

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI  
HELD ON THE TENTH DAY OF MARCH 2026**

On the tenth day of March 2026, 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:** Cal Crader, Tim Merideth, and Jon Gilmore

**Board Members Absent:** Diedre Peters

**Also Present:** Joe Blanton, BMU Legal Counsel; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Tre Holley, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, and Amanda Dennis of the Utility Staff; Brian Smith of the Sierra Club, and Doug Healy with Healy Law, a national expert on data centers.

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

**Action on Agenda**

Mr. Landers requested to move the Large Load Presentation up to Agenda Item #3 and move Item #3 to #4. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting and the February 12, 2026, NERC Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Large Load Presentation**

Doug Healy, of Healy Law, presented municipal utility related information on data centers. He also offered to present additional information and answer questions at a follow-up meeting if desired.

**Financial Reports**

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the financial reports for January 2026.

The Electric Retail Division reported a net income of \$383,913. Revenues decreased due to lower sales and rate class restructuring with several small general service accounts moving to large general service. Overall operations costs without depreciation were virtually the same as last year with

the increase in distribution costs offset with lower health insurance claims in general and administrative costs.

The Electric Wholesale Division reported a net income of \$823,249. Revenues decreased because of a unit derate for half of the month, which also reduced coal usage. Purchased power increases were caused by market settlements and power purchased for station service. Health insurance claims decreased general and administrative costs for the month.

The Water Division reported a net income of \$467. Revenues increased from the prior year due to the September rate increase despite a decrease in gallons sold. The increase in revenue was driven by continued high usage from Matthews Water District. Production costs were higher due to the timing of chemical purchases. General and administrative expenses were down with lower Health insurance claims for the month.

The Sewer Division reported a net income of \$137,125. Revenues increased due to the September rate increase despite a decrease in gallons billed. General and administrative expenses were down with lower health insurance claims for the month.

The North Wastewater Treatment Plant reported a net loss of \$1,681. Production costs for both this year and last year include the warranties on the blowers at the plant.

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

### **Retail Operations**

Tre Holley, Retail Operations Superintendent, presented the Retail Operations Report. Crews are beginning to address the LaValle circuit issues found by the drone inspection. All Retail Departments are currently working with Sikeston Country Club's contractor on items for their project. Water plant 2 is back up and functioning, producing 4.2M gallons a day. Well 4-4 issues are being addressed and developing, once back up it will produce another 1.7M gallons of water. We were awarded a grant from Missouri Employers Mutual for the partial payment of 2 concrete saw carts. The Sewer Department is still working on the storm water project on Linn St. We are currently gathering data for Burns and McDonnell for the wastewater study.

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

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill, Power Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station Report. An unplanned derate occurred in January, continuing from the December Boiler Feed Pump event. The plant net capacity factor for the month was 44%. Coal deliveries will remain suspended until after the spring outage. The coal inventory totaled approx. 208,000 tons, representing an 80-day supply at a burn rate of 3,300 tons. The boiler feed pump was restarted on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Planning continues for the 2026 spring outage starting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The 2027 budgets have been submitted, and the plant started pumping water from the Bottom Ash Pond this month.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the Sikeston Power Station Report. The motion

was seconded by Tim Merideth, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **SPS 2027 Budget**

Ms. Witt presented the SPS 2027 Budget and assumptions. Revenues are based on net generation of 1,600,000, with spot sale prices estimated at \$28.00 per mWh. All other operation and maintenance expenses are budgeted at a 1% increase and General and Administrative expenses at a 2% increase. Coal costs are budgeted at a usage of 976,000 tons at an average total cost per ton of \$42.32 including the train leases. Total Revenue for FYE 2027 is estimated at \$73,634,434, and Operating Expenses at a total of \$77,966,260, resulting in a net loss of \$2,884,780.00. Total estimated ending cash balance for May 31, 2027, after financing and investing is \$32,882,946.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the 2027 SPS Budget. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **SPS Letter of Credit-Resolution No.2026-02**

Ms. Witt presented the letter of credit resolution that is required to join the Transmission Congestion Rights auction with SPP. The estimated letter of credit is \$1.0M. Staff submitted the credit application to US Bank for underwriting and is requesting board approval that authorizes the General Manager to sign all necessary agreements once the letter of credit approval has been issued.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to authorize Resolution No. 2026-02. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **County Line Road Lift Station Bid**

Mr. Landers presented the bid tabulations for the County Line Road Lift Station project, a companion project to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) Headworks Project. Bids exceeded the \$450,000 budget due to inclusion of the genset component. Waters Engineering recommended removing the genset portion and addressing it at a later date. A recommendation letter was presented requesting board approval to award the revised bid to Scheussler Excavating, the lowest bidder.

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

### **Brushy Creek Property Sale**

Western Fuels Illinois board authorized pursuit of the direct sale of the property provided the sale exceeded expected auction value and included liability protections. These conditions have been met, and final sale agreements are nearing completion. The BMU General Manager, serving as President of the WFI Board, requests BMU board approval to authorize the sale on behalf of Sikeston BMU.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to authorize the General Manager to execute the sale of the property. The motion was seconded by Cal Crader, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Annual Net Metering Report**

Erin Miller presented the 2025 calendar year net metering report. The total number of customer-generator facilities is 36, including 33 residential customers and 3 industrial customers. The total estimated generating capacity of its net-metered customer-generators is 628.92 KW, with a total estimated net kWh received at 180,103 kWh. In addition to the Net Metering generators, there is one renewable energy generation unit owned by a customer which has a generating capacity of 600 KW and generated 1,004,795 kWh of energy in 2025.

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

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

Mr. Landers shared with the Board last month a non-billing meter issue that Staff found and corrected, resulting in a refund to a large customer. The customer has been informed, and the refund has been completed. Mr. Landers also discussed the potential use of excess land near Water Plant #4 by Sikeston DPS and the New Madrid County Sheriff's Department. The water well relocation project is still underway, with the well expected to be in production at the end of June.

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

### **Adjournment**

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

  
Secretary