WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Work Session on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. The following Board Members were present: Mary Gonzales, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Thomas Groneman, Secretary; Robert L. Milan, Jeff Bryant. David Haley was present via Zoom.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations; Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production; David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer; Maurice Moss, Executive Director Corporate Compliance; Randy Otting, Director Accounting; Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager, and Dennis Dumovich, Director Human Resources.

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

Ms. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken, all Board Members were present, except Mr. Groneman who arrived at 5:02 P.M. and Mr. Haley, who arrived on Zoom at 5:03 P.M.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

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

Item #4 – Board Update/GM Update

There were no updates.

Item #5 – BPU Strategic Plan Review

Mr. Johnson continued the discussion from the previous Work Session about the BPU Strategic Plan, focusing on Board Governance. (See attached PowerPoint slides.)

During the conversation the Board input included:

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- Changing bullet point five to read: Ensure compliance with all expanding state and federal regulations.
 - o It's not the Board who ensures the compliance, it's the GM and his staff. However, the Board adopts policies that are guiding principles for the utility.
 - o Perhaps change it to read: Promote a culture of compliance with all applicable laws.
 - This would cover bullets five and six.
- Perhaps adding safety and security to bullet point four.
- Use terminology that the Board can actually guarantee.
- Bullets eight and nine were periodic reminders, that showed that these were key areas
 that the Board always had on the forefront of their minds when making decisions for the
 utility. After discussion it was decided to remove those two bullets.
- Make the verbiage easily understandable for everyone who view it on the BPU website.
- There was further conversation about the Board's involvement in the Strategic Plan. That perhaps more that being a part of it, the Board's participation in the plan was to look at it, hear how the utility intended to adopt it and successfully implement it, and give feedback along the way.
- There was a question regarding separating the Board's strategic plan from staff's sections.
- Regarding Performance Measures, the use of the word ensures seemed unfitting. The Board supported and promoted, but could not ensure.
- The dynamic between other boards and their utilities are all different.

It was suggested that for the time being, the two Board slides come out of the Strategic Plan so that the Board could further discuss. The rest of the Strategic Plan should move forward.

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Mr. Groneman reminded the Board, that some years back they had participated in webinars that dealt with Strategic Planning and Governance. He asked that the Board members be given copies of those presentations.

<u>Item #6 – Adjourn</u>

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 5:56 P.M. by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Secretary

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