

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

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

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**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 #89253 through #89330**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders #89253 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 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 with a May 27, 2020 deadline for a decision.

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.

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Don Steerman – Attorney

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall – Chairman

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

The Lamar Utilities Board met in regular session by Conference Call at 12:01 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

Absent: Kirk Crespin

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 14, 2020**

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve meeting minutes of April 14, 2020 with correction in last agenda item authorizing Superintendent Hourieh to negotiate with a deadline of May 27, 2020.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Purchase Orders #89331 through #89363**

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve purchase orders #89331 through #89363 in the amount of \$20,309.46.

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 #49747 through #49781 for a total of \$709,406.52.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Consider Approval of Bid 1981 – LED Street Lights and LED Yard Lights**

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve Bid 1981 – LED Street Lights and LED Yard Lights and award to Blazer Electric in the amount of \$25,173.75.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Consider Approval of Bid 1982 – Line Materials for Raptor Protection**

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve Bid 1982 – Line Materials for Raptor Protection and award to Wesco Denver in the amount of \$28,077.02.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

**Consider Approval of Bid 1983 – Line Materials and Hardware**

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve Bid 1983 – Line Materials and Hardware and award to Border State in the amount of \$10,435.50.

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

### **System Operating Report**

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the line crew has completed the re-construction of six structures on the 25kv Kornman area line. The damage occurred during a controlled burn on April 7, 2020. Total cost of damages is \$23,684.53 and responsible party Fort Lyon Canal Company has been invoiced. He also reported that the crew has completed the construction of two new 3 phase, 25kv services to sprinklers in the May Valley area.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that the 2020 LUB/ARPA Scholarship deadline has arrived. This year a total of 6 completed applications were received for the combined \$1,000.00 scholarship. Received were 1 from McClave, 3 from Lamar, and 2 from Wiley. He stated that they need 2 volunteers from the board to assist Lisa Denman and Rory O’Neill in the selection process. The selection committee will be given the applications without any identifying information on the applicants. This anonymous process will allow the students to be judged solely on their academic achievements and community support. Boardmembers Leonard, Brooke, and Boxley will help with the scholarships.

Superintendent Hourieh stated that the ARPA board meeting will be Thursday, May 30, 2020 by webcast.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that one of Heath & Turpin’s trucks broke off a wooden pole pulling into their lot which caused some flicker of lights and a car ran over a junction box at Main and Forest St. that caused a Recloser operation.

Superintendent Hourieh also mentioned that they were continuing to following Governors order 20-28 Safer at Home. They have ordered glass shields for the both Leala and Helen’s office area as well as masks and other PPE’s. He also continues negotiations with SECPA and attorneys for the Wollert fire have asked for a 2-week extension.

### **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 12:26 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall – Chairman