

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2020**

The Lamar Utilities Board met in regular session in the Utilities Board Room at 12:00 p.m. with Chairman Thrall presiding.

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

Absent: Leo Hernandez, Leala Owen

Swearing in of New Board Member – Robert “Jay” Brooke

Judge Porter administered oath of office to Robert “Jay” Brooke.

Reorganization of Board: (a) Elect Chairman, (b) Elect Vice-Chairman, (c) Appoint Attorney, (d) Appoint Superintendent, (e) Authorize Check Signing

- a) Elect Chairman – Board Attorney Steerman assumed the role of Chairman for this vote. Boardmembers Leonard and Brooke nominated Doug Thrall as Chairman; no further nominations. Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to elect Doug Thrall as Chairman.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: Boxley

Doug Thrall reassumed the role of Chairman.

- b) Elect Vice-Chairman – Boardmembers Brooke and Thrall nominated Patrick Leonard as Vice-Chairman. Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Thrall seconded to elect Patrick Leonard as the Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

- c) Appoint Board Attorney – Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to appoint Don Steerman as the LUB Attorney.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

- d) Appoint Superintendent – Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to appoint Houssin Hourieh as the Superintendent of Light & Power.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

- e) Authorize Check Signing – Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to authorize check signing by all Boardmembers, City Clerk, and City Treasurer in absence of City Clerk.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 14, 2020

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve meeting minutes of January 14, 2020.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders #89104 through #89151

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders #89104 through #89151 in the amount of \$293,116.71.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #49429 through #49478 for a total of \$833,086.33.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Consider Approval of Bid #1981 – 2020-2021 Digger Truck

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve Bid #1981 – 2020-2021 Digger Truck to Terex in the amount of \$253,371.00 and to sell the current Digger Truck to Holly.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that sales of electricity through December 2019 were down approximately 0.0144% when compared to the same period of time in 2018.

Residential sales were down approximately 0.10%, irrigation sales were down approximately 4.93%, and commercial/industrial sales were up approximately 0.56%.

These three customer classes represent an estimated 96% of total system sales.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that they are accepting applications for the 2020/2021 Scholarship program. This scholarship is available to Lamar, Wiley, and McClave High School seniors. This year's topic is "The increased environmental concerns over greenhouse gases has led to a reduction in coal generating plants, and an increase in renewable energy penetration into the electrical grid. These renewables include wind, solar, and energy storage. Discuss how you envision the electrical grid of the future." The scholarship application is available online and has been forwarded to each school's guidance counselor. The deadline for the applications to be returned is April 17, 2020, with winners announced May 8, 2020.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that Las Animas is off of the 69kv line and back on Black Hills line.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that the ARPA Board Meeting is Thursday, January 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m. by webcast at the LUB board room.

Executive Session

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to enter into an executive session for:

- Receive Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Regarding Contract Negotiations – Attorney – Client Communication pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

The meeting was recessed and the executive session convened at 12:20 p.m.

Chairman Thrall stepped out of Executive Session at 12:50 p.m. and returned at 1:09 p.m.

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to adjourn executive session and the meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Consider Termination of Polsinelli Law Firm

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to terminate agreement with Polsinelli Law Firm once City of Lamar Council approves to terminate agreement as well.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Discontinuance of Utilities for Accounts 16476 & 16477

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to discontinue utility services for account 16476 & 16477 on February 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. unless payment is made and accounts are brought to a current status.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley Leonard, Brooke

Voting No: None

Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard, Brooke

Voting No:

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman