

LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

May 11, 2021

The Las Animas Municipal Light & Power Board met in regular session at 5:34 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with live streaming on Facebook. **Present** were Mayor Jim Collins, David Beebe, Jerry Maupin, and Roberto Montoya **Absent:** Bill Deal. Mayor Collins declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Superintendent Ron Clodfelter and Administrative Assistant, Jessica Brundage were also present. **Other Guests:** Dustin Ramsey

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Jim Collins asked Mr. Beebe to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Citizen Participation: None

Superintendent's Report: The operations for the Las Animas Municipal Light & Power for the month of April 2021 were as follows:

- The line crew replaced 2 poles and rebuilt the secondary line in the alley north of the Methodist Church the week of the 5th.
- The crew helped Viaero Wireless attach their new service on the pole at the new tower in the 300 block of Ash on the 8th.
- The line crew changed out a pole at 532 Jones on the 13th.
- Dustin attended the Opacity Smoke School in Pueblo on the 15th.
- Dustin, Troy and I attended a phone conference with ARPA, the Lamar Light & Power and Black Hills Energy the morning of the 22nd. Black Hills Energy will be having an outage on the 69Kv line and we will be switching to the Tri-State system on the 18th.
- Governor Polis's moratorium (Executive Order D 2021 074) on Utility reconnection and late fees expired on April 30th without an extension.
- Our Auditor (Gary Waller) was here the week of the 26th.
- In closing I would like to share with you the system wide load comparison between April 2020 and April 2021. In 2020 the load was 1,669,885 Kwhs. The 2021 load was 1,608,363 Kwhs or approximately 3.7% less.

Old Business:

69Kv Line and Generation: I had two meetings this last month with the Southern Colorado Economic Development District. The first on the evening of the 5th and the second on the evening of the 19th. SCEDD was putting together a list of potential projects to apply for grants. Two projects that I was supporting was the rebuild of our 69Kv line and replacement of our existing generation. I contacted HDR Engineering for an updated estimate for the line rebuild. You might recall that in 2016 it was estimated between \$2 and \$2.5 Million. I received the updated estimate of \$5 Million on the 27th and reported that to SCEDD. Now on the generation, by contract, we can replace existing generation by nameplate capacity plus 10%. Our existing units are #1, 300Kw capacity, installed in 1941, #2, 250Kw capacity, installed in 1941, #4, 1,225Kw capacity, installed in 1951, #5, 1,225Kw capacity, installed in 1951 and #6, 3,000Kw capacity, installed in 1967. That is a total of 6,000Kw or 6Mw of capacity. After adding the 10% we can replace up to 6.6Mw of generation. I received a quote for a turn-key installation for a 6.23Mw System from Wagner Equipment Company on the 29th in the amount of \$5,846,300.00. I have sent that quote to SCEDD also.

New Business:

Black Hills Outage: As I mentioned in my Superintendent Report, Black Hills Energy will be having an outage the morning of 18th on the 69Kv line that feeds us and we will be switching to the Lamar feed. The reason for the outage is Black Hills will be rebuilding their 69Kv line from the Fowler Tap to the LaJunta Substation, they will also be adding a 115Kv in parallel to the LaJunta Substation then add a 115/69Kv Transformer that should take care of a low voltage problem during the summer months. The outage will start approximately 7:30am on the 18th. With safety being our #1 priority during the switching procedure, we should have full power restored within 30 minutes. We will be feeding from Lamar till sometime in September. The Sheriff's Dispatcher through Emergency Manager (Troy Abdulla) will do a couple of reverse 911 calls to inform residents prior to the outage, I will also put a notice on the City's Facebook page. Troy also sent out an email last Monday to several of our largest customers. Thank you Troy for your help getting the word out.

Other Business:

Nothing

Adjourn: With no further business, Mayor Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, live streaming will be available.

Respectfully Submitted,



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