

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The following Board Members were present: Ryan Eidson, President; Robert L. Milan, Vice President; Mary Gonzales, Secretary; Jeff Bryant, Rose Mulvany Henry and Thomas Groneman.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Jim Epp, Executive Director Water; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Jeff Bridgland, Chief Information Officer; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production, Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations; and David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer.

A tape of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities.

Mr. Eidson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Milan, and carried.

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of January 15, 2020 by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Ms. Mulvany-Henry, and carried.

Item #5 - Customer Comments

Aaron Coleman, 1316 S. 52nd Street. He discussed climate action and BPU's good work and actions. He thought BPU could do more and asked what the decommission date of the coal plant was.

Mr. Johnson stated BPU had set aside one of the coal plants; Quindaro 1 and 2. Nearman was still operational and coal was not the majority of BPU's generation. It was part of BPU's future. He thanked Mr. Coleman.

Jordan Stafford, 6715 Webster Ave. He lived in the community of Berkhardt Gardens and discussed the problem of the poor drainage systems leaking into their basements.

Ms. Lawson stated that was a Unified Government (UG) issue, they were discussing storm water utility rate adjustments, and she urged him to contact the Public Works department with Jeff Fisher as the contact.

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Ms. Gonzales, Mr. Bryant, and Ms. Mulvany Henry asked questions regarding the contact and recommended contacting the commissioner for the area (Melissa Bynum).

Mr. Johnson recommended that someone from the UG should come out and take a look at the property.

Ms. Lawson agreed with Mr. Johnson.

Item #6 – Legislative Update – Kimberly Svaty

David Mehlhaff introduced Kimberly Svaty of Gencur Svaty Public Affairs. Her firm assists BPU, KMU, KPP and KMEA in Topeka with their government/legislative affairs efforts.

Ms. Svaty reported on the Governor’s proposed Executive Order which would direct the State Energy Office out of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to become an independent state agency. It was also reported that most were in agreement on the need for a state energy plan, just what that will look like was premature at this time.

The legislators were now reviewing Phase 1 of the KS electric rate study of which KCKBPU was a part of. Overall, the municipal utility community in Kansas was pleased with the outcome of the Phase I Electric Rate Study performed by London Economics International (LEI).

Ms. Svaty added that this legislative session should be busy with discussions surrounding a state energy plan, Phase 2 of the Electric Rate Study, Cable and water rights issues.

Ms. Svaty answered questions from Ms. Mulvany Henry, Ms. Lawson, and Mr. Johnson.

Item #7 – Smart Energy Provider Award – David Mehlhaff

Mr. Mehlhaff gave a brief presentation on the American Public Power Smart Energy Award and showed the plaque the utility received.

Item #8 - Board Comments

Mr. Groneman thanked all the staff that had worked on the policy updates and thanked Ms. Svaty for her update on the Legislature.

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Mr. Milan had no comments.

Mr. Bryant thanked the guests Mr. Coleman and Mr. Stafford.

Ms. Gonzales echoed Mr. Bryant’s comments and thanked the Customer Service group for their presentation.

Ms. Mulvaney Henry thanked the Customer Service group and thanked Mr. Coleman for his comments.

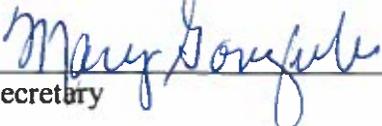
Mr. Eidson echoed the Board comments and congratulated Mr. Johnson on 40 years with the utility.

Item #9 - General Manager Comments

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Coleman and Mr. Stafford and thanked the Board for hanging in there on the policy updates and there were still some more policies to complete.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M. by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


President