

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. The following Board Members were present: Mary Gonzales, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Thomas Groneman, Secretary; Robert L. Milan, Jeff Bryant, and David Haley.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations; Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production; Maurice Moss, Executive Director Corporate Compliance; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Andrew Ferris, Director Electric Supply Planning; Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager; Dennis Dumovich, Director Human Resources; and, Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services.

A tape of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities.

Ms. Gonzales called the Board meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. She welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. She stated that the Board felt it was necessary to offer the use of technology for staff as well as for the general public. During the public comment section, 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 public comment section. Staff would assist those attending in person. During the public comment section of the agenda, community members would be asked to provide their name and address and had five minutes to speak. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. The agenda and presentations could be found on the BPU website or if they were using Zoom they would appear on their screen. Ms. Gonzales introduced herself 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 Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Milan, and unanimously carried.

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Item #4– Approval of Regular Session Minutes of April 6, 2022

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of April 6, 2022, by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Milan, and unanimously carried.

Item #5 – Public Comments

Mr. William Johnson, General Manager, asked Mr. Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager, if there were any visitors wishing to speak.

Mr. Kamp said that no one had their hand raised via teleconference.

Item #6 – Argentine Betterment Corporation

Mr. Micah King, Executive Director of the Argentine Betterment Corporation, along with Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Program Director, reviewed the work being done to better the Argentine community through various initiatives like their teen program. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Mr. King and Ms. DeVriese-Sebilla responded to questions and comments.

Item #7 – General Manager / Staff Reports

- i. *Electric Supply Quarterly Update:* Mr. Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply, gave the Board an update on Electric Supply Operations. (See PowerPoint attached.)

Mr. Jerin Purtee, responded to questions and comments from the Board.

- ii. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Johnson spoke about the cyber situation at the UG. He commended staff on job they did to protect BPU systems.

He also announced upcoming events.

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Item #8 – Board Comments

Mr. Haley expressed his appreciation for the reviews and looked forward to hearing about safety measures on the water side. He also appreciated Mr. Mehlhaff bringing in the Argentine Betterment Corporation for their update. He asked if Mr. Robert Kamp had received his letter regarding Board compensation. Mr. Johnson asked him to forward it to him and he would make sure it got distributed. He also commented on the completion of redistricting by the Governor and Legislature.

Ms. Lawson once again reminded the Board of the importance of communications in an open meeting.

Mr. Groneman had no comments.

Mr. Milan thanked staff for the work done on the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Bryant said that Districts 1,2, and 3 had redistricting reviewed following the last census.

Ms. Gonzales made a request to attend the upcoming AWWA National conference, June 12-16, 2022.

A motion was made to approve Ms. Gonzales’s attendance to the conference by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

Ms. Mulvany Henry applauded Mr. Purtee about his discussion regarding collaboration. She also spoke about attending the Electric/Water faceoff at Dub’s Dread golf course.

Item #9 – Executive Session

Ms. Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel, proposed a motion for adoption as follows:

“I move that after taking a ten minute break the Board go into Executive Session for 30 minutes in the first floor Board room to discuss confidential matters related to review of the general manager, a personnel matter of nonelected personnel as justified under the personnel matters of a nonelected employee exception in the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that the and that General Manager William Johnson, and Deputy Chief Counsel Angela Lawson, be present

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to participate in the discussion, all others to be dismissed from the room and electronic and telephonic transmissions to cease, and that we and reconvene in open session returning to both electronic and telephonic broadcasting at 8:13 P.M. (sic) in the Board Room to either take action in an open session or to adjourn.

This motion was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

At 8:23 P.M. the meeting was opened.

A motion was made to extend the Executive Session until 8:40 P.M. by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Milan and unanimously carried.

At 8:40 P.M. the meeting was opened.

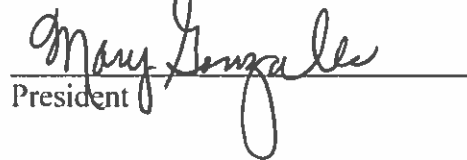
Item #9 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED


President



Argentine Betterment Corp (ABC), is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the existing Argentine neighborhood through assistance and education provided to neighborhood residents and businesses. The improvement of the physical and economic environment of the neighborhood including revitalization of those commercial areas serving the needs of neighborhood residents. The preservation and support of community organizing through established resident neighborhood groups. The partnership with other community development corporations in Kansas City, Kansas, in order to improve the Argentine neighborhood. The preservation of existing housing stock, and/or the development of safe, decent and affordable housing. All other actions as may be necessary to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Argentine neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas.



Neighborhood Business
Revitalization Organization



Board of Directors



Jennifer Polo



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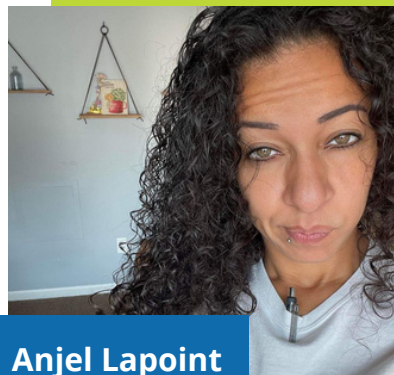
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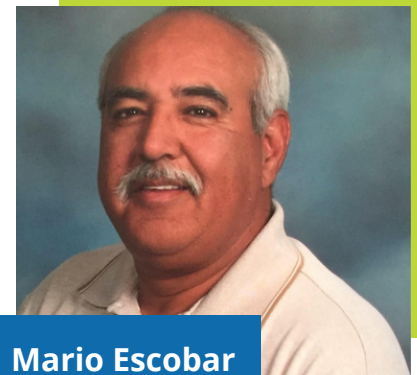
Diva Esparza



Javier Centonzio



Anjel Lapoint



Mario Escobar

Affordable Housing

There has always been a demand for decent affordable housing in Argentine. Alongside other organizations in our community we have worked tirelessly to establish new and renovated housing to upgrade the neighborhood and provide affordable housing for people who want to be part of this community.





Community Engagement

Argentine is a tight knit community and it has always been a tradition to gather and celebrate. Our team works to continue our traditions such as Silver City Day, our Christmas Celebration, Music in the Park and the block party to name a few. We are continually looking for new ways to improving these events and create more opportunities to celebrate and engage with the community.



Community Development

When ABC began, our community had existed as a food desert for several decades. There was no accessible grocery options nearby and it was important to the health and welfare of our community to end the food desert. At the time we secured a lease with a small grocery chain and started construction on the building. In 2020 the building was purchased by Mercado Fresco to further the goal of improving the health and welfare of our community.

Additionally, we are working to partner with other non-profits and small businesses to find ways to improve our reach and approach within the community and are working to attract new businesses to establish here.

New Codes Pilot Program

ABC in conjunction with YouthFront are developing a new approach to managing codes blight. This new program allows us to work directly with codes to tackle issues before they become a problem.

When a complaint is sent to the codes officer we are now notified first and deploy volunteers to help fix potential violations so they can avoid fines. We are also working with the Unified Government to establish all their materials in Spanish to better communicate with our Spanish speaking population in the future.





Franklin Center

Argentine Betterment Corporation, alongside Youth Front, CHWC and Franklin Center organization are working to further raise funds to redevelop the Franklin Center with the goal to empower common neighbors to change common urban problems into an uncommon good. We are a collective of social entrepreneurs, visionaries, and ordinary neighbors who are redefining the good life in distressed, urban neighborhoods.

Healthy Initiatives

Our top priority in the Argentine community is improving the health and welfare of the people in our community. Since we began it has been working to establish, support and implement programs that help improve the health and welfare of the community as a whole, with continued success and will continue to find ways to expand these efforts.



Teen Program

Argentine Betterment Corporation has been creating opportunities for teens in the area to give back to the community while earning money for several years now.

Some of the the work our teens do entails handing out event fliers, working our events such as Silver City Day and Music in the Park, helping keep the areas clean around the neighborhood in public areas, helping the elderly and disabled with their needs and shopping cart pickup around the community.



Community Clean Up

ABC provides assistance and/or resources for home repairs to eligible homeowners in the Argentine community who are elderly, disabled and/or low-income. We are always working to find new ways to help residents improve their homes and take care of the community.





Argentine Radio

In 2021 we had a vision to start a streaming radio station through Live 365 called Argentine Radio. This gives us another outlet for communicating with our residents while providing music the community can enjoy. We started the station in October and it has seen great success since its inception.



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Electric Supply

Division Update



Introduction to our
team

Division Overview

Collaboration and
Communication

Current/Upcoming
Projects

Intro to Team

Supervisor EMS Operations

- Josef Perez

Supervisor/Trainer EMS Operations

- Matt Cline

Supervisor EMS Maintenance

- Paul Sprague

Electric Supply Coordinator

- Ashley Calderon

Sr. System Operator

- Nenad (Nick) Nikolic
- Anthony Warden
- Michael Jurich
- William Freeby
- Lyle (Shawn) Owens

System Operator

- Alexander Eskina*
- Marko Cvetkovic*
- Desiree Fergus*
- Randall Hughes*
- Richard Alexander

EMS Network Security Analyst

- Brad Caraway
- Ryan Richardson

EMS System Analyst

- Aron Koan
- Jeff Cameron
- Jamie Foehrweiser

EMS Operations Overview



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Primary Duties

*SPP Integrated
Marketplace*

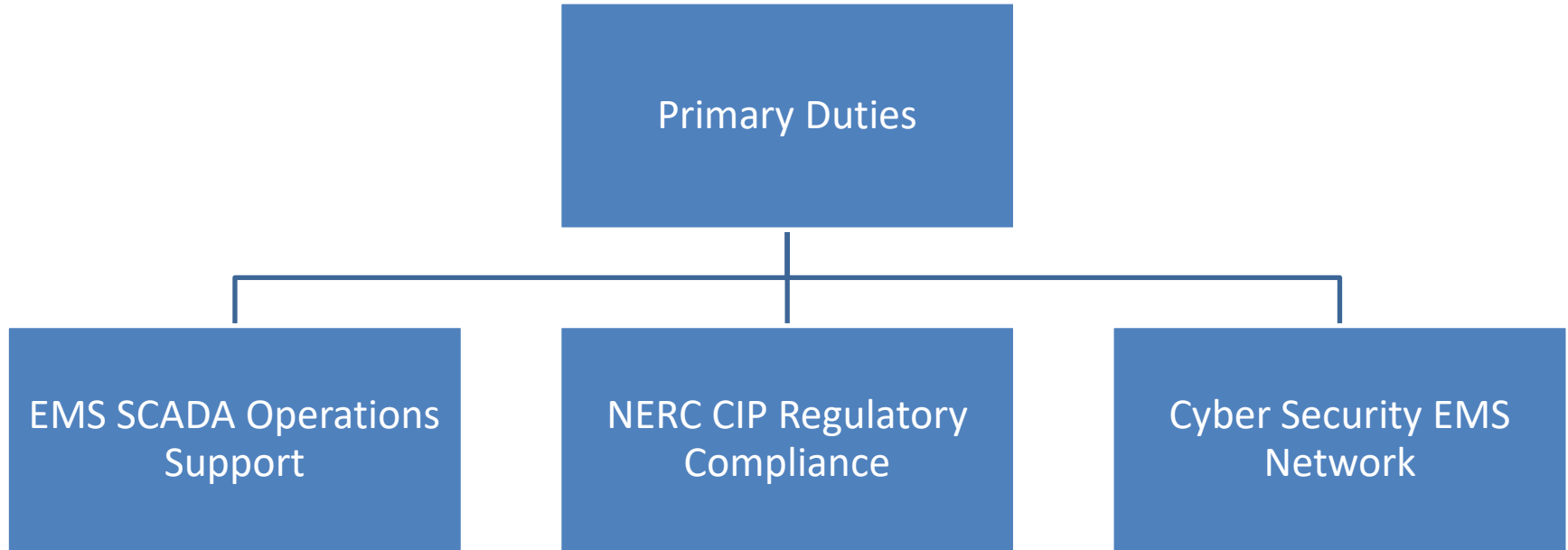
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EMS Maintenance Overview



Collaboration and Data Quality

- ***Improved communication/collaboration with other departments across the utility***
 - ***Focus on our internal customers; if other departments had a choice, would they choose us?***
 - ❖ ***Improved communication initiatives***
 - ❖ ***Open dialogue to identify gaps/needs***
 - ❖ ***Solution driven discussions***
 - ***How can the tools and resources that we have in Electric Supply benefit other departments?***
 - ***Focus on data quality and accuracy of information***

Collaboration and Data Quality

➤ ***Electric Production (EP)***

- ✓ Daily calls with EP leadership
- ✓ Better leverage BPU's generators to align with market conditions by submitting the most accurate resource parameters
- ✓ Flexibility and cooperation from EP personnel to change the way we offer Nearman has led to improved market performance
- ✓ Input with scheduling maintenance and testing
- ✓ Updates on environmental limitations that may impact unit availability
- ✓ CT4 currently available on gas; natural gas prices being monitored to reduce impact of price volatility

Collaboration and Data Quality

➤ *Electric Operations*

- ✓ Reviewing and updating EOPs; including the Manual Load Shed Plan with an extensive lessons learned discussion
- ✓ Build manual load shed displays on the SCADA System to streamline the load shed process
- ✓ Collecting and providing load data to T&D planning to assist with seasonal models
- ✓ RTU upgrade project; upgrading RTU technology for better field device monitoring and alarm reporting
- ✓ CT2 & CT3 RTU upgrade will improve quality of data associated with both CTs; will also add AGC functionality, which will increase value in the SPP IM
- ✓ Working with Darrin McNew and Scott Paramore's groups to clean up the alarms in the SCADA system; which will streamline the troubleshooting process
- ✓ Early stages of preparation for Ambient Adjusted Ratings (AARs); FERC Order No. 881 intended to improve the accuracy and transparency of transmission line ratings used by transmission providers
- ✓ Currently in the process of developing annual webex training and desk aides for PCSCADA users

Current/Upcoming Projects

- Converting all of our security appliances onto the same Linux platform; which will streamline our patching and baseline management
- Reconfigure and tune Carbon Black tool (completed)
 - Baseline management, incident response, alerting and reporting
 - Ability to monitor for malware and isolate the system so that the potential malware cannot be transferred to other assets
- Development and configuration of new SIEM server (completed)
 - Improve reporting and alerting capabilities of potential cyber events
- EMS Upgrade (2023)
- Back up Control Center drill (2nd quarter)
- CT4 Black Start resource test (3rd quarter)

Thank You

Questions?