

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2020**

The Lamar Utilities Board met in regular session by Conference Call at 12:06 p.m. with Chairman Thrall presiding.

Present: Jay Brooke, Doug Thrall, Patrick Leonard, Clifford Boxley, Don Steerman, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams
Clifford Boxley joined at 12:13 p.m.

Absent: Kirk Crespin

Consider Approval of Resolution #20-04-02 A Resolution of the Lamar Utility Board Designating that all Public Meetings of the Lamar Utility Board be Conducted Electronically until the Risks of the COVID-19 Pandemic Subside

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approved Resolution #20-04-02 A Resolution of the Lamar Utility Board Designating that all Public Meetings of the Lamar Utility Board be Conducted Electronically until the Risks of the COVID-19 Pandemic Subside.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 10, 2020

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of March 10, 2020.

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

Boardmember Boxley joined meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Purchase Orders #89252 through #89330

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders #89252 through #89330 in the amount of \$763,737.44.

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

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #49643 through #49746 for a total of \$1,078,082.67.

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

December 2019 Financial Report

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

Balance Sheet – Cash is up \$413,944.00 from November 2019 and accounts receivable has decreased by \$80,792.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue is \$1,032,420.00 with total operating costs being \$1,053,731.00 for a gross operating loss of \$21,311.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net income to \$322,392.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$14,026,117.00 and total operating costs are \$12,575,956.00 resulting in gross operating income of \$1,450,161.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net loss of \$261,882.00.

YTD Comparison to 2018 – Retail sales are down \$1,613,114.00 or 10%. However, operating expenses are down approximately \$285,028.00 or 2% resulting in a net loss of \$261,882.00 for the year.

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that with SD Myers on site the substation and line crews have completed the annual system transformer oil testing. This oil test checks for dissolved gasses, and moisture content in the transformers oil. The test also included particle count in load tap changers (LTC). It is a proactive approach to improve the power system reliability and efficiency. This testing included substations, plant, wind turbines, and major transformers in our distribution system.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that during a routine inspection of the wind turbines in March they discovered a moderate oil leak in T-1's gearbox high speed main bearing. Renew Energy was the only company that could dispatch a crew to do the needed repairs. All repairs were completed on April 3, 2020 and T-1 is back on line.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that with COVID-19 pandemic and in following the Governor's executive orders D2020 012 and D2020 031 we have suspended service disconnections for delayed or missed payments; as well as waived re-connection fees and suspended accrual of late payment fees. In addition to considering re-connecting any customer that was disconnected before the executive order for nonpayment related to the COVID-19 impact. We remain focused on delivering reliable energy during this public health emergency. We have taken measures in limiting exposure between the public and our employees and between our internal crews, by observing social distancing and good hygiene.

Executive Session

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

- Receive Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Regarding a Conflict 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 12:32 p.m.

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to adjourn executive session and the meeting reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Authorize Superintendent Hourieh to Communicate with Southeast Colorado Power Regarding May Valley Water

Boardmember Brooke moved and Board Boxley seconded to authorize Superintendent Hourieh to communicate with Southeast Colorado Power regarding May Valley Water to either purchase well locations for a 10-year period with interest at net revenue, LUB continues to service wells as in original agreement, or get PUC involvement.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

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 1:14 p.m.

Don Steerman, as Board Attorney, attests pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(B) that the portion of the executive minutes not recorded constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

Don Steerman – Attorney

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman