

# LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

April 29, 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, Lance Clark, Houssin Hourieh, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Kirk Crespin, Lisa Denman

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### Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 15, 2025

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve meeting minutes of April 15, 2025.

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

Voting No: None

### Purchase Orders #630812 thru 630834

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders #630812 thru 630834 in the amount of \$96,208.86.

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

Voting No: None

### Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #55539 through #55571 plus 1 ACH for a total of \$646,124.66.

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

Voting No: None

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 Financial Report

Superintendent Hourieh reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 financials which included the following:

Balance Sheet – Cash is down \$37,414.00 from December 2024 and accounts receivable has decreased by \$272,687.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue is \$1,095,438.00 with total operating costs being \$838,141.00 for a gross operating income of \$257,298.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net income to \$92,419.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$3,466,178.00 and total operating costs are \$2,635,376.00 resulting in gross operating income of

\$830,801.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net income of \$309,227.00.

YTD Comparison to 2024 – Retail sales are up \$124,461.00 or 4%. However, operating expenses are down approximately \$264,775.00 or 9% resulting in a net income of \$309,227.00 for the year.

### System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported the wind turbine data for the first quarter 2025 indicates that LUB's two turbines have generated 2013.88 MWH's of electricity with an average capacity factor of 31.39%. The wind turbines analysis showed that the 2025 first quarter generation is approximately 11.00% higher and the capacity factor was approximately 8.25% higher than the same period in 2024. The increase in wind production is contributed to more wind in 2025. The wind turbine crew have started the semi-annual maintenance and inspection program on all turbines per GE's guidelines.

Superintendent Hourieh reported the line crew replaced a street light pole that was hit on North Main St. and replaced two – 40 ft. class II wooden and ductile iron poles on the east and west 25kv circuits.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the 2025 LUB/ARPA Scholarship deadline has arrived. This year a total of 4 completed applications were received for the combined \$1,400.00 scholarship. There were 1 received from Lamar, 2 from McClave, and 1 from Wiley. The selection committee were given the applications without any identifying information on the application. This anonymous process has allowed the students to be judged solely on their academic achievements and community support. This year's winners are:

- Lamar High School – Blake Herrera
- Wiley High School – Ebony Torrez
- McClave High School – Abigail Barr

Superintendent Hourieh reported that yesterday April 28, 2025 about 9:00 p.m. between McClave and Wiley a tree limb fell on a line and caused a short outage, about an hour.

### 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, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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Linda Williams – City Clerk

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Doug Thrall - Chairman