

# LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

February 25, 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, Jill Bellomy, Elmer Grett, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams  
Lance Clark arrived at 12:02 p.m.

Absent: Kirk Crespin

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### Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 11, 2025

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of February 11, 2025.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

### Purchase Orders #630638 thru 630666

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve purchase orders #630638 thru 630666 in the amount of \$107,617.30.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

### Payment of Bills

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #55354 through #55388 plus 1 ACH for a total of \$830,151.86.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

### Consider Approval of Bid 2057 – LAMSO Control Room Heater/AC Unit Replacement

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve and award Bid 2057 – LAMSO Control Room Heater/AC Unit in the amount of \$5,287.50 to HAVOC.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

### Consider Approval of Bid 2058 – Line Material & Hardware

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve and award Bid 2058 – Line Material & Hardware in the amount of \$6,387.30 to Western United.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Consider Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between ARPA and the Electric Utilities of Lamar, Holly, La Junta, Las Animas, Springfield, and Trinidad

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between ARPA and the Electric Utilities of Lamar, Holly, La Junta, Las Animas, Springfield, and Trinidad.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

#### System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that in continuous efforts to improve system reliability, the line crew completed the upgrade of a single phase, 4kv, overhead circuit that is located in the alley between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> St. from Park to Parmenter St. The upgrade included conductor replacement from #6 CU to #4 ACSR, insulator replacement in addition to the installation of raptor protection devices on transformers bushings, cutouts and lightening arresters. They completed the installation of a 25kv-480v secondary service to a 25 hp irrigation sprinkler located at CR 35 and Rd TT. The crew also replaced a 40' wooden pole that failed testing with a class II ductile iron pole on the east end 25kv circuit located ½ mile east of Rd 22 on Hwy 196.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that the ARPA board meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 2025 at OJC in La Junta.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that they are upgrading the 4kv protection relays this week and next week.

#### Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall – Chairman