

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

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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 of March 4, 2026, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of March 4, 2026, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of February 4, 2026
- b. Resolution # 5321 – KMEA Appointment
- c. 2026 Board Committee Appointments

Item #5– General Manager / Team Reports

- a) *Communications: 2025 Impact & 2026 Priorities:* Ms. Amber Oetting, Director of Communications & Marketing, reviewed the three core areas of focus in 2025, the outcomes of that work, and how they planned to build momentum going into 2026. She spoke about building trust within the community through transparency, education, and outreach. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Ms. Oetting responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Item #6– Public Comments

Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd. spoke about neighbors sharing their financial challenges, energy efficiency programs, and voiced his thoughts on data centers.

Item #7– Miscellaneous Comments

Mr. Ash said that BPU had received the American Public Power Association (APPA) Gold Standard of Excellence Award for Safety for the first time. He highlighted the strong

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performance of the power plant over the last month, and noted that the water treatment plant hosted a large group through Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU). He also thanked several team members for their participation in community meetings, and shared that BPU met with a number of representatives in Washington D.C. during the Legislative Rally.

Item #8– Board Comments

Mr. Haley expressed appreciation for the presentation and spoke about how BPU can participate and contribute to the success of the upcoming World Cup event.

Mr. Cook thanked Ms. Oetting for her presentation and expressed gratitude for the communications team as a whole. He said he looked forward to receiving an update at the end of the year on their impact and also appreciated the additional communication regarding the upcoming 2% fee.

Mr. Wakes thanked Ms. Oetting, Ms. Gabriela Freeman, Director of Customer Care, and Ms. Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer, for presenting and for improvements made to Customer Care. He said he was pleased to know that BPU earned the safety award through APPA.

Mr. Bradley-Lopez wished all a happy Women’s History Month, thanked Ms. Oetting for her presentation, and thanked the BPU team for showing up in the community. He reviewed a variety of way BPU served the community and expressed his gratitude. He said he looked forward to more community engagement, and congratulated BPU on the first APPA safety award.

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked Ms. Freeman for her MyMeter tutorial, and spoke about the transformation that BPU had made during her time as a Board member. She thanked Ms. Oetting, her team, and the BPU leadership team for their community engagement, noting that the communications team under Ms. Oetting’s leadership had far exceeded expectations.

Mr. Parker thanked Ms. Oetting and her team, the leadership team, and others throughout the organization for their community focus. He said there would be a Work Session in April that would highlight how customers can interact with BPU through lobby appointments, by phone, or online, and various ways to make payments. He also recognized those involved in earning the APPA Gold Standard safety award and thanked Ms. Freeman for the MyMeter demonstration.


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Item 10– Adjourn

At 6:57 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bradley-Lopez, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:



Secretary

APPROVED:



President