

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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October 13, 2020

The Las Animas Municipal Light & Power Board met in regular session at 5:30 pm., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, with live streaming on Facebook. **Present** were Mayor Jim Collins, Bill Deal, Jerry Maupin and Roberto Montoya. **Absent:** David Beebe. Mayor Collins declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Superintendent Ron Clodfelter and Secretary Susan Morlan was also present. **Other Guests:** General Manager of ARPA, Rick Rigel and Rose Pritchard.

**Citizen Participation:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mr. Deal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Minutes, Vouchers, and Income Statement for September). Mr. Montoya seconded, motion carried.

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

- Dustin Ramsey passed his recertification as an Opacity Tester on September 9<sup>th</sup>. He also passed his 2<sup>nd</sup> Capacitor Training course on September 15<sup>th</sup>. He has two more courses in the Capacitor Training.
- The line crew rebuilt the secondary line in the alley between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and between McBride and McAfee on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The crew trimmed trees between Carson and the City Park on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Our two Apprentices, Keven Miller and Cannon Buford, took tests on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Kevin is in his 4<sup>th</sup> and final year of the lineman apprenticeship, he has one more test and then his final. The final covers everything from the past 4 years. Cannon is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- The line crew took down 3 trees on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Public Works to demolish the Church that had the fire in the 400 block of Vigil.
- The crew also removed approximately 12 blocks of Cable TV line in the month of September.
- In closing, I would like to share with you the system wide load comparison between September 2019 and September 2020. In 2019 the load was 2,478,325 Kwhs. In 2020 the load was 2,412,612 Kwhs or approximately 2.7% less. For the year to date, the load in 2019 was 18,330,237 Kwhs. The 2020 load is 18,882,647 Kwhs or approximately 3% more.

**Old Business:** ARPA UPDATE – RICK RIGEL: Mr. Rigel gave the Board an outline of four major items of business for the current year-to-date information: 1.) Sales/Revenue; 2.) Lamar Repowering Project Demolition time frame and estimated cost; 3.) 2021 Budget; and 4.) Lamar Utilities Board-CPUC Complaint. Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) removed a meter owned by Lamar Utilities Board (LUB) and installed their own, without the knowledge or permission from LUB. Mr. Rigel warned Las Animas to check their certificated serving area.

2019 AUDIT: Mayor Collins asked for discussion or approval of the 2019 Audit as presented at the September 8, 2020 Power Board Meeting. Mr. Montoya made a motion to accept the 2019 Audit as presented. Mr. Deal second, motion carried.

**New Business:** 2021 BUDGET (Draft #1): Mayor Collins stated the Light & Power 2021 Budget will be available on October 14<sup>th</sup> for review. The City Council must appoint a Budget Officer before the department budgets can be reviewed.

**Other Business:** None.

Next meeting will be November 10, 2020, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

**Adjourn:** With no further business, Mayor Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Morlan  
Secretary for Light & Power