

REGULAR MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 AT 3:30 PM, BRINSON BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

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Present were Chairman Reginald Hardee, Vice-Chair Jeanne Van Meter, Director George Gant, Director Ethel Urbina, Mayor Jim Swan, General Manager, James C. Welsh, General Counsel, Grant Lacerte and Recording Secretary, Leticia Rivera. Director Kathleen Thacker participated via skype.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Director Hardee called the meeting to order @ 3:30 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Board members and staff recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Welsh advised that there are three additional awards for tonight's meeting and it was the Board's consensus to move forward with them.

Director Hardee announced that this meeting will be Dr. Gant's last meeting on the KUA Board of Directors. Director Hardee made the following statement, Today, we bid farewell to Dr. George Gant – a community leader and public servant who has devoted 26 years to serving this utility as both board member and mayor. Today marks his final meeting on the KUA board of directors.

As a medical doctor, Dr. Gant holds the distinction of delivering the most babies in Osceola County history. His delivery skills also came in handy 30 years ago, when KUA was born as a self-governing utility, separate from the city of Kissimmee. Between delivering babies and overseeing public health, George found time to serve as mayor of Kissimmee and then a member of KUA's board. In all, he's logged 26 years of service to KUA in addition to his decades of service as a medical and public-health practitioner.

To thank him for his service, this board last August, 2015 honored Dr. Gant by announcing the creation of a 25-year college scholarship that bears his name. The scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$2,500 per year to a graduating student residing in the KUA service territory. The scholarship is administered by the Education Foundation of Osceola County. Dr. Gant had the privilege of participating in the selection committee which awarded the very first scholarship recipient this past April to high school senior Anna Hall.

Dr. Gant was not only honored locally for his many years of service, but recognized nationally by the American Public Power Association and its Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award. This award recognizes outstanding personal service to APPA by elected and appointed officials.

Director Hardee continued by thanking for his leadership and passion for always giving back.

Dr. Gant said that it has been a great trip. He has been involved in the community since 1965 with the City, KUA, TOHO in one way or another and it has been great.

Jef Gray, vice president of Information Technology advised that KUA was recognized by the City of Kissimmee Police Department in their participation with their SWAT drill. Judy Ambrosi and IT staff was recognized this afternoon at City Hall.

At this time, Brian Horton, vice president of Engineering & Operations asked the following lineman to come forward Lars Akkerman, Jamie Boswell, Allen Carver, Robert Diaz, Danny Kelly, Dustin Kelley, Jon Latiolais, Kevon McKinsey, Shane Paras, Bob Viele and Bruce Thompson. Director Hardee and the Board thanked each of them for their

dedication and hard work in helping with restoration efforts in Tallahassee after Hurricane Hermine passed through on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. More than 80 percent of Tallahassee's electric system was damaged in the storm, leaving 75,000 residents and businesses without power.

C. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. DEGREE RECOGNITION, JASON TERRY, MASTER OF SCIENCE INDUSTRIAL & SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
2. 30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – JOHN TALLEY, PP SHIFT SUPERVISOR O/M, POWER SUPPLY
3. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 – MARILYN GRANDE, CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE

Mr. Welsh congratulated Marilyn for being selected employee of the month for September 2016.

D. HEAR THE AUDIENCE - At this time, Director Hardee asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Board on an item that is not listed to please come forward. In hearing none, the Board moved forward with the agenda.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION:** Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Urbina to approve item 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 5 - 0**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2016 REGULAR MEETING
2. PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE, AMENDMENT #4

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the fourth amendment to the transfer agreement between the COK and KUA and authorize the board chairman and secretary to execute the amendment and all documentation necessary to facilitate the transfer.

F. PUBLIC HEARING - None

G. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (REQUIRING NO ACTION) - None

H. OLD BUSINESS - None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. STATIC WIRE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Brian Horton, vice president of Engineering & Operations provided an overview on the replacement shield wire project. Mr. Horton passed two sample wire items for the Board's review and better understanding of the project.

Director Hardee asked if there is any recovery cost in terms of salvage value. Mr. Horton advised he would have to check the contract on how the salvage is to be disposed. Mr. Welsh advised that our contract may have the vendor salvage the scrap.

Ms. Urbina asked if the wire that is to be replaced underground. Mr. Horton advised no and showed on the diagram which line is to be replaced.

Director Van Meter asked if the extra fiber optic would be hurt by lighting. Mr. Horton advised no, it won't be effected. Director Thacker asked if we do not use all the capability of the fiber optic could we rent it. Grant Lacerte, General Counsel advised that a number of our easements prohibit us in doing so. Mr. Horton advised that we will use all the capacity but not right away.

**ACTION: Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Thacker to authorize Southeast Power Corporation to perform the replacement of static wire for the amount of \$304,700 to begin October 2016.**

**MOTION PASSED 5 - 0**

## J. STAFF REPORTS

### 1. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

Joe Hostetler, vice president of Finance and Administration provided an update on the financial report.

Mr. Welsh answered the Board's previous question on the Static Wire Replacement project which calls for Southeast to return the scrape metal value to us.

### 2. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL SEMI- ANNUAL REPORT

Jef Gray, vice president of Information Technology provided a departmental overview on solar education project, Information Security, Network Operations, Data/Telecom and Applications Development.

Director Urbina asked how many multi-billing customers KUA has. Mr. Gray advised that KUA has what is called master bills in which a property owner has multiple accounts. Director Urbina advised she has 10 accounts and receives 10 bills, which includes, 10 inserts and 10 stamps. She asked if this could be consolidated into one combined billing. Mr. Gray advised that combined billing is something that is being looked at.

Mr. Welsh advised that customers can choose to go paperless. Mr. Gray advised yes however, some customers still want the paper bill as it acts as a reminder for them.

Director Hardee asked about the upgrades to CIS and the evolution of where technology is going with regard to solar technology. Mr. Gray advised that our current system already accounts for solar and as far as the technology, AMI is where you will see a lot more.

Director Van Meter asked about cyber security and a short discussion took place.

## K. HEAR ATTORNEY, GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTORS

Grant Lacerte, vice president & General Counsel provided an update on the recent local and state wide political races. Mr. Lacerte shared that it has been an honor and privilege working with Dr. Gant.

Mr. Welsh shared with the Board upcoming dates of events and mentioned that Discover Osceola is taking place now through 8 pm tonight. Mr. Welsh thanked Dr. Gant for his service and dedication to Kissimmee. Mr. Welsh added that the audio in the boardroom has been upgraded.

Director Van Meter advised that it has been a great pleasure working with George and appreciates his friendship. Director Van Meter also advised that she was very impressed with KUA's annual report.

Director Urbina thanked Dr. Gant for his leadership on the Board and the community.

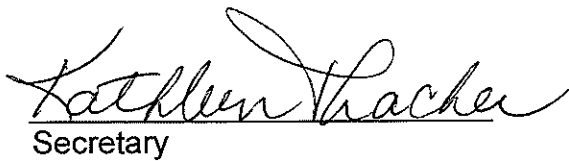
Mayor Swan bid farewell to Dr. Gant and offered best wishes.

Director Hardee thanked Dr. Gant for two significant things, the first is that Dr. Gant delivered his middle sister and secondly for his words of wisdom in which he stated that when we, the Board decide on something, be in unison, be as one and support each other.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Director Hardee adjourned the meeting 4:45 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary