

**REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met remotely in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The following Board Members were on the teleconference: Robert L. Milan, President; Mary Gonzales, Vice President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Secretary; Jeff Bryant, Thomas Groneman, and Ryan Eidson.

Also on teleconference: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Jerry Ohmes, Executive Director Electric Supply; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer; Glen Brendel, Director Electric Production Operations/ Maintenance; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager; and Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services.

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

Mr. Milan called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He welcomed all that were listening or viewing the meeting. He stated that the Board felt it was necessary to offer the use of technology for staff as well as for the general public. Those wishing to offer comments during the Public Comments section could click on the raised hand feature at the bottom of the application or window or press Star 9 and be connected by phone. As always, the public could email or call the BPU with any concerns. The agenda could be found on the BPU website. If they were using Zoom, it would appear on their screen. Mr. Milan introduced himself and the other Board Members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present via teleconference.

**Item #3 – Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

**Item #4 – Approval of Work Session Minutes of September 1, 2021**

Ms. Mulvany Henry had an addition to the Economic Development Policy Review:

- Ms. Mulvany Henry requested a redline version of what was discussed as well as a specific section side by side.

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A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Work Session of September 1, 2021, with revisions, by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Eidson, and unanimously carried.

**Item #5 – Approval of Regular Session Minutes of September 1, 2021**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of September 1, 2021 by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

**Item #6– Public Comments**

Mr. William Johnson, General Manager, asked Mr. Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager, if there were any visitors wishing to speak.

Mr. Kamp said that no one had their hand raised via teleconference.

**Item #9 – General Manager / Staff Reports**

- i. *KERA Program Update:* Ms. Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service gave an update and had discussion with the Board regarding current KERA activity.

Ms. Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services, gave the Board an update on the application assistance for the KERA program.

Ms. Townsend and Ms. Hinson answered questions and comments from the Board.

- ii. *Utility Assistance Funding:* Mr. David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer, gave the Board an update/overview of what funds were available to help with utility assistance. It included information on a draft plan currently being worked on for homeowners; Kansas Homeowners Assistance Fund (KHAF), as well as, the status of the monies allocated from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the Unified Government (UG). The UG would administer the funds through United Way and other local non-profits.

Mr. Mehlhaff addressed questions and comments from the Board.

- iii. *Electric Production Quarterly Report:* Mr. Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production and Mr. Glen Brendel, Director Electric Production Operations/

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Maintenance gave a timeline of Quindaro Operations and an update on the current transition plan.

Mr. Quach, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Johnson addressed questions and comments from the Board.

- iv. *Economic Development Fund Policy:* Mr. Johnson recapped the discussion had by the Board and staff regarding the policy. Also, Ms. Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel, conveyed two grammatical corrections that should be noted if there was a motion made.

Ms. Lawson and Mr. Johnson answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 5266 implementing the proposed Economic Development Plan as a policy, with the suggested corrections, by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales.

Roll call was taken;

Mr. Eidson – Yes

Mr. Groneman – Yes

Mr. Milan – No

Mr. Bryant – Yes

Ms. Gonzales – Yes

Ms. Mulvany Henry – Yes

The motion carried 5-1.

- v. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Johnson discussed the upcoming Budget schedule. He also talked about the KCKCC project.

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**Item #10 – Board Comments**

Mr. Eidson thanked everyone for their presentations. He asked Mr. Johnson about the Rosedale project budget.

Mr. Johnson explained the original scope of the project and what it covered.

Mr. Groneman thanked everyone for their presentations.

Mr. Bryant had no comments.

Ms. Gonzales had no comments.

Ms. Mulvany Henry requested the totals paid to Capital Electric from 2019 to date.

Mr. Johnson clarified which sector of work she was interested in and said he would forward that information.

Mr. Milan thanked staff for the thorough work put into their presentations.

**Item #11 – Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:50 P.M. by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

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*Rose Mulvany Henry*

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Secretary

APPROVED:

*Robert Milan Jr.*

President