

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2020

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met remotely in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The following Board Members were on the teleconference: Ryan Eidson, President; Robert L. Milan, Vice President; Mary Gonzales, Secretary; Jeff Bryant, Rose Mulvany Henry and Thomas Groneman.

Also on teleconference: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jim Epp, Executive Director Water Operations; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Jerry Ohmes, Executive Director Electric Supply; Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations; Jeff Bridgland, Chief Information Officer; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production; David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources and Steve Green, Director Water Distribution.

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

Mr. Eidson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. He welcomed all that were listening or viewing the meeting. He stated the COVID 19 Pandemic has resulted in a State of Emergency disaster declared by the Governor which has made it necessary to conduct these meetings using technology instead of in person. Because of this we will not be having a visitor comments section. The public may email or call the BPU with concerns. The Agenda and the presentation may be found on the BPU website. If you are using the Zoom, it will appear on your screen. Mr. Eidson introduced himself and the other Board Members along with the GM, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present via teleconferencing.

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and carried.

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of April 1, 2020 by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and carried.

Mr. Eidson turned the meeting over to Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson said under the GM's report he put a series of short updates. The last meeting they didn't do anything other than the Financials so he wanted to give some short updates. He introduced Mr. Dumovich, Director of HR.

Mr. Dumovich gave a presentation on BPU's Coronavirus Response. (attached)

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There was discussion about employee attitudes, crew and public safety during outages and contract resources for times when we needed extra help. Also, there was discussion about extra water in the trucks for hand washing.

Mr. Ash gave a presentation on the Rosedale Reliability Plan. (attached)

Mr. Green spoke about a water construction project at 131<sup>st</sup> and Leavenworth Road. (attached)

Mr. Johnson said his final comments were they had been spending a lot of time dealing with the Covid Pandemic. He just wanted to let them know what we were doing every day and week.

He has a standing call every day with all three cities in the county, the Health Department, state and federal officials, KU Med and Providence hospital, some of his executive staff and Mayor Alvey and UG staff. They would give each other updates on what was going on in their areas.

He was asked by Mayor Alvey to be on a call every Thursday with a ministers group.

**Item #5 - Board Comments**

Mr. Eidson thanked everyone for their updates.

Mr. Groneman thanked everybody for stepping up in times of unknowns and doing a great job. He had not heard complaints from anybody.

Mr. Milan thanked Mr. Johnson for sharing with other utilities across the county. He saw the memo about funds being sent to the UG. He didn't know how much it was but he hoped they would share with us. He was happy to see that we were included.

He said he was happy about the reports from Mr. Epp and Mr. Green.

Mr. Bryant said thanks for the updates and stay home.

Ms. Gonzales thanked Mr. Johnson for the communications that he put out. She hoped the employees would stay safe.

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Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked Mr. Johnson and the Senior Management team for putting in extremely long hours, both incremental and forward looking. She appreciated all of the reports. She thanked the staff of BPU, whether they were working in the office, in the field or from home.

She said a BPU employee told her about an effort in the community in its infancy but she thought we would see it explode, called City Helping City. The thought was that the people whose employment is not being affected could help pull resources together to help those that were affected. She wanted the Board to be aware.

Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Mulvany Henry to send him something about that and he would track it.

He thanked the Board for their support and their faith in us doing the right thing without having a plan to work from. BPU has been here for 100 years and faced many things so he felt we would get through this too.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M. by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Groneman and carried.

ATTEST:

*Not signed by Secretary*  
Secretary

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*Jenny Burley-Krenzel*  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

*5/1/20*

APPROVED:

*Ram Eider*  
President