

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
August 25, 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, Jill Bellomy, Elmer Grett, Craig Johnson, Houssin Hourieh, Lisa Denman, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Kirk Crespin

Amend Agenda to Remove Item 1 Reorganization of Board and Add Executive Session as Item 9, moving Adjournment to Item 10

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to Amend Agenda to remove Item 1 Reorganization of Board and Add Executive Session as Item 9, moving Adjournment to Item 10.

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

Voting No: None

Introduction of Craig Johnson as LUB Attorney

Craig Johnson introduced himself and provided a brief background on himself and his Law Firm.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – July 28, 2026

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Grett seconded to approve meeting minutes of July 28, 2026.

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

Voting No: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 11, 2026

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve meeting minutes of August 11, 2026.

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

Voting No: None

Minutes of Previous Special Meeting – August 14, 2026

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to approve special meeting minutes of August 14, 2026 with the removal of everything after thanking them for their services under the Consider Approval of Proposal to Provide General Counsel Item.

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

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders 2025-06630 thru 2025-06826

Boardmember Leonard moved and Boardmember Brooke seconded to approve purchase orders 2025-06630 thru 2025-06826 in the amount of \$41,755.10.

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 #56774 through #56801 for a total of \$1,080,234.88.

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

Voting No: None

1st Quarter 2026 Financial Report

Superintendent Hourieh reviewed the 1st quarter 2026 financials which included the following: Memo from LUB Accountant Lisa Denman was also provided clearly stating that the financial statement for 1st quarter 2026 are preliminary unaudited figures.

Balance Sheet – Cash is up \$460,829.00 from December 2025 and accounts receivable has decreased by \$66,873.00.

Income Statement – Total operating revenue for the month of March is \$982,169.00 with total operating costs being \$879,858.00 for a gross operating income of \$102,311.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses brings the net loss to \$17,204.00.

YTD Income Statement – YTD operating revenue is \$3,210,761.00 and total operating costs are \$2,641,701.00 resulting in gross operating income of \$569,060.00. Adding in non-operating revenues and expenses, there is a net income of \$103,471.00.

YTD Comparison to 2025 – Retail sales are down approximately \$255,417.00 or 7%. However, operating expenses are down approximately \$6,325.00 or less than 1% resulting in a net income of \$103,471.00 for the year.

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that on August 13-14, 2026 the distribution system was impacted by severe weather. A microburst near Bristol broke off 5 poles and damaged 2-15kva polemount transformers on the south side of Bristol and damaged 2 poles at Cty. Rd. JJ and 26.5. The storm also damaged a power pole in the Kornman area. The crew worked through the night hours replacing poles and restoring power to the affected areas.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that they have begun 2027 budget discussion for the proposed LUB capital outlay. He stated they have completed the 4 kv feeder protection relays upgrade and are moving forward with the 4kv switchgear breakers upgrade, AMI metering system upgrade, distribution system upgrade, substations maintenance and LTC tap changers upgrade, wind turbines maintenance and getting T-2 back on line with the installation of the new pitch pro 2000 system, and safety and training.

Superintendent Hourieh announced that the next ARPA Board Meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2026 in LaJunta.

Executive Session

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Leonard seconded to enter into an executive session for:

- Receive Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Regarding Discharge Permit and ARPA Settlement Proceeds – Attorney – Client Communication under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and For the Purpose of Determining Positions Relative to Matter that May be Subject to Negotiations, Developing Strategy for Negotiations, and/or Instructing Negotiators, under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(I).

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

Voting No: None

The meeting was recessed and the executive session convened at 12:32 p.m.

Boardmember Bellomy moved and Boardmember Grett seconded to adjourn executive session and the meeting reconvened at 1:27 p.m.

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

Voting No: None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Boardmember Grett 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.

Craig Johnson as City Attorney attests pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(B) that a portion of the executive minutes not recorded constituted a privileged attorney-client conversation.

Craig Johnson

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman