

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2020**

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

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

Absent:

Minutes of Previous Meeting – May 26, 2020

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve meeting minutes of May 26, 2020.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders #89433 through #89467

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve purchase orders #89433 through #89467 in the amount of \$780,792.86.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #49886 through #49942 for a total of \$166,418.00.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

Consider Approval of Bid #1986 – Line Materials and Wire

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve and award Bid #1986 – Line Materials and Wire to Wesco Denver in the amount of \$9,709.54.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No: None

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that sales of electricity through May 2020 is up approximately 2.92% when compared to the same period of time in 2019. Residential sales were up approximately 0.68%, irrigation sales were up 71.6% and commercial/industrial sales were up approximately 1.35%. These three customer classes represent an estimated 96% of the total system sales.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that during the semi-annual wind turbine maintenance, metal shavings were discovered in T-4's gearbox filter. They have sent an oil sample for testing and have requested Renew Energy to conduct a borescope inspection.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that they have formally filed a complaint against SECPA to enforce LUB's right to serve MVWA's well in accordance with the October 6, 1970 PUC decision No. 76027. A hearing in this matter is set before an Administrative Judge on August 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Denver. Copy of formal complaint included in packets.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that due to wind there were 3 poles damaged, 2 were stubbed and 1 was replaced along with 50kVA pole mount transformer which caused a fuse blow and the South Recloser to operate at the Santa Fe substation. The incident occurred last Saturday afternoon.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the Wollert fire case has been dismissed with Prejudice and was agreed upon that each party bear their own attorney's fees and cost.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the Governors order to extend hold on utility disconnect orders will end on June 13, 2020. If at this time no other order is put into place disconnects will be printed on June 15, 2020. He also requested guidance on amount of time given to customers that request payment arrangement.

Utility Board members had discussion regarding the payment arrangement and will make motion to extend the arrangement to 12-months payment plan.

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve new payment plan during the COVID-19 utility arrears, March 1-June 13, 2020 bills in arrears will pay current amount billed and previous month's arrears will be split over 12-months.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No:

Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley

Voting No:

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman