

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
OF THE
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI
HELD ON THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025**

On the seventeenth day of October 2025, the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Special Session at 3:00 P.M. in the board room. The following members of the body were present:

Board Members Present: Jon Gilmore, Tim Merideth, Diedre Peters, and Cal Crader

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Joe Blanton, BMU Legal Counsel; Jonathan Douglass, City Manager; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Tre Holley, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, and Erin Miller of the Utility Staff

There being a quorum present, Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order, and the following business was transacted:

Action on Agenda

Rick Landers, General Manager, requested the addition of Item 11 – Fire Station Tap Fee Request to the agenda. A motion was made by Cal Crader to accept the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Cash Reserve Policy

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the Cash Reserve Policy Annual Review for FYE 2025. The Electric Retail and Water Divisions were slightly under their calculated minimum reserves, while the Sewer Division was slightly over its minimum. None of the reserve levels warranted additional action this year.

Cal Crader made a motion to approve the Report. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

69kv Comstock Substation Termination Agreement

Rick Landers, General Manager, requested the Board's approval of the Settlement and Termination Agreement of the 69kv Comstock Substation Construction Agreement.

BMU entered into a construction agreement on February 14, 2023 with Ameren to build a 69kv substation within the Comstock substation to move the retail transformer and interconnection out of the SPA substation. Since then, SPA claimed that there had been a misunderstanding and agreed to allow BMU to keep the 69kv facilities within the SPA substation. BMU and Ameren decided to terminate the 69kv Comstock project, with BMU reimbursing Ameren for costs incurred. Aside from the engineering services and control building, BMU now has the equipment that was to be used in the

69kv Comstock substation and will be able to use that equipment at other substations. BMU will also own the increased footprint of the Comstock substation that may be used for future projects.

A motion was made by Diedre Peters to approve the Termination Agreement. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Continuous Service Agreement

Mr. Landers requested the Board's approval of a Continuous Service Agreement between the BMU, Ameren, and the Missouri Electric Commission.

Both Ameren and BMU own 161kv lines that connect Comstock substation to the SPA Sikeston substation. This Agreement allows the owners to use each other's transmission line to maintain normal operations in the event that one line is out of service, thus assuring reliable service. Formally documenting the Agreement allows it to be approved by FERC and recognized by neighboring utilities and regional transmission operators.

A motion was made by Diedre Peters to approve the Continuous Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

AECI Transmission Interconnection Agreement Termination

Mr. Landers requested approval to terminate the 2003 Transmission Interconnection Agreement with AECI. In 2025 when the 161kv line became jointly owned, a multi-party interconnection agreement was executed, replacing the 2003 agreement between BMU and AECI.

A motion was made by Cal Crader to terminate the Interconnection Agreement. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Truck Purchase Request

Mr. Landers requested approval to purchase a half ton pickup truck that was not budgeted. A supervisor truck was moved to fill an unplanned departmental need, leaving the Operations Superintendent without a truck. If approved, Staff will procure a truck using the normal purchasing procedures.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the truck purchase. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Insurance Renewal Update

Laura Ramsey, Personnel/Risk Manager, informed the Board that BMU's Power Plant/Boiler Machinery insurance policy was renewed on October 1 with a decrease in premiums.

Cyber Rate Update

Mr. Landers discussed the options available for serving electricity to a crypto or data facility. The options included utilizing the current electric rate structure or developing a five-year contract for facility-specific rates.

City Transformer Relocation

Mr. Landers requested the Board's approval to further develop a plan for rebuilding the Coleman substation to include the City's 161/69kv feed that is currently in SPA substation. Currently, SPA is requiring BMU to add new equipment or update existing equipment to meet SPA standards. Moving the 161/69kv transformer out of the SPA substation to BMU's own substation would allow greater flexibility and control at a cost comparable to the original plan of building the 69kv Comstock substation. In addition, including a rebuild of the current Coleman 69/13.8kv substation to coincide with the 161/69kv addition would reduce the risks associated with continuing to serve BMU's largest load through its oldest substation. Mr. Landers asked the Board for permission to pursue a final plan and cost estimates, which would be presented in the November Board meeting.

A motion was made by Cal Crader to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Fire Station Request

The City of Sikeston is building a new fire station and asked the BMU if they should budget for water and sewer tap fees or if the Board would consider waiving those fees, estimated to be around \$15,000 total.

A motion was made by Cal Crader to waive the tap fees for the new fire station. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

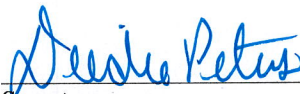
General Manager's Report

Mr. Landers provided an update on ongoing projects. MEC's engineer gave Staff a progress report, and an owner's engineer is to be selected by the end of October. Mr. Landers will meet with the Western Fuels Illinois Board next week to inspect the Brushy Creek property and plan for the upcoming auction. Bids were due for water well relocation October 21st and will be awarded with Vestis' and Chubb's approval. Mr. Landers is working on a contract extension with BNSF for transportation and with Core Natural Resources for coal. Staff was reviewing a proposal from Burns and McDonnell for a sewer study and searching for grants to help pay for such study.

Tim Merideth made a motion to approve the General Manager's report. The motion was seconded by Diedre Peters and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Adjournment

Diedre Peters made a motion to adjourn. Cal Crader seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held, all yes. Chairman Gilmore declared the meeting adjourned.


Secretary