

LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD

MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

March 11, 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, Lance Clark, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Jill Bellomy, Elmer Grett, Kirk Crespin

Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 25, 2025

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

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders #630667 thru 630704

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders #630667 thru 630704 in the amount of \$679,268.97.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard

Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #55389 through #55430 for a total of \$137,061.36.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard

Voting No: None

Consider Approval of Bid #2059 – 2025 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve and award Bid #2059 – 2025 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck in the amount of \$62,747.00 to Tri-County Ford.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard

Voting No: None

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that with Basler Systems on site, we have completed the upgrade of 3-4kv feeder protection relays. These protective devices are on the main 4kv bus breakers 4 & 11 and the SE 10-4kv feeder. These 1960's electromechanical relays are no longer supported by G.E. the new SEL-751 overcurrent protection relays incorporate the latest technology in power protection. The upgrade also included the installation of one SEL-735 power quality revenue class meter. The

upgrade went well without any power interruptions to our customers. This upgrade will help improve system reliability and efficiency.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that on the morning of March 4, 2025, the distribution system was impacted by high wind which caused wide spread power outages. The crews worked throughout the day and the evening restoring powers. The crew stubbed 6 poles and one for the town of Holly. These poles will be replaced with new 40 ft. class II poles.

Adjournment

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

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Leonard

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman