

LIGHTNING ROUND

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Future Power Supply Advancing

Burns & McDonnell Gets Conditional Approval By KPP Board

Burns & McDonnell, of Kansas City, was given conditional approval at the July meeting of the KPP Board of Directors. KPP Staff reported that the firm was given solid reviews from other municipal utilities who recently completed projects similar to KPP's plans.

In the past 12 months, KPP had undertaken exploratory missions to Coffeyville, Kansas and Stillwater, Oklahoma seeking feedback on their respective experiences. Those cities had not only retained Burns & McDonnell as their owner's engineer but also had

selected Wartsila technology for their power supply additions. Staff told to the



Board that those good reports, coupled with Burns' active experience with the technology, gives reassurance needed before proceeding. Although personal visits have not been made, KPP Staff also has ongoing discussions with utilities in Texas and Mississippi operating nearly identical projects where the consulting services of Burns & McDonnell were utilized.

Since the July meeting Staff has had its initial conference with Burns in an effort to begin laying out a scope of work for commencing the project. A definitive agreement is still anticipated to be recommended to the Board for approval. When doing so, the agreement will more particularly describe specific task orders to be undertaken as part of the professional consulting required.

In separate but related developments, KPP Staff is preparing a thorough presentation for all KPP members on August 6th in McPherson. Intended financing on the future project, as well as revenue streams and optimized operations will be topics for discussion. That meeting occurs at 1:00 at the KMU Training Center.

Did You Know?

- Stan Luke, KPP Board member and mayor of Burlington, and who also serves on APPA's Policy Makers Council, is set to become the chairman of that important advocacy group in 2021. Stan just returned home last week from Washington D.C. where he met with members of Kansas' congressional delegation.
- KPP will soon be purchasing an electric vehicle to assist in promoting the
 technology. The experts are predicting that this will largely be the source
 of load growth in the coming years. What with automakers promising they
 will soon manufacture only EVs and not internal combustion there
 seems to be no doubt. More to come on this.
- KPP Director of Engineering Services, James Ging, reports that he has now ordered materials for the construction of solar arrays in a few of our member cities. We should be seeing some handsome photos in the weeks to come!
- You should get prepared for more of your Staff to attend the next round of the KPP Cyber Academy. It happens in September. Mark your calendar.
- Speaking of the calendar, KPP meetings and other calendar items are found on our website www.kpp.agency. Under "About KPP" click Calendar of Events. Check it out!

Retreat Discussion Topics Promise Strategic Timeliness

Focus on Flexible Generating Capacity, Battery Storage and other **Technologies**

National and international speakers will join KPP Staff for timely presentations at the 2019 Fall Planning Retreat in Wichita on September 20 and 21st. With much industry discussion on flexible capacity and emerging technologies, this year's Retreat promises a continued focus on interests vital to Public Power.

APPA CEO and President, Sue Kelly, will follow a welcome by KPP Board President Larry Paine. Morning sessions will include

Board President Larry Paine, KPP

an introductory overview of the recent KPP Strategic Planning effort. KPP CEO/General Manager Mark Chesney will describe collaboration among KPP Board members conducted in April.



Sue Kelly, APPA CEO and President

Steve Strom, Custom Internet Services, will review recent accomplishments in areas of cyber security before laying

out planned efforts going forward.



Mark Chesney, KPP CEO

The morning continues with a more focused follow up to the power supply planning meeting on August 6th in McPherson. Matti Rautkivi, of Wartsila headquarters in Helsinki, Finland, will explain the concept of "flexible" generating capacity and how its presence in the market is changing decades-old notions about injecting resources. KPP's Ahmad Khan (AK) will drill deeper concerning the Pool's optimization strategy using flexible capacity technology and how it promises to significantly advance KPP's reve nue position.



Matti Rautkivi, Wartsila

Ahmad Khan (AK), KPF

Afternoon sessions will include legislative updates by KMU's Colin Hansen and Kimberly Svaty. Breakout sessions will follow featuring the emerging topic of battery storage, by NextEra's Jeffrey Plew, and agency member services by Jennifer Rogers of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

Jeffrey Plew, NextEra

An exciting addition to this year's Retreat will feature "spotlight" focus on a few KPP cities and descriptions of recent local developments. There may even be a few "war stories!"

As tradition holds, spouses are entertained through much of the afternoon on Friday following lunch for all attendees and guests. Dinner is also for all attendees



Jennifer Rogers, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority

and guests Friday evening before wrap up Saturday morning. The Saturday agenda features a closer examination of KPP's strategic plan and a presentation by Kimberly Schlichting from KPP's sister agency in Delaware. An engaging and exhilarating presentation on public messaging will wrap up our events. Paula Downs, of WSU's Public Policy and Management Center, will lead us.

Please plan to join all KPP members at the Fall Planning Retreat to be held in Wichita at the Drury Broadview Hotel in Wichita on Sept. 20 and 21. As customary, registration, lodging and meals at the Retreat are provided without charge. You can register now. Click the banner in the upper right of the home page at www.kpp.agency

Fall Planning Retreat Wichita, KS - Drury Hotel

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Delaware Agency COO to Join Speaker Lineup at Retreat

The attempt and outcome of a municipal takeover by coop to be detailed

When KPP members again gather for the Fall Planning Retreat in September, Kimberly Schlichting, Chief Operating Officer with the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) will join the impressive speaker list addressing Retreat attendees.

DEMEC has much in common with KPP as far as challenges and opportunities. Enabling legislation, staffing levels of joint action agencies and challenges with the extent of oversight by the state corporation commission are all examples. However, in very recent years, DEMEC survived a bold and brazen attempt by a rural electric cooperative to take over municipal systems in Delaware. Kimberly was front and center in leading the defense charge. KPP Members may receive unique insight on actions by cooperatives elsewhere in the country not unlike what we experience in Kansas.

A member of the Board of Directors of the American Public Power Association (APPA), Kimberly often speaks throughout the country on items of vital interest to Public Power.



Kimberly Schlichting, Chief Operating Officer, Delaware Muncipal Electric Corporation

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