

LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
January 28, 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
Doug Thrall by phone at 12:02 p.m.

Absent: Kirk Crespin

Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 14, 2025

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve meeting minutes of January 14, 2025.

Voting Yes: Brook, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett
Voting No: None

Chairman Thrall arrived at 12:02 p.m.

Purchase Orders #630564 thru 630597

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve purchase orders #630564 thru 630597 in the amount of \$296,709.19.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett
Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #55267 through #55301 for a total of \$922,301.43.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett
Voting No: None

Consider Approval of 69 KV Line Easement Renewal with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers No. DA29005-ENG-65-004

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Grett seconded to approve the 69 KV Line Easement Renewal with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers No. DA29005-ENG-65-004 in the amount of \$26,538.00 with Las Animas paying half of the expense.

Voting Yes: Brook, Thrall, Leonard, Bellomy, Grett
Voting No: None

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the sale of electricity through December 2024 was up approximately 10.85% when compared to the same period of time in 2023. Residential sales were up approximately 103.36%, irrigation sales were up

approximately 40.12%, and commercial/industrial sales were up approximately 8.51%. These three customer classes represent an estimated 96% of total system sales.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that they are accepting applications for the 2025/2026 scholarship program. This scholarship is available to Lamar, Wiley, and McClave High School seniors. This year's topic is "The cost of electrical power from renewable sources like wind and solar have been steadily decreasing. Some people believe the United States could eventually get all of its electrical power from renewable sources, others think there are challenges and limitations that would never allow this to happen. In your opinion, discuss how much of the United States electrical power could realistically come from renewable sources in the next ten years, the obstacles and limitations to renewable energy, and how local utilities like Lamar Light and Power would be affected." The scholarship application is available online and has been forwarded to each school's guidance counselor. The deadline for the applications to be returned is April 11, 2025, winners will be announced on May 2, 2025.

Adjournment

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

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

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Jay Brooke – Vice-Chairman