# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
# OF THE
# BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
# OF THE
# CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI
# HELD ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

On the thirteenth day of October 2026, the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. in the boardroom. The following members of the body were present:

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Joe Blanton, BMU Legal Counsel; Greg Turnbow, Mayor; Rick Landers, Utility General Manager; Marcia Witt, Tre Holley, Mark McGill, Laura Ramsey, Erin Miller, and Amanda Dennis of the Utility Staff; and Kristen Wannenmacher and Carley Lyford from Forvis Mazars.

There being a quorum present, Chairman Crader called the meeting to order. The following business was transacted:

**Forvis Audit Presentation**

Kristen Wannenmacher of Forvis Mazars presented the Annual Audit and Single Audit reports for the fiscal year ended May 31st. The Single Audit was required due to FEMA reimbursements related to the May 2024 tornado and expenditures associated with the Headworks Project that were funded through an Economic Development Grant. The BMU received a clean audit opinion, with one significant deficiency identified regarding year-end accounting procedures for construction in progress, revenue, and receivables related to contributions in aid of construction associated with well relocation reimbursements received during the year.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve both audits. Tim Merideth seconded the motion, and a roll call was held, all said yes.

**Action on Agenda**

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the agenda. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on September 8th, the special meetings on September 8th and September 18th, and the NERC meeting on September 10th. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Financial Reports**

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the August 2026 financial reports.

The Retail division reported a net income of $508,992. Revenues decreased slightly with kWh sales 4.5% lower than prior year. Purchased power costs were lower due to SPP market settlements. General and Administrative costs increased with higher health insurance claims.

The Wholesale division reported a net income of $988,737. Revenues decreased due to lower billed capacity costs and SPP settlements. Purchased Power costs were lower due to SPP market settlements and General and administrative costs increased with higher health insurance claims.

The Water division reported a net income of $134,224. Revenues increased with rate increases offset by 18.4% lower sales. Production and Distribution costs were lower due to the capitalization of expenses paid in prior months. General and Administrative costs increased with higher health insurance claims.

The Sewer division reported a net income of $99,288. Revenues increased with rate increases along with a 4.7% increase in gallons billed. General and Administrative costs included payment for the ongoing sewer study.

The NWWTP reported a net income of $6,156. No unusual expenses were incurred during the month.

Tim Merideth made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Retail Operations**

Tre Holley, Retail Operations Superintendent, presented the Retail Operations Report. The contractor working on the new Coleman Substation has completed soil boring. We have installed service to the new fire station, and the 69-line reconductoring project continues.

In the Water division, the contractors have rerouted the water main for the Coleman Substation and are currently working to add a second feed to North Industrial Park.

The sewer main lining contractor inspected 15,000 feet of sewer main to plan for lining of mains in the future. On September 20th, the main tie in was completed at the plant for the headworks project.

Diedre Peters made a motion to approve the Retail Operations Report. Tim Merideth seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill, Power Plant Manager, presented the Sikeston Power Station Report. There was one forced outage in August due to a feedwater valve failure. The net capacity factor was 76%. As of October 8th, coal inventory totaled approximately 261,000 tons. Upon returning to service on September 1st, the plant continues to evaluate the feedwater supply and boiler feed pump performance. Bottom ash pond dewatering is complete.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the Sikeston Power Station Report. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Prepaid Billing Program Policy**

Erin Miller, Assistant Finance Manager, presented a proposed Prepaid Billing Program Policy for board approval. The program would establish a voluntary prepaid billing option for Electric-Only

Residential customers, providing those customers with an alternative payment option. The prepaid billing software does not effectively support accounts with multiple utility services.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the Prepaid Billing Policy. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all said yes.

**Cash Reserve Policy**

Marcia Witt presented the Cash Reserve Policy Annual Review. The cash reserve requires an annual evaluation to be reported to the board as part of the year-end financial report. The Minimum Cash Reserve Calculations indicate that the Electric Retail, Water, and Sewer Divisions all exceeded their minimum reserve requirements at fiscal year-end. The excess balances are primarily attributable to funds designated for current-year capital projects.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the Cash Reserve Annual Review. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call was held, all said yes.

**JNS Holding Lease Amendment**

Rick Landers presented the JNS Holding Lease Amendment for board approval. The proposed amendment to the existing lease agreement provides for upcoming JNS Holding site expansion, increases the leased acreage and associated rent, and established provisions for relocation costs of contractors impacted by the expanded lease area.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the amendment. Diedre Peters seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all said yes.

**General Manager's Report**

Mr. Landers updated the board on ongoing projects. The Well Replacement project continues. Staff are working with Eaton to remedy the AMI water node issues. BMU continues to explore other power supply options and potential large loads, and the recent activities of Western Fuels Illinois and future expectations.

Jon Gilmore made a motion to approve the General Manager's Report. Tim Merideth seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

**Adjournment**

Tim Merideth made a motion to adjourn. Jon Gilmore seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Secretary