

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
August 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: Jay Brooke, Doug Thrall, Patrick Leonard, Clifford Boxley, Don Steerman, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams
Kirk Crespín arrived at 12:02 p.m.

Absent: Roger Stagner

Minutes of Previous Meeting – July 28, 2020

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of July 28, 2020.

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

Purchase Orders #89567 through #89600

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve purchase orders #89567 through #89600 in the amount of \$1,012,496.29.

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

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #50080 through #50130 for a total of \$190,736.96.

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

System Operating Report

Andrew Ross, Director of retail utility services and member relations of NMPP Energy gave an in-depth report of the 2020 Cost of Service and Rate Design Study. Proposed schedule of rates and Cost of Service Performance were given to all members to review as being presented.

Superintendent Hourieh made formal request for changes in the electric rates. This request is accompanied by the Cost of Service and Rate Design Study prepared by Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP Energy). The request will also include a notice of its proposals to the public and a public hearing for consideration will be held.

Superintendent Hourieh stated that a formal hearing process must take place for a rate adjustment. The following are the time lines:

- August 11, 2020 – Presentation of the rate study by NMPP Energy.
- August 18, 2020 – Notice of the Public Hearing related to a Rate Modification will be published in accordance with the terms of C.R.S. section 40-3.5-104 (1973 as amended 1983) (popularly known as “House Bill 1283”) and the Lamar City Charter.

- September 29, 2020 – Public Hearing by Conference call.
- October 13, 2020 – Board's discussion and Resolution to adopt rate modification.

Superintendent Hourieh stated that based upon this schedule we believe that rates could take effect on January 1, 2021, he also attached charter language for review by the board.

Superintendent Hourieh reported ARPA has found a buyer (Quantum Power Inc.) for the Merc50 Solar Natural Gas 5MW Turbine generator.

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 1:22 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman