

MINUTES

KANSAS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY

March 20, 2015
Room 159-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Earnie Lehman, Chairman
Representative Dennis Hedke, Vice-chairman
Les Evans
Tim McKee, Secretary
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Rob Olson

Member Absent

Representative Annie Kuether

Staff Present

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Rebecca Cole, Committee Assistant

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

Chairman Lehman opened the floor for discussion of the election of officers. *Mr. Evans moved to retain the current slate of officers; seconded by Mr. McKee. The motion carried.*

Vice-chairman Hedke moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2014, meeting; seconded by Senator Francisco. The motion carried.

Chairman Lehman recognized Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD), to provide an update on the FY 2015 Expenditure Report. The report, dated through February 28, 2015, showed an ending balance of \$204,591. Expenditures totaled \$9,725. There was no further discussion on the Expenditure Report (Attachment 1).

Chairman Lehman requested Ms. Lash review the following proposed changes to the Bylaws to reflect 2014 changes to Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA) statutes:

- The Authority shall consist of nine members (previously seven);

- Five (previously three) members shall be appointed by the Governor;
- Added “or their successor committees” to the House and Senate Standing Committees on Utilities;
- Five members (previously four) of the Authority shall constitute a quorum;
- Affirmative votes of five (previously four) members shall be necessary for any action taken by the Authority (Attachment 2).

Senator Olson moved to approve the changes to the Bylaws; seconded by Mr. McKee. The motion carried.

Chairman Lehman opened the floor for discussion on the status of new appointments to KETA. The Governor’s Appointments Secretary said a backlog in Kansas Bureau of Investigation background checks is causing delays in appointments. Senator Olson stated the background checks are very important and he will help it along any way he can. The requirements are fairly strict. The Authority will continue to look for candidates.

The Chairman discussed upcoming Southwest Power Pool (SPP) meetings. The quarterly meetings of the Regional State Committee and the Board of Directors Members Committee are April 27-28, 2015, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and July 27-28, 2015, in Kansas City, Missouri. Chairman Lehman and Mr. Evans will attend the meetings in Tulsa. Senators Olson and Francisco and Vice-chairman Hedke may attend depending on whether their schedules allow (Attachment 3). *Senator Olson moved to allow KETA members to be reimbursed for expenses associated with attending the April 27-28, 2015, meetings. Vice-chairman Hedke seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Senator Francisco stated she is interested to know what new information the SPP has on the day ahead market. Chairman Lehman noted the SPP meeting held in July would be the most informational, to date.

Mr. McKee will make a round of inquiries to other infrastructure authorities to get an update on their activities.

Chairman Lehman adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim McKee, Secretary

Approved by the Authority on:

June 16, 2015
(Date)