

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

HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE 2021

On the eighth day of June, 2021 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: Brian Menz, Tim Merideth, Alan Keenan, Jon Gilmore

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Self, Councilman; Shaun Hanschen, Attorney for the Board; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Lora Foust, and Ron Friday, 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 Jon Gilmore to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all 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 May 11th, 2021. A motion was made by Tim Merideth and seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial

Finance Manager Marcia Witt presented the April 2021 Financial Reports. The Electric Retail department had a net income of \$305,594 and year to date kwh sales were up 6.1% from the prior year. The Electric Wholesale department had net loss of \$1,745,942. Higher revenues and costs over the prior year were caused by the timing of the outage. The Water Department had a net loss of \$6,447 with a 6.6% increase in usage. The Sewer Department had a net income of \$49,770 with a 3.7% increase in usage. The sewer lagoon had a net income of \$1,650 for the month.

Ms. Witt commented that staff was working on closing the fiscal year and auditors from BKD will be onsite the week of June 14th. The next monthly report will include unaudited year-end financial reports.

A motion to approve the report was made by Tim Merideth and was seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The report of the Financial Department was approved.

Retail Operations

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Winders reported that during the month of May the line crews were installing temporary power, responding to customer requests, and repairing streetlights. The substation crews were preparing for breaker and PT installation as well as doing preparatory work for the installation of a new SCADA system. An outage during Memorial Day weekend was caused by a fallen pole and crews repaired it on Sunday, May 30th.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 3.735 MGD. Water treatment plant #4 is progressing. Contractors have experienced some weather and delivery delays but they expect to make up for the lost time and are still targeting a January 2022 completion date.

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

Sikeston Power Station

Plant Manager Mark McGill presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for April 2021.

McGill reported that there was one planned outage for the month of April as the unit was taken offline for the annual spring maintenance outage. Net capacity factor was 25% for the month. It was a successful outage and the unit is running well. As of June 3rd there were 91,000 tons of coal on the stockpile which is approximately 28 days of supply.

The bottom ash conversion project is still in the engineering/equipment procurement phase. There are no changes to the CCR extension request, NPDES renewal, or RHR agreement.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the SPS Report. The motion was seconded by Alan Keenan and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The Sikeston Power Station report was approved.

BKD Engagement Letter

Marcia Witt presented the BKD Audit Engagement letter and reported that the cost of this audit will be \$97,500 compared to the previous year's cost of \$95,900.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the Engagement Letter. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Critical Care Policy and Application

Lora Foust, Customer Service Manager, presented a Critical Care Policy and Application for approval. Ms. Foust proposed the need for a written policy for handling utility service disconnections for customers who require continuous power for life support or other vital conditions. The policy states that if a customer has on file with BMU a Critical Care Customer Application signed by a physician, BMU will postpone disconnection of utility services for 15 days and notify the customer in writing of the delinquency. The Board discussed with Staff the details of implementing and methods of getting the word out about this policy.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the Critical Care Policy. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Leak Policy

Lora Foust presented a Water Leak Policy to the Board for approval. The policy provides a standard for adjusting water and sewer charges if the customer provides evidence that the leak has been repaired. The policy will allow only one such adjustment per calendar year and identifies circumstances that will not be adjusted for.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

N61 Customer Service Rate

Rick Landers, General Manager, presented Electric/Water Rate Rider-A to apply to BMU service territory which is not in the City Limits of Sikeston and is located on the east side of U.S. Highway 61 between State Highway HH and Columbine Street. The Rider would apply a 10% adder to BMU rates for services provided in the described service area. Upon Board approval and finalization of the Ameren Service Territory transfer, the Rider will be presented to City Council for approval.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve Rider-A. The motion was seconded by Alan Keenan and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

General Manager's Report

Landers provided an update on the progress of Project America. He also reported that


BMU staff assisted two customers who have had solar panels installed on their homes but needed to finalize some documentation in order to take advantage of their equipment. Landers reported that Blanton Law Firm is reviewing proposed pole attachment agreements and those agreements will be presented in a future Board meeting for approval. Staff is working with the City and Waters Engineering on a ground annex of the Water Treatment Plant #4 property.

Spot sales averaged \$25.00 for the month of May and \$33.61 year to date.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the General Manager's Report and seconded by Alan Keenan and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Adjournment

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



Secretary