

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
July 28, 2026**

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

Present: Jay Brooke, Doug Thrall, Patrick Leonard, Elmer Grett, Lance Clark, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams
Kirk Crespino arrived at 12:02 p.m.
Jill Bellomy arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Absent: _____

Minutes of Previous Meeting – July 14, 2026

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to table meeting minutes of July 14, 2026 for addition and correction of minutes

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

Purchase Orders 2025-06074 thru 2025-06361

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders 2025-06074 thru 2025-06361 in the amount of \$57,746.64.

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

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #56707 through #56739 for a total of \$1,151,034.51.

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

Consider Approval of Bid #2085 – Raptor Protection and Line Materials

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to award Bid #2085 – Raptor Protection and Line Materials to Western United in the amount of \$19,082.42.

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

Due to Tyler System Conversion there will be No Report on the January, February, March, April, May or June Financials

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that through the first half of 2026 the wind turbines have generated 4,894.41 MWh's of electricity at an average capacity factor of 27.59%. This is about 13.77% higher than the same period last year. The capacity factor was lower by 0.75% when compared individually, T-3 has generated more than the other two turbines. While T-4, ARPA's unit ranked 1st in MWh's generation. T-5, the Springfield

turbine has generated 3,144.30 MWh's of electricity. This is about 8.5% higher than the same period last year, at an average capacity factor of 48.31%.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that Linear Labs who is working on T-2 has updated the PLC code and production is at 1.2 MW of production. They will continue to monitor this week and then go into full production.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that on July 18, 2026 at 12:45 a.m. a vehicle struck an LUB pole on the east end 25kv circuit at County Road 19 and 196 causing a power outage to Holly, Bristol, and Hartman's service area. Line crew replaced the damaged pole with a 40 ft. ductile iron pole. Power delivery was restored at 1:17 a.m.

Superintendent Hourieh also reported that the line crew is in the process of constructing 1000 ft. of single phase, overhead, 4kv line extension just to the north of Memorial Dr. and Hwy 287. The new line will power 175 kva, 120/240v load to 31 RV spots. The crew has also been performing general line maintenance and tree trimming.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that he and Boardmember Brooke attended the Sand Hills and Clay Creek Solar Project Land Use public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2026. Superintendent Hourieh stated that it should be approved today during the County Commissioners meeting.

Superintendent Hourieh stated that with the heat wave yesterday, July 27th the light plant peaked at 28.9 MWh's at 3:00 p.m., this was a record. Chairman Thrall asked if this was why some people were positing that they had outages yesterday. Mayor Crespín stated that those posts were from Springfield. Superintendent Hourieh stated that there was a fuse that went out on Memorial Dr., but had nothing to do with the temperature. Boardmember Brooke stated that it would be interesting when the solar comes online what the generation with solar day/night versus wind day/night. Superintendent Hourieh stated that when you have wind and solar there will be 11 MWh's and when there is power shortage will come in real handy. He stated that the Department of Energy issued a level 2 warning for those that have standby generation to put it online to avoid rolling blackouts.

Superintendent Hourieh and Mayor Crespín provided information to the LUB Board on Big Timber Technology Campus project.

Boardmember Bellomy asked questions regarding hazard pay to the linemen and retention of employees.

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 1:28 p.m.