solar customers.

Illinois Avenue - Reported on a landowners meeting regarding a possible development on Illinois Avenue.

Project America - Update on the project.

Fiber Optic - Make Ready bids have been received. Landers discussed projected cost of the project and current concerns.

AMI - Collectors are all installed and operating. Staff is working on billing system integration and communications issues relating to AMI.

Spot Sales - Update on current market.

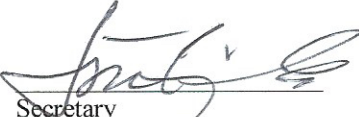
A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the General Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The motion was approved.

## **Executive Session**

Chairman asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Jon Gilmore made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held. Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore, Menz "yes". The Board entered Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business Jon Gilmore moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.



Secretary