

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

HELD ON THE TENTH DAY OF AUGUST 2021

On the tenth day of August, 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, Jon Gilmore, Steven Burch

Absent: None

Also Present: Jonathan Douglass, City Manager; Brian Self, Councilman; Joe Blanton, Attorney for the Board; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Mark McGill, Lora Foust, Ron Priday, and Erin Miller of the Utility Staff

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

Election of Officers

Chairman Menz announced Alan Keenan's resignation from the Board. The City Council voted to appoint Steven Burch to the Board. With the appointment of a new Board member, a reorganization of officers was needed. A motion was made by Tim Merideth to appoint Jon Gilmore as Board Chairman; Tim Merideth as Vice Chairman; Steven Burch as Secretary; and Brian Menz as Vice Secretary. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Action on Agenda

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Burch 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 July 13th, 2021. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial

Finance Manager Marcia Witt reported that BKD, LLP is on schedule to finalize the Fiscal Year 2021 audit and present it to the Board in the September meeting. Witt presented the June 2021 financial reports. The Electric Retail department had net income of \$534,737 for the month. Revenues were higher than the same month last year due to an increase in kwh sales and a rate increase. There were no major or extraordinary expenses for the month.

The Electric Wholesale department had net income of \$1,090 for the month. Revenues were higher than the prior year due to increased contract and spot sales. Coal costs were higher than the prior year due to the increased generation. Maintenance expenses included a boiler chemical clean, and interest income was higher than the prior year due to a reevaluation of the debt service reserve account.

The Water Department had net income of \$65,415. Revenues were higher than the same month last year due to a rate increase and more gallons sold. General and Administration expenses included consulting fees to assist with water compliance requirements.

The Sewer Department had net income of \$309,471. Revenues were higher than the prior year due to a rate increase and more gallons billed. Miscellaneous income included an excessive BOD customer charge. The sewer lagoon had net income of \$27,391.

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

Retail Operations

There was no Retail Operations Report for the month of June. General Manager Rick Landers provided operational updates.

On July 16th there was a power outage in the downtown area caused by a delivery truck hitting a Charter Communications line and pulling down several BMU poles. BMU Line crews worked for several hours to reset the poles and restore power.

Water crews made a water line tie across Highway 61 North near Maingate Condominiums, a looping addition that had been needed for a long time.

BMU has been working with Refresco to address their wastewater discharge and verify accuracy of their BOD discharge samples.

Sikeston Power Station

Plant Manager Mark McGill presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for June 2021. McGill reported that there were no outages or derates in June. The unit came offline on July 16th to make several repairs and was back online July 25th. There was another 24 hour outage on August 6th for a weld repair on Heater #5.

MDNR entered into their consultation phase for the Regional Haze Rule on July 30th. The best case for finalizing this rule would be the first half of next year. Staff has submitted comments on MDNR's latest NPDES draft and it should go to public notice soon.

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

WFA Delegate Resolution

Rick Landers, General Manager, requested Board approval on a resolution naming Rick Landers as the BMU's delegate to the Western Fuels Association Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Net Metering Credit for Distributed Generation

Mr. Landers reported that a new local industry will be installing a 250 kw rooftop solar panel on their facility. Landers explained that the BMU Net Metering policy, as well as the Missouri statute, applies to facilities up to 100 kw. If a facility does not meet the requirements for net metering, the Utility can decide how to treat any power pushed back onto the Utility's system by the facility. Landers requested direction from the Board on treatment of Distributed Generation greater than 100 kw.

The Board agreed to revisit this question soon.


General Manager's Report

Landers provided an update on the progress of Project America, contract discussions with SWPA, and the Carlisle Construction Materials project. BMU is negotiating with Refresco regarding excessive BOD fees. The City provided a list of steps to be taken to finalize the annexation of the Water Treatment Plant #4 property and BMU is reviewing that list. Unilever has asked the City to pursue a grant for funds to address their wastewater treatment needs.

Landers reported that Staff would like to invite Mr. Keenan to a future Board meeting to accept a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Board. Mr. Menz reported that Mr. Keenan has expressed willingness to serve the Board in a pro bono advisory capacity when needed. A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve Mr. Keenan's involvement in future Board meetings and activities as a pro bono consultant. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore 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