

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI  
HELD ON THE TENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024**

On the tenth day of December 2024 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:

**Board Members Present:** Jon Gilmore, Tim Merideth, Diedre Peters, and Cal Crader

**Board Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Joe Blanton, Legal Counsel; Greg Turnbow, Mayor; Tom Robison, City Council Liaison; Jonathan Douglass, City Manager; Barry Blevins, Community Development Director; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, and Erin Miller of the Utility Staff; Tom Kalup and Trent Markell of Decarb LLC; John Twitty, Rebecca Atkins, Ken Reasoner, and Steve Stodden of MPUA; and Doug Healy of Healy Law

There being a quorum present, Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

**Action on Agenda**

A motion was made by Cal Crader to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Deidre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Deidre Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the NERC Meeting on November 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 October 2024 preliminary Financial Reports.

The Electric Retail division had a net income of \$235,127 for the month. Revenues were higher than the prior year as overall sales were up 5.3%. Expenses included extensive tree trimming and increased health insurance claims paid. Staff were working with FEMA to report costs to be recovered for the May tornado damage.

The Electric Wholesale division had a net income of \$1,040,393 for the month. Excess sales revenues were lower due to adjusting entries in the prior year. Coal costs were down due to an inventory adjusting entry. Other expenses included licensing fees and increased health insurance claims paid.

The Water division had a net income of \$36,875 for the month. Revenues were higher this month over last year with a 5.5% increase in gallons sold. Expenses included increased health insurance claims paid.

The Sewer division had a net income of \$126,484 for the month. Revenues were higher this month over last year with a rate increase and higher gallons treated by 3.2%. Expenses included increased health insurance claims paid.

The NWWTP division had a net income of \$21,842 for the month. Production costs were higher in the current year due to increased power usage since the plant was not at full capacity in the prior year while upgrades were in process.

A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Cal Crader and was seconded by Diedre Peters. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Retail Operations**

Jeff Winders, Operations Manager, presented the Retail Operations Report.

Line crews are focusing on system maintenance and substation crews are working on breaker change outs as weather allows. A new switchgear will be installed at Unilever during their annual plant maintenance outage. Staff are working with Stinson LLP on an Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) for the water plant. A waiver was requested from DRA for relief from the Buy America Build America Act on the headworks project.

Mr. Winders attended the December 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting to address a citizen's request that BMU remove fluoride from Sikeston's drinking water. Mr. Winders informed the Council that BMU adds the minimum amount of fluoride, 1 ppm, to the water and it does not affect quality or taste. Any change to the fluoride treatment would require 90 days public notice before a public vote.

Contractors are working on rebuilding the Downtown Alley circuit and the project is going well. The drilling of test wells near the YMCA and on Vernon Street has shown positive preliminary results.

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

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill, Power Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station Report. The net capacity factor was 81% for October with three derates. There was a derate for inspections, the annual mill derate, and one derate due to an instrument issue. The unit has been running well since and there were 230,000 tons of coal on the stockpile as of December 10<sup>th</sup> with both trains in service. Planning for the 2025 spring outage was ongoing.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the Sikeston Power Station Report. The motion was seconded by Deidre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Power Supply Plan Discussion**

Tom Kalup and Trent Markell from Decarb, LLC presented a summary of the final Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) results and answered questions from the Board and meeting attendees.

### **Wire Puller Bid**

Mr. Winders presented bids for a wire puller which is used to pull new conductor wire onto utility poles. The equipment was budgeted at \$85,000 but all bids came in over budget. Staff recommended purchasing a Sauber wire puller which was the lowest bid at \$102,771. Tim Merideth made a motion to award the bid to Sauber. Cal Crader seconded the bid, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **General Manager's Report**

Mr. Landers provided an update that he is waiting on approval from the SERC Reliability Corporation on a Balancing Authority and Transmission Service Provider, and there are plans to move into the Comstock substation in June 2025. The BMU Open House to present the IRP study findings will be rescheduled to late January.

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

### **Adjournment**

Cal Crader made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters. A roll call vote was held, all yes. Chairman Gilmore declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Secretary