

WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Work Session on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 5:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Thomas Groneman, President; David Haley, Vice President; Stevie A. Wakes Sr., Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Rose Mulvany Henry and Brett Parker.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Donald Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Randy Otting, Director Accounting; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; 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. Groneman called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present except Mr. Haley, who arrived at 5:01 PM.

Item #3 –Approval of Agenda

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

Item #4 – Board Update/GM Update

Mr. Wakes attended the Economic Development and Finance Committee meeting and said there was a proposal with the Gaming Commission that was sent back to the committee to be amended.

Ms. Mulvany Henry gave an update regarding a meeting she attending for economic redevelopment which focused on the redevelopment of the Quindaro Ruins and Kaw Point.

Mr. Wakes also attended the Public Works Standing Committee meeting. There was discussion regarding who would replace Ms. Mulvany Henry on that committee.

Mr. Johnson and the Board discussed how to move forward with communicating joint meetings with the Unified Government (UG) Commissioners.

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Item #5 – Fuel and Purchase Power

Mr. Randy Otting, Director Accounting, presented the 2025 Fuel and Purchase Power Budget Forecast. He explained how data is collected and analyzed for financial planning, as well as load projections for the upcoming year. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Mr. Otting and Mr. Johnson responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Item #6 – Executive Session

Ms. Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel, proposed a motion for adoption as followed:

“I move that the Board go into Executive Session in the first floor conference room to discuss confidential matters related to the General Manager search, a personnel matter of nonelected personnel as justified under the Kansas Open Meeting Act; and that the General Manager, William Johnson; HR Director, Dennis Dumovich; Acting Chief Counsel, Angela Lawson; and Consultant, Rohan Pidiparti, be present to participate in the discussion, and that we reconvene in Open Session at 5:59 PM in the first floor conference room to adjourn .”

At 5:39 PM a motion was made to move into Executive Session, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

At 5:59 PM the meeting returned to Open Session.

Item #7 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 5:59 PM, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and roll call was taken:

Groneman – Yes

Haley – Yes

Wakes – No

Mulvaney Henry – Yes

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Parker – Yes

Gonzales – Yes

The motion carried.

ATTEST:



Secretary

APPROVED:



President