

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI  
HELD ON THE NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025**

On the ninth day of December 2025, 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:** Matt Drake, City Council Liaison; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, Erin Miller, and Tre Holley of the Utility Staff; Jay Lancaster of the City of Sikeston; and Barry Blevins of the City of Sikeston.

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 Tim Merideth to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Cal Crader and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Cal Crader to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and NERC Meeting held on November 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Financial Reports**

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the October 2025 financial statements.

The Retail Division reported a net income of \$300,372. Total revenue increased with higher sales. Purchased power costs increased due to a rate increase from SWPA and differences in SPP settlements. The Wholesale Division reported a net loss of \$236,136. Contract sales revenue declined due to reduced availability from tube leaks. Purchased power increased due to the timing of MISO market activity charges in the current year. The Water Division reported a net income of \$162,474. Revenues increased following a rate increase and an increase in usage, including a 6.0% increase from the Matthews Water District. Production costs included the purchase of a chlorine analyzer. The Sewer Division reported a net income of \$178,041. Revenues increased following a rate increase and increased gallons treated. The North Wastewater Treatment Plant reported a net income of \$11,925.

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

## **Retail Operations**

Tre Holley presented the Retail Operations Report. JF Electric continued work on the 69kV line reconductoring project and is currently replacing poles on Compress Road into the Coleman Substation. Crews completed removal of abandoned 69kV conductor and pole tops north of Ridge Drive and west of Highway 61. Drone inspection issues on the MODOT circuit were addressed, and crews worked on items identified through thermal imaging on the Unilever feed. Viking Industrial Painting completed the Northwest Street water tank. Valve issues at Water Plant No. 2 are being evaluated to ensure the plant is operational for summer peak demand. Installation of Rotor No. 1 at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant is complete and operating continuously. The force main relocation project west of Alan Wire has begun, with work performed by C.R. Contracting. The SWWTP headworks project remains on schedule. Fisher & Arnold is working on the Coleman Substation redesign. Drone inspection work on the Unilever circuit is planned during the Christmas holiday.

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

## **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill, Power Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station Report. During October, there were two forced outages due to tube leaks and two planned derates for "A" ID fan repair and pulverizer inspections. The net capacity factor for the month was 70%. As of December 4, coal inventory totaled 285,000 tons. The unit is currently operating well. Fly Ash Pond closure work continues as planned. Rain caused a brief delay in the south end basin, but work has resumed and substantial completion is expected by mid-December. Temporary erosion control will be implemented until final seeding can occur in early spring.

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

## **Resolution No. 2025-04 – Electric Substation Financing**

Marcia Witt presented Resolution No. 2025-04 to secure financing for the Comstock Substation. The proposed financing includes payoff of existing Montgomery Bank bonds and reimbursement of eligible Comstock Substation expenses for both retail and wholesale divisions. The resolution prepared by Gilmore & Bell and the financing timeline prepared by Piper Sandler & Co. were presented for review.

A motion was made by Cal Crader to approve Resolution No. 2025-04. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

## **Resolution No. 2025-05 – Reimbursement Resolution**

Ms. Witt presented Resolution No. 2025-05 to allow reimbursement for future tax-exempt funding related to prior Electric Division capital expenditures, based on estimated future project costs.

A motion was made by Cal Crader to approve Resolution No. 2025-05. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

## **Resolution No. 2025-06 – Non-Traditional, High-Density Load Policy**

Rick Landers presented Resolution No. 2025-06. Following prior presentations from Utility Financial Solutions regarding the potential impacts of non-traditional, high-density loads such as data centers and cryptocurrency mining, the Board directed Staff to pursue development of a dedicated electric rate for this customer class. The resolution formally documents BMU's recognition of the unique system and cost impacts of these loads and its intent to serve them under a purpose-built rate structure separate from traditional customer classes. Development of the rate is underway, with completion expected in early 2026.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve Resolution No. 2025-06. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

## **Sewer Study**

Mr. Landers presented an update on the proposed sewer system study by Burns & McDonnell. As requested by the Board, the proposal was divided into Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 is estimated at \$402,129. Staff determined that \$195,295 can be funded through the FYE 2026 sewer budget, with the remaining \$206,834 incorporated into the FYE 2027 budget. Phase 1 will provide critical system flow data to support future planning and prioritization of improvements.

A motion was made by Diedre Peters to approve the budget amendment and funding plan to initiate Phase 1. The motion was seconded by Cal Crader and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

## **Generator Bid**

Tre Holley presented a bid for generators and installation for the warehouse and mechanic shop located at 391 North West Street. Hart Electric was the sole bidder, with a total project cost of \$255,570, exceeding the budgeted amount of \$210,000.

After discussion, the item was tabled to allow Staff to explore alternative generator sizes.

## **General Manager's Report**

Mr. Landers provided updates on ongoing projects. Kiewit was selected as Owner's Engineer for the MJMEUC project and scheduled a site visit for the week of December 15. Regarding the Brushy Creek property, the land has been divided into seven parcels. The Western Fuels Illinois Board has expressed concerns about the gas extraction contractor, and legal counsel is currently reviewing potential liabilities prior to the sale.

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

## **Board Reorganization**

Tim Merideth made a motion to appoint Cal Crader as Chairman, Tim Merideth as Vice Chairman, and Diedre Peters as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Diedre Peters  
Secretary