

LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING**

**January 14, 2020**

The Lamar Utilities Board met in regular session in the Utilities Board Room at 12:02 p.m. with Chairman Thrall presiding.

Present: Doug Thrall, Patrick Leonard, Clifford Boxley, Kirk Crespin, Don Steerman, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Leo Hernandez

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 10, 2019**

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of December 10, 2019.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Purchase Orders #89032 through #89103**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve purchase orders #89032 through #89103 in the amount of \$707,237.61.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Payment of Bills**

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #49312 through #49428 for a total of \$1,029,105.05.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Approval to Designate Posting Area for the Open Meetings Act**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve the designated Posting Area for the Open Meetings Act.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**November 2019 Financial Report**

Superintendent Hourieh reviewed the November 2019 financials which included the following:

Balance Sheet – Cash is up \$203,813.00 from October 2019 and accounts receivable has decreased by \$136,327.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue is \$1,053,648.00 with total operating costs being \$889,989.00 for a gross operating income of \$163,659.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net loss to \$13,455.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$12,993,697.00 and total operating costs are \$11,522,225.00 resulting in gross operating income of \$1,471,472.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net loss of \$584,274.00.

YTD Comparison to 2018 – Retail sales are down \$1,561,326.00 or 11%. However, operating expenses are down approximately \$13,382.00 or less than 1% resulting in a net loss of \$584,274.00 for the year.

### **System Operating Report**

Superintendent Hourieh reported that in 2020 they will continue their effort in upgrading the 69 kv substation equipment. Last year the 6-69 kv breaker was upgraded and this year's plan is to upgrade the 5-69 kv breaker which is the main protection to the 69 kv line to Las Animas, and a major component of the ring bus breakers in the 69 kv substation. This breaker will be replaced with a sulphur hexafluoride (SF6) gas circuit breaker. With the board's approval, they would like to continue using Siemens Breakers which is the same brand as the 4 & 6-69 kv. This upgrade should not cause any power outages to customers and will help improve system efficiency and reliability.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that they are moving forward with the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. Their plan is to install approximately 800 meters in 2020 and the 2020 budget includes SCADA system software upgrade from PRISM 10 to PRISM 11.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that they have received an application for the open position on the Utility Board.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley  
Voting No:

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall – Chairman