

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING  
November 24, 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, Roger Stagner, Don Steerman, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Linda Williams

Absent: Clifford Boxley, Kirk Crespin, Leala Owen

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 27, 2020**

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Stagner seconded to approve meeting minutes of October 27, 2020.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Stagner

Voting No: None

**Purchase Orders #89783 through #89840**

Boardmember Stagner moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve purchase orders #89783 through #89840 in the amount of \$726,866.99.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Stagner

Voting No: None

**Payment of Bills**

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Stagner seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #50357 through #50438 for a total of \$962,398.55.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Stagner

Voting No: None

**Consider Approval of Resolution #20-11-04 Interest Rate on Customer Deposits**

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve Resolution #20-11-04 – Interest Rate on Customer Deposits. 2021 Deposit interest rate will be .74%.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Stagner

Voting No: None

**October 2020 Financial Report**

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

Balance Sheet – Cash is up \$327,538.00 from September 2020 and accounts receivable has decreased by \$364,641.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue is \$1,100,946.00 with total operating costs being \$857,654.00 for a gross operating income of \$243,292.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net income to \$49,663.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$12,144,862.00 and total operating costs are \$10,743,880.00 resulting in gross operating income of \$1,400,981.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net loss of \$279,950.00.

YTD Comparison to 2019 – Retail sales are up \$204,813.00 or 2%. However, operating expenses are up approximately \$111,644.00 or 1% resulting in a net loss of \$279,950.00 for the year.

### **Consider Approval of Bid #1989 – ACSR Wire and Pole Enforcers**

Boardmember Stagner moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve and award Bid #1989 – ACSR Wire and Pole Enforcers to Anixter in the amount of \$16,263.00.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Stagner

Voting No: None

### **System Operating Report**

Superintendent Hourieh reported that through the end of October, LUB's wind turbines have generated 11,049 MWh's of electricity. This is about 31.43% higher than the same period last year. The turbines have an average capacity factor of 33.21% which is higher than last year by about 6.34%. When compared individually, T-2 ranked first followed by T-3. The Springfield turbine generated 4,641.20 MWh's of electricity through the same period with an average capacity factor of 42.32%. The wind turbine crew has completed the annual maintenance on all five turbines; however they discovered trace amounts of metal shavings in the gearbox filter on the Springfield turbine. The crew plans on flushing and replacing the gearbox oil on this turbine.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the line crew has completed the construction of 2,560 feet of three phase, 24.9 kv line extension to Colorado Beef. The crew also replaced two 40 foot wooden poles, one at 5<sup>th</sup> and Parmenter and one at Hwy 196 and Rd 20 which were damaged by high winds on November 14, 2020. The line crew has also been hanging Christmas lights on the street lights, train and windmill.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that in a special conference call meeting on November 29, 2020 the ARPA board approved Burns & McDonnell's EPC contract to demolish the south side of the LRP project.

Superintendent Hourieh provided the following PUC Complaint Update.

- Our PUC Hearing has been rescheduled for Jan. 25-26, 2020 by Zoom. Jan 26<sup>th</sup> conflicts with our LUB board meeting, therefore we will need to cancel our board meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Our SOP Statement of Position will be due on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> that's where we summarize factual evidence along with our legal argument about the meaning of ( Substantial Change in the Nature of Service) as stated in the 1970 PUC Order.
- ALJ's (Administrative Law Judge) recommendation will be 4-6 weeks later.
- Each side will have 20 days to appeal anything we disagree with the ALJ's recommended decision to the PUC Commissioners.
- Responses to exceptions are due 14 days later.
- PUC Decision will be made 5-7 weeks later ( by mid-June, 2021).

- Each side could still appeal the PUC decision to a higher court.

CAMU filed an AMICAS Motion in our favor, and yesterday SECPA's Attorney filed a Motion to Deny it. The ALJ will decide on that sometime next week."

**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, Stagner

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall – Chairman