

**LAMAR UTILITIES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
September 29, 2026**

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

Present: Jay Brooke, Doug Thrall, Jill Bellomy, Elmer Grett, Craig Johnson, Houssin Hourieh, Leala Owen, Linda Williams

Absent: Patrick Leonard, Kirk Crespin, Lisa Denman

Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 15, 2026

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Grett seconded to approve meeting minutes of September 15, 2026.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Purchase Orders 2025-07195 thru 2025-07273

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Grett seconded to approve purchase orders 2025-07195 thru 2025-07273 in the amount of \$129,197.77.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Payment of Bills

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve payment of bills: Vouchers #56844 through #56852 for a total of \$19,570.70.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

System Operating Report

Superintendent Hourieh reported that in continuous efforts to improve system reliability, the line crew completed the upgrade of one mile of three phase overhead power line on Cty. Rd. 7 between Rd. PP and RR. The upgrade included the installation of 40 ft. class II wooden poles, 10 ft. fiberglass crossarms, and 25kv insulators. They replaced a failed 37 ½ KVA, 25kv pole mount transformers in Kornman. The crew has also been performing tree trimming, and general line maintenance.

Superintendent Hourieh reported the sales of electricity through August 2026 is down approximately 3.8% when compared to the same period of time in 2025. He also stated that they wheeled 236,250 kWh's of electricity to Las Animas/Fort Lyon on the 69KV line, due to Black Hills Energy transmission line maintenance on August 19-21, 2026.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that the wind turbine crew has started the annual maintenance and inspection program on all five turbines. Each turbine will be shut down for approximately 8 hours on a calm day so that preventative maintenance can be performed safely per GE's recommended maintenance program.

Superintendent Hourieh provided a brief update on the Solar Farm. They met with Sandhills and Clay Creek Group. Equipment and panels will be arriving in October, construction will begin in November, commissioning and online by end of April 2027.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that he received a call from an electrical engineer designing the Lamar Waste Water Project south of the river between Cty. Rd. 8 & 10. They need a 1000 KVA padmount transformer, which will cost about \$60,000.00. He stated the design is about 60% complete and will be out for bid in January or February of next year for construction, with construction beginning in April 2027.

Superintendent Hourieh reported that Unit 14 the small bucket truck engine failed. This is a 2012 unit with new transmission and aerial device in excellent condition. For a new replacement would be around \$200,000.00. He is asking to replace the engine for about \$20,000.00 with a two year warranty.

Boardmember Brooke moved and Boardmember Bellomy seconded to approve the replacement of the unit 14 bucket truck engine for about \$20,000.00.

Voting Yes: Brooke, Thrall, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

Attorney Johnson provided and update on items in his report from September 15, 2026.

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, Bellomy, Grett

Voting No: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Linda Williams – City Clerk

Doug Thrall – Chairman