

LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD

MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

March 25, 2025

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

Present: Jay Brooke, Patrick Leonard, Jill Bellomy, Elmer Grett, Lance Clark, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams
Kirk Crespino arrived at 12:04

Absent: Doug Thrall

Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 11, 2025

Boardmember Bellomy moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of March 11, 2025.

Voting Yes: Brook, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders #630705 thru 630740

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

Voting Yes: Brook, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #55431 through #55465 and one ACH for a total of \$687,945.34.

Voting Yes: Brook, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Consider Approval of Bid #2060 – Pole Mount and Pad Mount Transformers

Boardmember Bellomy moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve and award Bid #2060 – Pole Mount and Pad Mount Transformers in the amount of \$50,500.00 to T&R Electric.

Voting Yes: Brook, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Consider Approval of Bid #2061 – Line Materials and Hardware

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve and award Bid #2061 – Line Materials and Hardware in the amount of \$17,644.22 to Western United.

Voting Yes: Brook, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported the sales of electricity through February 2025 are down approximately 1.4% when compared to the same period of time in 2024.

Residential sales were up approximately 1.0%, irrigation sales were down approximately 17.24%, and commercial/industrial sales were down approximately 2.71%. These three customer classes represent an estimated 96% of our total system sales.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the line crew completed the replacement of a single phase, 4kv, 250kva voltage regulator at the Santa Fe Substation that has failed. The replacement required de-energizing the entire sub and re-routing circuits load for approximately 5 hours. The process went well without any power interruptions to our customers.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the evening of Tuesday March 17, 2025 the system was impacted by a high wind storm that caused wide spread power outages. The impact of the storm was hard hit on the east end 25 KV circuit, where it tripped open multiple times to clear line faults. The crews worked throughout the night isolating the faulted areas. There was a tree that fell on the main line and 2 failed powers poles, one with a three transformer bank. The outage affected Bristol, Hartman, and Holly areas, it lasted about 9 hours. The storm also caused 17 poles to fail on the 69 KV line west in the area of County Rd JJ and Rd 26. The storm caused a loss of 22 poles altogether.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the high wind storm on Friday, March 14, 2025 caused on stack to break at the base on the roof of the Old Plant. LUB is working with a Cory Daniel and a RMS Crane Co. to remove the failed stack. This stack weighs 3500 pounds is 5' in diameter and 27 feet long.

Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Jay Brooke – Vice-Chairman