

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

On the eighth day of September 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, Diedre Peters, and Jon Gilmore

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Blanton, BMU Legal Counsel; Greg Turnbow, Mayor; Matt Drake, City Council Liaison; JD Douglass, City Manager; Barry Blevins, Community Development Director; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Tre Holley, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, and Erin Miller of the Utility Staff

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

Action on Agenda

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

Action on Monthly Agenda Items

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on August 11th and the NERC meeting on August 13th. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Financial Reports

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the July 2026 financial reports.

The Retail division reported a net income of \$694,592. Revenues decreased slightly with kWh sales 1% lower than prior year. Purchased power costs were lower due to SPP market settlements. There were no unusual or extraordinary expenses.

The Wholesale division reported a net loss of \$364,716. Revenues were comparable to the prior year. Coal costs increased due to increased price. Maintenance costs were higher in the previous year due to post outage expenses.

The Water division reported a net income of \$883,567. Revenues increased with rate increases offset by 10.4% lower sales. There were no unusual or extraordinary expenses. Miscellaneous net included non-operating revenues from reimbursements on the well relocation project.

The Sewer division reported a net income of \$73,429. Revenues increased with rate increases along with an 8.3% increase in gallons billed. General and Administrative costs included payment for

the ongoing sewer study. Interest expense increase from the continuing draws on the Headworks project lease.

The NWWTP reported a net loss of \$3,445. July was the start of a new contract year with a slight increase in revenue due to higher expenses in the previous year. No unusual expenses were incurred during the month.

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

Retail Operations

Tre Holley, Retail Operations Superintendent, presented the Retail Operations Report. The contractor working on the 69kv reconductoring project was currently working at North Ingram and Linn Street.

In the Water division, the contractor continued working on well 18 on Vernon Street. Aerial tank painting was beginning to mobilize at the School Street tank.

The sewer main lining contractor inspected 15,000 feet of sewer main to plan for lining of mains in the future. Staff received a finding of compliance from the Missouri DNR for the pretreatment program.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the Retail Operations Report. Diedre Peters seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Sikeston Power Station

Mark McGill, Power Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station Report. There were no outages or derates in July. The net capacity factor was 86%. As of September 1st, coal inventory totaled approximately 280,000 tons. There was a unit trip on August 27th caused by the main feedwater valve stem failure, which allowed the plug to drop into the flow path and restrict feedwater flow. The loss of feedwater caused drum level to fall and led to the unit trip. While the unit was offline, a boiler tube leak was repaired, air heater holes were patched, and the feedwater valve was repaired. The unit returned to service on September 1st. The cooling tower louver project was completed on schedule. Bottom ash pond dewatering continued.

Diedre Peters made a motion to approve the Sikeston Power Station Report. Jon Gilmore seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Prepaid Billing Program Policy

Erin Miller, Assistant Finance Manager, presented a proposed Prepaid Billing Program Policy for information and review. The program would establish a voluntary prepaid billing option for Electric-Only Residential customers, providing those customers with an alternative payment option. The prepaid billing software does not effectively support accounts with multiple utility services. Ms. Miller reported that approval of the policy would be requested in the October Board meeting.

MEM Worker Compensation Premium

Laura Ramsey, Director of Human Resources, presented the Worker's Compensation Insurance premium renewal for the Board's information. The BMU's premium for 2027 will be approximately \$259,211.

Coleman Substation Drainage Improvements

Tre Holley presented bid tabulations to move a storm drain that currently crosses the future Coleman Substation location and to address drainage issues east of the location. Three bids were received, and Staff recommended awarding the project to the lowest bidder, Persons and Sons Inc.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to award the bid to Persons and Sons, Inc. Diedre Peters seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

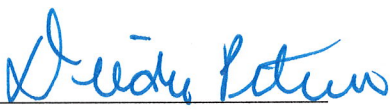
General Manager's Report

Mr. Landers updated the board on ongoing projects. The Well Replacement project continued, with National Water Service working on the third well. The AMI water node batteries are dying earlier than expected and Staff is working with Eaton to remedy the issue. Mr. Landers suggested scheduling a Board workshop to discuss a potential new electric load.

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

Adjournment

Jon Gilmore made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Diedre Peters seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.


Secretary