

## MINUTES

### KANSAS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY

July 29, 2009  
Room 535-N—Statehouse

#### Members Present

Representative Carl Holmes, Chairperson  
Earnie Lehman, Vice-Chairperson (by telephone)  
Tim McKee, Secretary (by telephone)  
Senator Pat Apple  
Les Evans (by telephone)  
Representative Annie Kuether  
Senator Janis Lee

#### Staff Present

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Doebelin, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Rebecca Wempe, Stevens & Brand LLP

Chairperson Holmes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He asked for approval of the tentative agenda. Representative Kuether asked for addition of discussion related to the Lesser Prairie Chicken. *Representative Kuether made, and Senator Lee seconded, a motion to approve the tentative agenda as revised. The motion passed.*

The Chairperson asked for approval of the June minutes. *Mr. McKee made, and Senator Lee seconded, a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.*

The Chairperson recognized Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who presented the Fiscal Year 2009 expenditure report (Attachment 1).

The Chairperson took up correspondence from CloudCorp (Cloud County Development Corporation), in which CloudCorp requested that KETA work to facilitate construction of a proposed 345 kV transmission line from Salina to Cloud County to the Kansas-Nebraska border (where it would be continued by Nebraska companies). Board members discussed KETA's potential role in supporting the development on transmission collector systems, and options for paying for those lines (Attachment 2).

The Chairperson recognized Rebecca Wempe, Stevens & Brand LLP, for a discussion of proposed changes to the KETA bylaws regarding meetings. Ms. Wempe provided the Board a redlined version of the bylaws and discussed the proposed changes. Senator Apple said the intent of the changes was twofold: to specify that the content of emergency meetings would be limited to emergency items, and to allow special meetings to serve as regular meetings under the bylaws by requiring both types of meetings to have the same length of notification period. Members discussed whether this change could eliminate the need for the category "special meetings"; all meetings would be either regular or emergency. Changes will be further considered and possibly decided upon at the next meeting. In response to a question, Ms. Wempe said the proposed changes should be provided with the notice of proposed change to the bylaws, even if the Board further modifies the changes before voting on them (Attachment 3).

The Chairperson recognized Mr. McKee for an update on planning for the meeting with transmission authorities from other states. Following discussion, the decision was made to set the meeting for the morning of November 4, to be followed by a regular KETA meeting in the afternoon. The states attending the transmission authorities meeting also will be invited to attend a transmission summit organized by Representative Tom Sloan which is scheduled for November 3.

The Chairperson recognized Mr. Lehman for a summary of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional State Committee meeting he attended. Mr. Lehman provided detailed notes of the meeting. Following discussion, the Board agreed to ask Jay Caspary of the Southwest Power Pool to speak about issues that arise on the boundaries between transmission regions at the next meeting (Attachment 4).

The Chairperson recognized Representative Kuether, who stated the Nature Conservancy has requested the Lesser Prairie Chicken be designated an endangered species. Such designation could have an effect on siting of transmission lines.

Under Other Business, the Chairperson suggested KETA members receive compensation for attendance at the Southwest Power Pool meetings in Tulsa on October 26. *Mr. McKee made, and Senator Lee seconded, a motion that any Board member attending the SPP meetings in Tulsa would receive compensation and expenses. The motion passed.*

Mr. Lehman requested that the Board allocate time at the next meeting to address the business plan.

The date of the next meeting was set for November 4.

Mr. McKee, Representative Kuether, and Senator Apple will work on preparations for the transmission authorities meeting on the morning of November 3.

Chairperson Holmes, Mr. Lehman, and Mr. Evans will work on updating the KETA PowerPoint presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKee, Secretary

Approved by Board on:

October 1, 2009

(Date)