

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

JULY 14, 2020

The Las Animas Municipal Light & Power Board met in regular session at 5:30 pm., Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, with live streaming on Facebook. **Present** were Mayor Jim Collins, David Beebe, Bill Deal, Jerry Maupin and Roberto Montoya. **Absent:** None. Mayor Collins declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Superintendent Ron Clodfelter and Secretary Susan Morlan was also present. **Other Guests:**

Citizen Participation: None

Minutes: Mr. Beebe made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes for the regular meeting. Mr. Maupin seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Deal made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes for the regular meeting. Mr. Maupin seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Collins mentioned in the City Council they are modifying the agenda to do "Action Agenda". What the Action Agenda does is approve all action items (financials) at one time then go onto the New Business section, unless there is something that has raised questions and/or needs to be discussed. The Board agreed with modifying to do "Action Agenda" at the next meeting.

Vouchers: Superintendent Clodfelter explained some of the invoice charges. Mr. Beebe made a motion to approve the May 2020 vouchers as presented. Mr. Deal seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Montoya made a motion to approve the June 2020 vouchers as presented. Mr. Maupin seconded, motion carried.

The Income Statement: Superintendent Clodfelter gave an explanation on the Income Statement. After some discussion, Mr. Beebe made a motion to approve the May 2020 Income Statement. Mr. Deal seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Maupin made a motion to approve the June 2020 Income Statement. Mr. Deal seconded, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: The June 2020 operations for the Las Animas Municipal Light & Power were as follows:

- The line crew finished the line rebuild project between 2nd & 4th and Highway 50 and Vigil Ave. and took out the line running through some residents' yards located between 2nd & 3rd and across Vigil on June 23rd. The total cost of materials for this project was \$7,622.45.
- I received an email from Dan Hodges (CAMU's Executive Director) on June 11th, stating that he was notified by the Governor's Office in regards to Utility Disconnections. The Governor did not extend his Executive Order on disconnecting, however he did extend the prohibition on applying late fees and reconnection charges.
- We had a trouble call in the 300 block between Vigil and St. Vrain the afternoon of June 12th. The initial call was the resident had dim lights. When the Line Crew arrived they noticed both fuses at the transformer serving that block was blown. The crew then realized that the entire block was having bad voltage. The crew contacted me to come and help troubleshoot the problem. Our first thought was the possibility of one of the residents running a generator and feeding our system. After finding no generator, I had the crew pull every meter in the block and then check

for voltage on the secondary lines on the pole; again, we detected a voltage. The cause of the problem was on the first pole at the south end of the block where the three wire secondary dead-ends. There was two, three-spool racks mounted with the same bolts. The secondary from the next block also dead-ended a the same pole. There were two broken ceramic spools on the south side allowing that secondary to feed through.

- In closing, I would like to share with you the system wide load comparison between June 2019 and June 2020. In 2019 the load was 1,804,654 Kwhs. In 2020 the load was 2,293,219 Kwhs or approximately 27% more. For the year to date, the load in 2019 was 10,370,689 kwhs. The 2020 load is 10,897,552 Kwhs or approximately 5% more.

Old Business: STRATEGIC PLANNING LED BY MAYOR COLLINS: We had originally planned to start the strategic planning sessions in March but was canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We need to get back with the planning. Mayor Collins proposed starting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 4th, August 18th, August 25th and September 1st then presenting the plan to the Board on September 8th, the regular board meeting, for adoption. Mr. Maupin will be calling into the meeting.

New Business: JULY 4TH CIRCUIT #3 OUTAGE: I was at my daughter's in Kansas during this outage. The outage was reported to me the morning of July 5th, when I received a phone call from one of my linemen. The trouble spot was in the 600 block of Cottonwood. The outage happened in two stages, the first was right after the fireworks show, caused by a tree branch and heavy rain causing a space cable spacer to short out. The second stage was the next morning, when a twig from another tree in the same block fell into the line and caused a phase-to-phase fault. The total time of the two stages of the outage was approximately 1 hour and 6 minutes. The two linemen that worked the trouble call did replace the bad spacer. The morning of July 6th, the crew went back to that section of line and replaced all of the other spacers from 6th Street to 8th Street. I would say those two blocks of space cable that is energized to 13,800 volts phase-to-phase with the old spacers was probably the most dangerous lines on our system to work on, without taking a planned outage.

Other Business: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD: As of June 25th, per the Governor's Order we were able to start disconnecting delinquent customers. We processed disconnects and had 224 people to receive the notices with a total past due amount of \$64,135.96. July 13th was disconnect day; we had 27 notices leave the office at 10:00 am for disconnection; 14 people were actually disconnected. At the end of the day, 9 people were still without power.

Next meeting will be August 11, 2020, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

Adjourn: With no further business, Mayor Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Morlan
Secretary for Light & Power