

REGULAR MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 AT 3:30 P.M., BRINSON BOARD ROOM, JAMES C. WELSH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

Present were Director Manny Ortega, Director Rae Hemphill, Director Melissa Thacker, Director Reginald Hardee, Director Ethel Urbina, Mayor Olga Gonzalez, President & General Manager, Brian Horton, General Counsel, Grant Lacerte and Executive Administrator, Leticia Rivera.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Director Ortega called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Board members and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Director Hardee motioned, seconded by Director Hemphill, to approve the agenda. Chairman Ortega advised the question was moved and seconded.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

D. INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Melissa Thacker was sworn in as the newest KUA board member; her five (5) year term runs through September 30, 2029.

E. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Ortega opened the floor for nominations.

ACTION: Director Hemphill motioned, seconded by Director Hardee, that the election of officers are as follows: Manny Ortega, Chairman; Rae Hemphill, Vice Chair; Ethel Urbina, Secretary; Reginald Hardee, Assistant Secretary and Melissa Thacker, Director. Chairman Ortega advised the question was moved and seconded.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

F. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2024 TOP WORKPLACE AWARD

Cindy Herrera, vice president of Human Resources presented the 2024 Top Workplace award to the Board and advised that this is the second year in a row KUA has received this award. The Board thanked Cindy and KUA staff.

2. KARLA LOPES, HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST, HUMAN RESOURCES, MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MSHRM) FROM FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

3. 5-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – IAN DE LEON, PP OPERATOR/MECHANIC, POWER SUPPLY

4. 15-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – ROMAN LUCIANO, MANAGER OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS

5. 20-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – YOMARIE MEDINA, ASSISTANT TO VICE PRESIDENT, CAP, POWER SUPPLY

6. 20-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – NIYESSA JOYNER, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE II, CUSTOMER SERVICE

7. 30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – MATT WETZEL, SUBSTATION ELECTRICIAN, OPERATIONS
8. 30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – MIKE TAYLOR, LEAD LINEMAN, OPERATIONS
9. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2024 – ROBIN SIMMONS, ASSISTANT TO VICE PRESIDENT, CAP, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Horton recognized Robin for being selected employee of the month for October 2024.

G. HEAR THE AUDIENCE

Director Ortega asked if anyone from the public would like to address the Board. In hearing none, the Board moved forward.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Director Hemphill motioned, seconded by Director Hardee, to approve items 1 through 3 under the Consent Agenda. Chairman Ortega advised the question was moved and seconded.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 BOARD MEETING
2. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SPONSORSHIP

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Boys & Girls Club sponsorship for \$10,000.

3. VIVA OSCEOLA SPONSORSHIP

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Viva Osceola sponsorship for \$15,000.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (REQUIRING NO ACTION)

1. KISSIMMEE MAIN STREET

Tiffany Henderson, Director of Corporate Communications introduced Diana Marrero-Pinto, Executive Director of Kissimmee Main Street. Ms. Marrero-Pinto introduced staff members present; Ruth Mendez, Small Business Liaison; Amanda Cruz, Volunteer Coordinator; Ashely Elizabeth Gus, Marketing Coordinator who worked on the video shared with the Board. Ms. Marrero-Pinto thanked the Board for their support and the positive impact KUA's financial contributions have made in Osceola county over the years.

Mayor Gonzalez shared that we have a great downtown area!

J. PUBLIC HEARING - None

K. OLD BUSINESS - None

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF UPDATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Larry Mattern, vice president of Operations reminded the Board that KUA has partnered with the City of Kissimmee since 1985 to support and supply the region with a radio communications system. The most recent agreement, Intergovernmental Communications Interlocal Agreement for County-Wide Communication System, was signed in 2014 and is managed by Osceola County.

Mr. Mattern advised that Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) gave notice to opt out of the agreement to use their own means of communication. The removal of OUC is the primary reason for the revision of the agreement. KUA's estimated budget amount for fiscal year 2025 is approximately \$44,000.

Director Hardee inquired if the County had a cyber-security assessment conducted on the radio communications system environment. Mr. Mattern advised he would seek a response to the question and provide to Mr. Horton to share.

ACTION: Director Urbina motioned, seconded by Director Hardee, to approve the Intergovernmental Communications Interlocal Agreement for County-Wide Communication System and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute said agreement. Chairman Ortega advised that the question was moved and seconded.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

M. STAFF REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Larry Mattern, vice president of Operations provided an overview on various projects including SAIDI and SAIFI review; aged underground cable; ongoing and upcoming road projects; update on the Van Meter substation; review of Hurricane Helene and the upcoming major projects that will be forthcoming.

2. POWER SUPPLY SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Jason Terry, vice president of Power Supply provided an overview on projects including: review and update on the Cane Island Units 3 & 4 availability factor; major projects including, fuel oil storage reduction and Unit 2 Cooling Tower Wood structure replacement; review of generation fuel mix and natural gas prices and a review of the updated Major ARP generation assets.

Director Ortega asked whether a 7.9% coal generation noted earlier in the PowerPoint will cease. Mr. Terry advised yes.

Director Urbina inquired if this includes the Van Meter Substation and Director Ortega added or will we be doing more renewables at that point? Mr. Horton advised it may be renewables or replacement in kind, such as when some of the older gas units age out; what we, FMPA, can replace in kind.

Director Hemphill asked was there an increase in generation of more power due to the extremely hot weather? Mr. Terry advised some of the other pool units did not have availability; for example, the Stanton combine cycle plants had a major outage, being out a few months.

Mr. Horton shared that as we bring on more renewable solar utility grade facilities it will be interesting to see how we match that mismatch when solar falls off during the day. The team at FMPA is on top of this issue.

N. HEAR ATTORNEY, GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTORS

Grant Lacerte, General Counsel informed the Board that the Economic Development Administration has awarded KUA with \$6.2 million grant which we are doing in conjunction with the County; the County will match that grant to bury two 69kV transmission lines coming out of the Domingo Toro substation into the NeoCity area.

Mr. Horton shared the reminders of upcoming events and looks forward to seeing those who are able to attend the upcoming Customer Community Event scheduled for October 16 @ 6pm.

Director Thacker advised she is excited and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

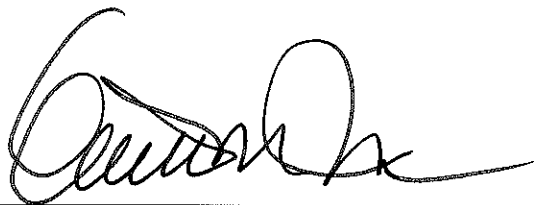
Director Hemphill stated that it is Breast Cancer Awareness month and reminded all to get checked.

Director Hardee shared that it is also Cyber Security month and thanked the KUA linemen who are assisting in Gainesville after Hurricane Helene.

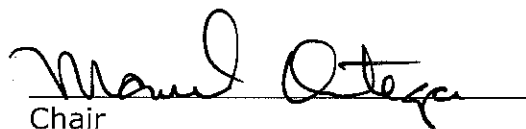
Director Ortega wished KUA a Happy Birthday.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Director Ortega adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.



Secretary


Chair