

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: David Haley, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Brett Parker, Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Stevie A. Wakes Sr., and Thomas Groneman.

Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Donald Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Amber Oetting; Director Communications & Marketing; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Clifford Robinett, Director Water Distribution; Chris Stewart, Director Civil Engineering; Phillip Brown, Senior Civil Engineer; Durward Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer; Steve Hargis, Supervisor Water Operations; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Mr. Haley called the Board meeting to order at 6:02 PM. He welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the visitor comments section, those who attended in person, wishing to comment, should use the sign-up sheet at the entry and provide their name and address. In addition, there would be a public comments section after the General Manager/Staff Reports. During this section, the public could comment on the items presented in the General Manager/Staff Reports section that evening. Both visitor and public comments were limited to three minutes and should be addressed to the Board. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the raise hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press *9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the visitor and public comment sections. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully to each other; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All concerns would be directed to the Board only, they would then determine staff involvement. If side discussion was necessary, it was to be conducted outside of the Board room to avoid interfering with presenters or other attendees. If any rules are breached during this meeting, the attendee was subject to removal.

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Mr. Haley introduced himself and the other Board members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of January 22, 2024

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of January 22, 2025, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #5– Visitors Comments

Ms. Dorothy Lloyd, spoke about an item pertaining to her bill.

Ms. Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke with Ms. Lloyd outside of the Board room.

Item #6– General Manager / Staff Reports

- i. *Water Infrastructure Investments East of I-635*: Mr. Phillip Brown, Senior Civil Engineer, provided the Board an update on completed and future improvements being made to water infrastructure east of I-635 including, funding types and the methods used to reach their goal of replacing 1% of water mains per year. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Mr. Brown responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Ash and Mr. Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations, spoke about the recent boil advisory. Mr. Green explained what caused the advisory to go into effect and how the water department was able to make the repairs quickly and efficiently. He said the water advisory was cautionary and confirmed there were no contaminants found. He recognized the water team for their diligent work during this event.

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- ii. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Ash also acknowledged BPU staff that responded and assisted during the boil advisory. He recognized Mr. Don Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production, and the Electric Production team for the positive changes they’ve made to improve the plant and its performance.

Item #7– Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Scott Harding, Wyandotte County, had an inquiry outside of the agenda items.

Mr. Haley reminded all that this section was for comments related to agenda items that were previously presented on.

Dr. Rosas-Hall, inquired about directional boring and who would complete the work.

Item #8– Board Comments

Ms. Mulvany Henry provided comparison regarding directional boring in response to Dr. Rosas-Hall’s inquiry, recognized staff for their roles in handling the boil advisory, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Brown and Water Operations for their improvement efforts. She asked the Board for permission to attend the AWWA National Conference, June 2025.

A motion was made to approve travel for Ms. Mulvany Henry, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Ms. Gonzales asked for permission to attend the AWWA National Conference, June 2025.

A motion was made to approve travel for Ms. Gonzales, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

She also thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation and acknowledge the Water Operations who attended the meeting.

Mr. Parker echoed previous comments made and expressed appreciation to BPU staff for their thoughtful decision making and effective spending with the community in mind.

Mr. Wakes thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation and thanked BPU staff for their work pertaining to the main break. Mr. Wakes asked for permission to attend the APPA National Conference, June 2025.

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A motion was made to approve travel for Mr. Wakes, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Groneman thanked BPU staff for their work in repairing and communicating the water main break to those affected.

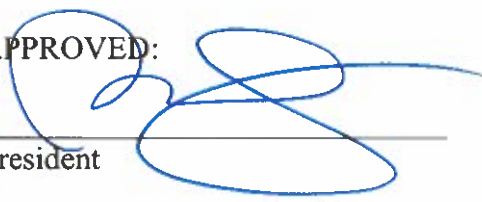
Mr. Haley thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Green for their updates and expressed appreciation for the prompt response regarding the boil advisory. He mentioned seeing Mr. Ash at Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) Day at the Capitol and spoke about KMU’s regard for Mr. Ash and BPU. He also talked about the importance of the BPU Mission Statement.

Item 9 – Adjourn

At 7:01 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


Acting President