

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 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, Patrick Leonard, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams  
Clifford Boxley by phone

Absent: Jay Brooke, Kirk Crespino, Don Steerman

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 28, 2020**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve meeting minutes of January 28, 2020.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard  
Voting No: None

**Purchase Orders #89152 through #89189**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve purchase orders #89152 through #89189 in the amount of \$991,081.53.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard  
Voting No: None

**Payment of Bills**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #49479 through #49546 for a total of \$178,987.27.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard  
Voting No: None

**Consider Approval of Resolution No. 20-02-01 – Recognition of Leo Hernandez and his Service to LUB**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-02-01 – Recognition of Leo Hernandez and his Years of Service to LUB.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Boxley, Leonard  
Voting No: None

**System Operating Report**

Superintendent Hourieh reported that that wind turbine generation data for 2019 showed that Lamar's three wind turbines have generated 9,949.83 MWH's of electricity. This is about 6.12% lower than 2018. The turbines have an average capacity factor of 26.38% which is slightly higher than last year by about 0.04%. Since we installed the wind turbines in 2003, 2010 was the best year, followed by 2008, and the third best year was 2012.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that with Renew Energy on site LUB's wind turbine crew has completed the needed gearbox repairs on the HSS-RS bearing. The repairs

were done up tower and did not require a crane, the repairs also included 110 gallons of oil replacement. During the routine inspections, the crew noticed a slight movement of the main bearings of T-4 and T-5. The recommendation from Renew Energy is to purge the main bearing grease and replace it. He stated that they are planning on purging the main bearing grease on all 5 wind turbines.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that he attended ARPA January 30, 2020 Webcast meeting the highlights were, ARPA scheduled Mayor and Pollock Co. to come on site and provide a proposal for the demolition of the North and the South side of the LRP. ARPA has been negotiating with Tri-State the Network Operating Agreement regarding, Real time Metering of the wind turbines, Reactive Power (VAR) support on the Grid for Voltage support, and UnderFrequency load shedding relays requirements, Lamar has this in place however other ARPA member cities do not have.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the Town of Holly's staff came and looked at the Unit 9 Digger Truck, they have received their council approval to purchase this unit for \$25,000.00 to be delivered at the end of 2020 when we receive delivery of the new TEREX Digger Truck.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that he emailed Polsinelli law firm our Notice of Termination of Services, ending our relationship with them regarding Tri-State G&T possible power transactions, which did not happen and we remained the status quo with ARPA.

### **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, Boxley, Leonard

Voting No:

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall – Chairman