

# LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2025

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

Present: Jay Brooke, Doug Thrall, Patrick Leonard, Elmer Grett, Lance Clark, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Jill Bellomy, Kirk Crespin, Lance Clark

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### Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 25, 2025

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of March 25, 2025.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Grett

Voting No: None

### Purchase Orders #630741 thru 630811

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve purchase orders #630705 thru 630740 in the amount of \$88,368.29.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Grett

Voting No: None

### Payment of Bills

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Grett seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #55466 through #55538 for a total of \$266,263.91.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Grett

Voting No: None

### Consider Approval of Bid #2062 – Wooden Poles

Boardmember Grett moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve and award Bid #2062 – Wooden Poles in the amount of \$52,425.00 to Bell Lumber & Pole.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Grett

Voting No: None

### December 2024 Financial Report

Superintendent Hourieh reviewed the December 2024 financials which included the following:

Balance Sheet – Cash is up \$390,249.00 from November 2024 and accounts receivable has increased by \$340,191.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue is \$1,250,288.00 with total operating costs being \$1,304,684.00 for a gross operating loss of \$54,395.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net income to \$117,166.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$15,565,530.00 and total operating costs are \$13,805,902.00 resulting in gross operating income of \$1,759,628.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net income of \$185,188.00.

YTD Comparison to 2023 – Retail sales are up \$1,135,019.00 or 8%. However, operating expenses are up approximately \$662,656.00 or 5% resulting in a net income of \$185,188.00 for the year.

### System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the line crew completed the replacement of 17 – 69kv structures that failed during the high wind storm on March 17, 2025. The replacement included new class I ductile iron and steel poles, and 115kv post insulators. We received mutual aid from the cities of La Junta and Las Animas for these repairs. The crew also replace 5 wooden poles that were stubbed from the storm with new class II wooden poles. These poles were at different locations of our distribution system.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the wind turbine crew will be starting the semi-annual maintenance and inspection program on all 5 wind turbines. Each turbine will be shut down for approximately 8 hours on a calm day so that preventative maintenance can be performed safely per GE's recommended maintenance program. With 3S Americas on site the crew completed the annual manlift inspection and adjustments in each turbine. All 5 wind turbines passed inspections.

### Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Grett

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall - Chairman