

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI**

**HELD ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF JANUARY 2021**

On the twelfth day of January 2021 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. The following members of the body were present:

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** J.D. Douglass, City Manager; Gerald Settles, Councilman; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Lora Foust, and Ron Friday of the Utility Staff

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

**Action on Agenda**

There were no changes to the Agenda

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows, Merideth, Gilmore, Keenan, Menz, "Yes" The Agenda was approved.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows. Menz, Merideth, Gilmore, Keenan "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Alan Keenan. A roll call vote was held as follows. Menz, Merideth, Gilmore, Keenan "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the NERC meeting of December 8th, 2020. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Alan Keenan. A roll call vote was held as follows. Menz, Merideth, Gilmore, Keenan "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Financial**

Finance Manager Marcia Witt presented the financials for November 2020. The electric retail department had net income of \$262,144. Electric Wholesale had net income of \$82,400. The Water Department had a net income of \$21,256. The Sewer Department had a net loss of \$99. The sewer lagoon had a net income of \$9,739.

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

### **Retail Operations**

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Winders reported that on December 5<sup>th</sup> the NE substation had a squirrel get on top of a transformer causing a fault and locking the substation out. The NE part of Sikeston, approximately 1176 customers, were without power. Crews transferred the load and power was restored. He also reported an outage on December 27<sup>th</sup> that affected 828 customers due to high wind.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 3.300 MGD. He also reported and that the WTP#4 construction was underway. Both the well and building contractors are mobilized and onsite working.

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

### **Sikeston Power Station**

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

McGill reported one forced outage and one planned derate for the month and a net capacity factor of 77%.

He reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. As of January 6<sup>th</sup>, we had 213,000 tons of coal on the stockpile which gives us approximately 65 days supply He also reported that the second train is on site and parked.

McGill reported on ongoing projects stating that they are still waiting on a response from EPA regarding the Bottom Ash Impoundment CCR extension request. He reported that the dry bottom ash conversions project is still moving forward in the engineering phase and that the NPDES draft permit has been received and we have submitted comments to MDNR.

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

### **Semi-Annual Charge offs**

Lora Foust, Customer Service Manager presented the semi-annual charge off list for the bills issued in July, 2019 through December 2019. Usages extend back into May 2019. Foust reported that collection attempts are made for six months before the accounts are sent to the collection agency). Charge offs are made after six months of collection attempts. .

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the charge off list. 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**

General Manager Rick Landers updated the members on Project America. Landers reported that agreements are being reviewed. Landers also reported that the BMU electric vehicle charge station proposal submitted to the State of Missouri was rejected. No decision has been made to move forward with this project at this time.

Landers also reported on the annual Fitch review of the 2012 Electric Revenue Bonds. He reported that the Fitch Rating Agency performed their annual rating review of the Electric System and concluded that there would be no changes to the existing rating of BBB+, Outlook Stable.

Landers also reported on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act which expired on 12/31/2020. He informed the members that the BMU would be following suit and ending the paid time off for quarantined employees and family members.

Spot Sales – \$24.85/mwh for the month and \$23.30/mwh for the yearly average.

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

**Adjournment**

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

  
Secretary