

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI**  
**HELD ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020**

On the thirteenth day of October 2020 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:

**Messrs:** Brian Menz, Jon Gilmore, Tim Merideth

**Absent:** Alan Keenan

**Also Present:** Joe Blanton, Attorney; Steven Burch, Mayor; Gerald Settles, Councilman; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Ron Friday, Erin Miller, Lora Foust, of the Utility Staff.

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

**Action on Agenda**

There were no changes to the Agenda

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, "Yes" The Agenda was approved.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2020 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows. Merideth, Gilmore and Menz "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Board Meeting. A motion was made by Tim Merideth and seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held as follows Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, "Yes" The Agenda was approved.

## **Financial**

Finance Manager Marcia Witt reviewed the financial reports for August 2020. The Electric Retail Department had a net income of \$811,124. Kwh sales were up 10.9%. The Electric Wholesale Department had an August net income of \$33,139. Contract revenues were down but offset with higher spot market sales compared to this month last year.

Ms. Witt also reported that Water Department showed a net income of \$67,809. Revenues were up due to the rate increase in January and gallons billed were up 12.7% from this month last year.

The Sewer Department had a net income of \$5,289 for the month of August. Revenues were up due to the rate increase in January and gallons billed were up 7.6% compared to this month last year.

The Sewer Lagoon showed a net income for August of \$1,140.

A motion to approve the report was made by Jon Gilmore and was seconded Tim Merideth. The following roll call vote was held. Gilmore, Merideth Menz "Yes". The report of the Financial Department was approved.

## **Retail Operations**

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Winders reported that the line crews had completed the work on converting the single phase to three phase for Lincoln University along North Street as well as the light projects for Lincoln Park basketball courts and the Complex basketball courts.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 4.152 MGD.

Winders also reported that MoDNR inspected the water plant on September 1, 2020 and found the plant to be in compliance. The inspector did make a few comments and suggestions many of which will be taken care of with the new plant and subsequent plant updates.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the Retail Operations Report. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Menz, Merideth, "Yes". The Retail Operations Department Report was approved.

## **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for August 2020.

McGill reported that there were no derates or outages for the month of August. The Net capacity factor was 88% for the month. He reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. We currently have 120,000 tons on the ground which is a 36-day supply with a burn rate of 3,300 tons per day. McGill also reported that we have both trains in service.

McGill reported that the SWPA substation berm work is now complete and a final inspection was conducted on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the SPS Report. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz “Yes”. The Report for the Sikeston Power Station was approved.

### **UFS Solar Presentation**

Chris Lund, Financial Consultant for Utility Financial Solutions, LLC presented to the Board an informational web presentation on the value of solar. The presentation covered the determination of the value of solar in the BMU system only, the remaining portions of the study are not completed at this time.

### **BMU Delegate to the Western Fuels Annual Meeting**

General Manager, Rick Landers asked the Board to execute a resolution naming BMU’s delegate to the WFA annual meeting. BMU works through the WFA to procure fuel for our plant and to manage the rail service associated with our coal deliveries. The BMU is required to name their delegates to the annual meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz “Yes”. The requested resolution naming Rick Landers as Delegate to attend the WFA annual meeting was approved.

### **Truck Bids**

Retail Operations Manager, Jeff Winders presented to the board for approval a proposal to purchase five replacement trucks. Bids were opened in September for the purchase of these units and Morlan Dodge of Sikeston was the low bidder for all the units except for one which was a dump truck bed. The low bidder for that unit was Summit Truck Group of Cape Girardeau, MO.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve truck bids. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz “Yes”. The truck purchase bids were approved.

### **Water Treatment Plant 4 Bids**

Jeff Winders, Operations Manager presented to the board the bids received for construction of Water Treatment Plant #4 and plant wells. The bids were opened October 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm. There were five bidders on the plant and two bidders on the wells. The low bid on the plant was from Zoellner Construction in Perryville, MO which came in at \$9,282,000. The low bid on the wells was from Layne Christensen in Stuttgart, AR which came in at \$941,700. Waters and Associates along and the BMU staff gave recommendations to award the

bids to the low bidders, Zoellner Construction and Layne Christensen..

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the bids for the Water Treatment Plant #4 and Wells as recommended by the utility staff. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz "Yes". The bids for plant and wells were approved.

### **General Manger Report**

#### **Current Topics**

AMI – The AMI installation project is progressing well and nearing completion. Electric is completed except for some that were skipped for various reasons. There are approximately 700 water meters left to install.


Spot Sales – The market is down. Spot Sales were \$20.24/Mwh for the month with a yearly average of \$21.84/Mwh.

My Meter Status- Still waiting on a file to be created by CUSI, our current billing software company.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the General Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Merideth, Gilmore, Menz, "Yes". The motion was approved.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Jon Gilmore moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary