

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING  
August 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: Jay Brooke, Doug Thrall, Patrick Leonard, Clifford Boxley, Roger Stagner, Don Steerman, Houssin Hourieh, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Kirk Crespin, Lisa Denman

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 11, 2020**

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to approve meeting minutes of August 11, 2020.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No: None

**Purchase Orders #89601 through #89627**

Boardmember Boxley moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve purchase orders #89601 through #89627 in the amount of \$13,778.00.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No: None

**Payment of Bills**

Boardmember Stagner moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #50131 through #50164 for a total of \$1,289,394.05.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No: None

**July 2020 Financial Report**

Superintendent Hourieh reviewed the July 2020 financials which included the following:

Balance Sheet – Cash is down \$256,913.00 from June 2020 and accounts receivable has increased by \$289,200.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue is \$1,548,893.00 with total operating costs being \$1,558,546.00 for a gross operating loss of \$9,654.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net loss to \$215,767.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$7,979,630.00 and total operating costs are \$7,540,188.00 resulting in gross operating income of \$439,442.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net loss of \$743,424.00.

YTD Comparison to 2019 – Retail sales are up \$479,668.00 or 6%. However, operating expenses are up approximately \$371,957.00 or 5% resulting in a net loss of \$743,424.00 for the year.

### **Consider Approval of RL Fanyo Law Engagement Agreement**

Boardmember Stagner moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve engagement agreement between Lamar Utility Board and RL Fanyo Law to help with the territorial invasion issue with SECPA.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No: None

### **System Operating Report**

#### **2021 Budget:**

Superintendent Hourieh reported that they have begun budget discussion per the attached proposed LUB capital outlay. They are also moving forward with the scheduled 69kv breaker upgrade, distribution system upgrade, tree trimming, wind turbines maintenance, and safety and training education.

Superintendent Hourieh stated that the 2020 major projects that have been completed are the following:

- SCADA System Upgrade from Prism 10 to Prism 11
- Breaker 5-69 KV upgrade
- AMI metering implementation, so far 2,412 smart meters have been installed
- Purchased a new Digger Truck, expected delivery date is December 2020

He also reported that T-5 the ARPA Springfield wind turbine is down due to a blade pitch drive failure. GE wind has the needed part and will provide an installation quote.

#### **Merc 50 – Removal Update:**

Superintendent Hourieh announced that Quantum Power is the company who purchase the 5MW gas turbine. He stated that it is expected that the unit will be removed from the LUB site by mid-September.

#### **LRP – Demolition Update:**

Superintendent Hourieh reported that Burns and McDonnell Engineering will oversee and manage the demolition of the LRP. ARPA is looking at the EPC approach which will be discussed by the ARPA board on August 27, 2020. Burns and McDonnell is also the engineering firm that the City and LUB retained to protect our interest during the demolition process. The demolition process will be divided into three sections: Northside (coal handling north of Maple St), Southside (Boiler south of Maple St, and Domes. The Northside removal deadline of November 13, 2020 has been extended to February 13, 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Southside has no removal deadline.

#### **Proposed Timeline:**

- i. 8/17 RFP issued to bidders
- ii. 8/19 on site bid walk
- iii. 9/4 RFP responses due
- iv. 9/14-18 bid evaluation and contract award
- v. 9/28 contractor mobilization

**Maple Street Closing:** It is anticipated that street closure will not be more than two days. Advanced traffic warning signs will be placed 5 days prior to the planned street closing, notifying drivers to find an alternate route.

Demolition contractor employees will park on the north side. Fencing will be installed to separate the demolition work area from LUB work areas and substations.

Community Outreach – ARPA and the city will discuss collaboration on public relations relative to the project, where residents on both sides of the project will be contacted prior to the start of the project.

**Executive Session**

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

- Receive Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Related to our Complaint with the PUC against SECPA regarding the MVWA Well – Attorney – Client Communication pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No: None

Attorney Ric Fanyo was present by telephone.

The meeting was recessed and the executive session convened at 12:28 p.m.

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Boxley seconded to adjourn executive session and the meeting reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No: None

**Adjournment**

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Boxley, Stagner

Voting No:

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 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