

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI  
HELD ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST 2025**

On the 15th day of August 2025, the Board of Municipal Utilities met at the Bootheel Clubhouse, 1218 N Ingram, at 7:30 A.M. The following members of the body were present:

**Messrs:** Jon Gilmore, Tim Merideth, Cal Crader, Diedre Peters

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Joe Blanton, Rick Landers, Marcia Witt, Mark McGill, and Jeff Winders

There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

**Action on Agenda**

Rick Landers noted a need to move the Executive Session to the beginning of the meeting. Rick requested the Executive session be moved up and agenda items (a) and (b) be moved to follow agenda item (i). The Board agreed to make the change. A motion was made by Tim Merideth to enter Executive session. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Agenda**

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to enter Executive session. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters. A roll call vote was held, all yes. Rick Landers presented the Board with information related to a real estate issue and the upcoming union negotiations. No action was taken. A motion was made by Cal Crader to adjourn the executive session. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Fiber Management/Uses**

Marcia Witt presented information about the BMU's fiber system, including how it's managed, its different uses, and future plans.

**Fly Ash Pond Closure**

Mark McGill shared information on the Fly Ash Pond Closure project, including the scope of the project and the recommendation from the recent bid to perform the closure work. The recommendation was to go with the Closure Turf options and award the bid to Dumey Contracting. A motion was made by Tim Merideth to award the bid to Dumey Contracting. The motion was

seconded by Diedre Peters. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

### **Well Relocation Project**

Jeff Winders gave an update on the Well Relocation Project, including the relocation plan, the current status, the list of parties involved, and expected completion dates.

### **Consultants for Retail Operations**

Jeff Winders discussed how BMU determines when we will use consulting support and the consultants typically used.

### **Pole Attachments/Transfer**

Jeff Winders explained how the BMU dealt with telecom companies and their attachments on our poles along with some history on various attachment issues. The Board expressed strong concern about reducing the number of abandoned poles in town and taking action to move the telecom attachments and remove the poles.

### **Industrial Loads – Multiple Feeds**

Rick Landers and Jeff Winders discussed how BMU handles industrial customers with multiple feeds. There was discussion about applying the proper construction and safety codes and how we work with the City on this. Use of primary metering was discussed.

### **Organizational Structure**

Rick Landers discussed the BMU's organizational divisions including evolution of the structure and challenges.

### **Comstock/SPA 69kv Feed Options**

Rick Landers presented updated information on alternatives to feed the 69kv Coleman substation retail connection.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Gilmore declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary