

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
February 25, 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, Clifford Boxley, Kirk Crespin, Don Steerman, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams
Jay Brooke arrived at 12:03 p.m.

Absent:

Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 11, 2020

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of February 11, 2020.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders #89190 through #89217

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve purchase orders #89190 through #89217 in the amount of \$31,189.50.

Voting Yes: Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #49547 through #49585 for a total of \$1,023,939.04.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Service Award Presentation to Leo Hernandez

Superintendent Hourieh stated that Resolution 20-02-01 recognizing Leo Hernandez for his years of services was adopted by the Board on February 11, 2020. The Board and staff would like to thank Leo for his service on the Lamar Utilities Board from February 11, 2013 through January 28, 2020.

Superintendent Hourieh presented Boardmember Hernandez with Years of Service Lamp.

Special Request from May Valley Water Regarding their Service at Rd PP & Rd 5

May Valley Water (MVW) Board addressed the LUB Board with a request to review two of their utility accounts that are currently billed through LUB but are in SECPA certificate area. MVW Board is either hoping for a reduction in cost for two of their larger irrigation accounts or be allowed to move from LUB services to SECPA since they truly are in the SECPA certificate area.

After discussion between both parties MVW was informed that LUB would take this to discussion during executive session and a decision would be made coming out of the session.

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that in continuous efforts to improve system reliability and efficiency the line crew is in the process of completing the Shady Camp line upgrade of 3 ½ miles of single phase, 4kv circuit. The line upgrade includes replacement of poles, insulators and wire. The crew is also re-sagging a three phase 25kv line on Rd. 17.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the underground crew have been in McClave assisting NAF farms constructing underground cable elbows, terminations, and grounding systems so that it will coordinate with our system protections schemes. He also reported that the tree trimming crew has been active in trimming trees near our primary power lines, both in town and out of town.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that the ARPA board meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2019, 9:00 a.m. at the LUB board room by conference call.

Executive Session

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

- Receive Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Regarding Conflict Related to our Service Area – Attorney – Client Communication pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

The meeting was recessed and the executive session convened at 12:29 p.m.

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to adjourn executive session and the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

May Valley Water Decision

Superintendent Hourieh asked that the MVW Board members return to the meeting. He presented that LUB will not be allowing MVW to stop services with LUB but they will reclassify them to a municipal rate instead of an irrigation rate for all ten of their accounts. This would be about a 17% decrease to all of their accounts instead of the decrease to just two of their accounts.

MVW board members said that they would take this back to their board for further discussion.

Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No:

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman