

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI  
HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL 2025**

On the eighth day of April 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:** Joe Blanton, Legal Counsel; Greg Turnbow, Mayor; Tom Robison, City Council Liaison; Jonathan Douglass, City Manager; Barry Blevins, Community Development Director; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, and Erin Miller of the Utility Staff

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 accept 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 on March 11<sup>th</sup> and the NERC Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Financial Reports**

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the February 2025 preliminary Financial Reports.

The Electric Retail division had a net income of \$1,384,613 for the month. Total revenue was higher than the prior year as overall sales increased. Other income and expenses in the current year included interest expense on the Comstock financing, land rent, and billing for the reimbursement of mutual aid assistance.

The Electric Wholesale division had a net income of \$924,337 for the month. Revenues were higher than the prior year due to increased customer purchases of energy at a higher contract price. Miscellaneous Net Income increased from SPP auction revenue and increased fly ash sales.

The Water division had a net income of \$39,515 for the month. Revenues were lower this month as gallons sold decreased. No major or extraordinary expenses were recorded during the month.

The Sewer division had a net income of \$134,017 for the month. Revenues were higher this month although gallons treated decreased. No major or extraordinary expenses were recorded.

The NWWTP division had a net loss of \$12,619 for the month. Expenses included rock and grading on the NWWTP road.

A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Diedre Peters and was seconded by Cal Crader. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Retail Operations**

Jeff Winders, Operations Manager, presented the Retail Operations Report.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> a tornado caused an outage on the south end of Sikeston, and storm damage caused another outage on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being finalized for the Northeast substation rebuild and materials have been ordered for 69kV line reconductoring.

Staff continued to work with consultants on the Administrative Order of Consent for the water plants. The search for replacement water wells for Water Treatment Plant #3 was ongoing. The wastewater treatment plant headworks bid opening took place in late February and Staff was reviewing the next steps for awarding the bid. A contractor has completed camera inspection and cleaning of certain sewer lines and was assessing for necessary repairs.

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

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill, Power Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station Report. The net capacity factor was 92% for February, and there were two derates reported. There were 300,000 tons of coal on the stockpile as of April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 2025 spring outage was scheduled to begin on May 8<sup>th</sup> and run into early June. Dewatering at both the Fly Ash and Bottom Ash Ponds continues.

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.

### **Tank Painting Bid Award**

Per the BMU's tank painting and inspection program, it is time to inspect, paint, and repair the North West Street water tank. One bid was received from Viking Industrial Painting. Staff has experience with this bidder and the bid was close to Staff's estimate.

Cal Crader made a motion to award the Tank Painting Bid to Viking Industrial Painting. Diedre Peters seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Water Treatment Improvement Plan Revision**

Mr. Winders presented a Preliminary Design Report for Water Treatment Improvements, which was a revised plan updated from the 2018 plan to improve water treatment capabilities. The report recommended continuing with the current plans to rehabilitate existing water plants, but it modified what improvements are needed and the timeline. Staff recommended approving the updated plan.

A motion was made by Diedre Peters to approve the plan as proposed. The motion was seconded by Cal Crader and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Water and Sewer Rates**

Rick Landers and Marcia Witt presented a rate proposal that incorporated the newest Water and Wastewater long-term cost projections. After some discussion, Cal Crader made a motion to approve the proposed rates and present them to the City Council for their approval. Diedre Peters seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Cash Reserve Policy**

Ms. Witt presented an updated Cash Reserve Policy for the Board's review. The proposed update did not change the previously implemented policy for the Electric Division but added the Water and Wastewater divisions to the policy. Ms. Witt asked the Board to review the proposed policy and submit comments before the next Board meeting, where it will be presented for approval.

### **Electric Rates Reclassification**

Ms. Witt presented a proposed electric rate design that reclassifies three commercial electric rate classes that are based on manufacturer status to two rate classes that are based on customer load. Most customers affected will see a slight decrease in the electric bills. A few customers will see an increase, and the change will be phased in over two years for these customers.

Cal Crader made a motion to approve the proposed rate change and present it to the City Council for their approval. Tim Merideth seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

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

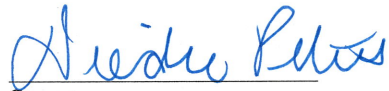
Mr. Landers provided an update on the Brushy Creek coal mine property. The State NPDES permit has been terminated and the property is expected to be up for auction in the coming weeks. Staff met with MEC and were waiting for draft agreements needed to continue developing a future generating station. Mr. Landers updated the Board on the list of items to be completed for the June 1<sup>st</sup> energization of Comstock Substation. He was working with consultants to finish these items in the next few weeks. He presented amendments to the Comstock agreements that were approved in 2022 and 2023 and requested that the Board approve the amendments pending review by Legal Counsel.

Diedre Peters made a motion to approve the execution of the Comstock Amendments pending Legal Counsel's review and approval. The motion was seconded by Cal Crader and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

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

**Adjournment**

Diedre Peters made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held, all yes. Chairman Gilmore declared the regular meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary