



KPP LIGHTNING ROUND

MARCH 2022

New Beginnings

COLIN HANSEN, CEO / GENERAL MANAGER

It is with great pleasure that I write this message after one month on the job at the Kansas Power Pool. On February 1, I took the position of CEO and General Manager for KPP and have spent most of the last month learning as much as I can about the agency, its members and the projects currently underway. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to serve the members of KPP and am looking forward to a long and productive tenure.



Grateful is also the word that I would use to describe my thoughts about the leadership of my predecessor, Mark Chesney. In his 9+ years at the helm of KPP, a great many improvements were made and the agency grew and matured into the successful organization that it is today. I appreciate all the energy and enthusiasm that Mark dedicated to KPP and am thankful not only for his leadership but also his friendship.

While I have an incredible amount yet to learn in my new role at KPP, one thing is abundantly clear: KPP is a strong agency with a very bright future. KPP is under the guidance of an experienced, knowledgeable, and dedicated Board of Directors. We have an incredible staff of professionals working to protect and advance our 24 member communities. It truly is a pleasure to get to join the KPP team.

I will admit that departing KMU after 22 years was one of the hardest things that I have ever done. I almost consider KMU one of my children and I cherish the friendships that I established with the members and staff of the association. KMU is in great hands with new Executive Director Brad Mears and I look forward to staying involved in the association and watching it continue to grow and flourish.

While that departure was challenging, I am excited and energized by the prospect of starting anew. Thank you all for this opportunity to serve you at KPP. If I might be of assistance to you as I embark on this new role, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Here's to new beginnings.

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2022 Legislative Rally

KPP ON CAPITOL HILL

Representatives from three KPP member communities and KPP staff participated in the 2022 American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally, February 28 through March 2. The annual Legislative Rally provides member officials the opportunity to learn more about legislative



issues affecting the utility industry and to share firsthand insights with lawmakers and their staff on the challenges facing municipal electric systems. KPP joined with Kansas Municipal Utilities and Kansas Municipal Energy Agency at the rally.

Participating on behalf of KPP were:

- Scott Glaves, Clay Center Public Utility Commission
- Gus Collins, City of Winfield
- Taggart Wall, City of Winfield
- Stan Luke, City of Burlington
- Colin Hansen, Kansas Power Pool

Other KMU and KMEA members attending included:

- Bill Johnson, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities
- Paul Mahlberg, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency
- Brad Mears, Kansas Municipal Utilities
- David Mehlhaff, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities

Rally participants held meetings on Capitol Hill with Senator Jerry Moran, Senator Roger Marshall, Congressman Ron Estes and the staff of Congressman Tracey Mann. Mayor Luke and KMU Executive Director Brad Mears held a meeting with the staff of Congressman Jake LaTurner. Kansas City BPU Chief Communications Officer David Mehlhaff met in person with Congresswoman Sharice Davids.

The rally provides a great opportunity to meet with legislators and regulators to discuss the major issues facing the electric industry and public power systems in Kansas.

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2022 Legislative Rally

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The key issues that we discussed during Hill visits included:

- Winter Storm Uri – Natural Gas Reforms
- Infrastructure Funding
- Supply Chain Disruptions
- Municipal Bonds
- Direct Payment of Refundable Tax Credits for Public Power
- Cybersecurity
- Climate Change

While each of these key issues are of critical importance to the KPP membership, the issue of direct payment of refundable tax credits is particularly important. For years, APPA has actively been pursuing comparable tax incentives for renewable energy so that public power could gain the benefits of the production tax credit (PTC) or investment tax credit (ITC) without having to partner with a private entity that could take advantage of those credits.

In the past, economies of scale kept most smaller public power systems – like KPP and its members – from being able to independently pursue large wind projects. Those same economics are significantly less dramatic with solar than with wind. With the decreasing cost of utility-scale solar and the fact that those same economies of scale are less dramatic, it is important that we seek a level playing field with our private utility colleagues on renewable tax policy.



During the APPA Legislative Rally, KPP CEO / General Manager Colin Hansen chaired meetings of the APPA Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He currently serves at the Chairman of the Board for APPA, a role he will continue until mid-June.

Meanwhile, Burlington Mayor Stan Luke currently chairs the APPA Policymakers Council and presided over that group's meeting at the Rally as well.

If you have any questions about the Rally or would like additional information, please contact Colin Hansen at chansen@kpp.agency or 316.264.3166.



KPP Offers Quarterly Cyber Seminars

KEY INFORMATION TO PROTECT YOUR UTILITIES

Kansas Power Pool is pleased to offer a series of four virtual lunchtime seminars providing important and up-to-date information about how to protect your cities and utilities from cyber-attacks. The seminars will feature speakers from SkyHelm, a cybersecurity company with experience in protecting U.S. critical infrastructure and electric utility technology.

The KPP Cyber Seminars are a continuation of the KPP Cyber Working Group, with the goal of protecting KPP member cities from potential cyber-attacks. Each session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams from 12 noon – 2 p.m.

To register for the seminar, please send your name and contact information to KPP Director of Administrative Services, Brooke Carroll at bcarroll@kpp.agency. There is no cost for KPP member city representatives to attend.

Dates and Topics:

March 31, 2022

- How to Protect Critical Infrastructure – Passwords, Updates, Supply Chain Access Control, & Auditing
- Ransomware Prevention 101

June 30, 2022

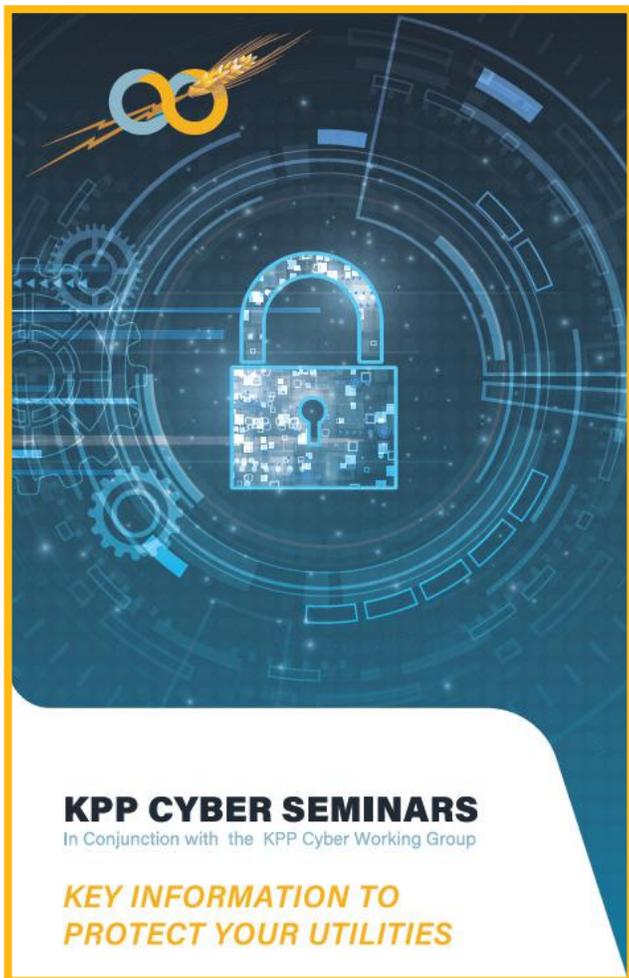
- Security is Only as Good as Your Weakest Link
- Communicating the Need for Security Within the City to Leadership

September 29, 2022

- IT to the Truck, Giving Linemen the Security Support They Need
- Breached! What's Next?

December 29, 2022

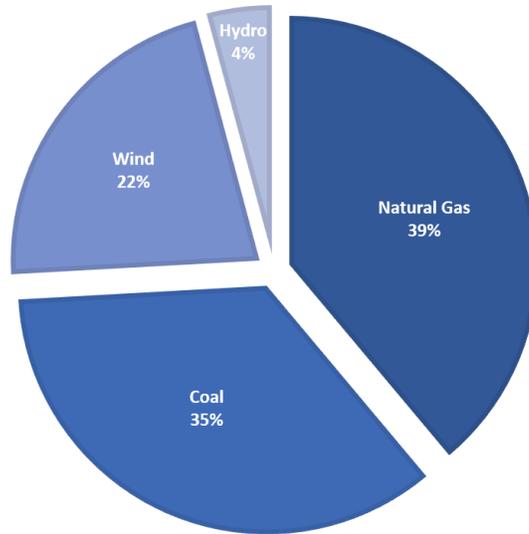
- Real World Cyber Attacks at Utilities in KS, OK, and TX
- What is in a Smart Grid?



KPP Resources by Fuel Source

JANUARY 2022

- Natural Gas - 39%
- Coal - 35%
- Wind - 22%
- Hydropower - 4%



Event Calender

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2022

MARCH 17, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

MARCH 31, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar

APRIL 21, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

APRIL 27, 2022

KPP Appreciation Dinner

MAY 19, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

JUNE 11 - 15, 2022

APPA Natl. Conference
Nashville

JUNE 13, 2022

KPP Board meeting

JUNE 30, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar

JULY 21, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

AUGUST 18, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 2022

KPP Fall Planning Summit

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar

OCTOBER 20, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

KPP Rate Forum
McPherson

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

DECEMBER 9, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

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Annual Membership Meeting

DECEMBER 29, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar

