REGULAR SESSION – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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, March 19, 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; 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; Gabriela Freeman, Director Customer Care; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Amber Oetting; Director Communications & Marketing; 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 6:00 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.

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

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Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 - Approval of Agenda

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

<u>Item #4– Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of March 5, 2025</u>

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Work Session of March 5, 2025, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #5- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of March 5, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of March 5, 2025, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Groneman, and unanimously carried.

Item #6- Visitors Comments

There were no visitors wishing to speak.

<u>Item #7– General Manager / Team Reports</u>

- i. *Preliminary January 2025 Financials:* Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Preliminary January 2025 Financials to the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)
 - Mr. Ferris responded to questions and comments from the Board.
- ii. Resolution #5310 KMEA Appointments: Mr. Ash presented Resolution # 5310, which would appoint Mr. Ferris as the Alternate to serve on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA). (See attached resolution.)

A motion was made to approve Resolution # 5310, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

The second part of the Resolution would renew Mr. Ash as Director to serve on the Board of Directors for KMEA. (See attached resolution.)

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The date of service was clarified, effective March 19, 2025.

A motion was made to approve the second part of Resolution # 5310, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

iii. Resolution # 5311 – Board Procedures Revisions: Mr. Ash presented Resolution # 5311, revising and replacing the Board Rules of Procedure. (See attached Resolution.)

A motion was made to approve Resolution # 5311, with the Board Rules of Procedure that were corrected during the Work Session, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

- iv. AWWA Safe Water Partnership Award Presentation: Mr. Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing, presented the Partnership for Safe Water Award to the Board. He said the partnership was a program with a goal to optimize treatment processes to provide safer water. BPU was a recipient of the 15-year Directors Award, one of only four utilities to receive this award status in 2024. He added the Nearman Water Treatment Plant would be celebrating 25 years of service this year.
- v. Miscellaneous Comments: Mr. Ash made note that the Nearman Water Treatment Plant went all 365 days of 2024 with no recordable accidents or injuries. He added that Nearman Power Plant just celebrated 100 days accident free. He said BPU had just completed their audit with the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) and that no recommendations or findings were noted. He thanked Ms. Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer, and her team for their hard work in preparing and completing that audit.

Item #8- Public Comments on Agenda Items

Ms. Fannie Hill, Wyandotte County, requested a copy of the Board Rules of Procedure changes that were previously approved.

It was confirmed a final copy of the Board Rules of Procedure would be posted to the website for the public to view.

Item #9– Board Comments

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked Mr. Ferris for the financial presentation and congratulated the water department on their award and diligence to water safety.

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Ms. Gonzales thanked Mr. Ferris for the financial presentation and congratulated Ms. Nirschl on 365 days accident free and for the award presented.

Mr. Parker congratulated Mr. Nirschl and his team for their hard work and thanked Mr. Ferris for his presentation.

Mr. Wakes echoed previous comments and thanked Mr. Ferris for his presentation and congratulated Mr. Nirschl and the Water Department on their award and plaque presented.

Mr. Groneman thanked Mr. Nirschl and his department for their hard work as well as the hard work from those at the Nearman Power Plant. He also thanked Mr. Ferris for his presentation.

Mr. Haley thanked Mr. Ferris for his financial presentation. He thanked and congratulated Mr. Nirschl for the presentation of their award and said he was fortunate to have been at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) conference in 2024 when the award was presented to BPU. He provided his contact information, dhaley@bpu.com, to the public for any input they wish to share and thanked the Board for the revised and approved Board Rules of Procedure.

<u>Item 10 – Adjourn</u>

At 6:41 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Secretary

President