

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

February 15, 1980

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wells Rural Electric Company was called to order at 1:00 p.m. February 15, 1980 in the board room. President Vernon Dalton presided over the meeting.

Directors present were Vernon Dalton, Gene Pengelly, Jesse Larsen, Joe Riordan, Ferris Brough, Wanda Borden, John Krenka, Daryl Eriksen, Ray Crawford and Ester Quilici. Bill Wright was unable to attend.

Present from the staff were Dan Bryan, Lee Standley and Patti Blackett.

Corrections to the minutes: The minutes will stand approved as written.

Dick Moon, a potential consumer, was at the meeting to discuss the line extension policy. He has 2 1/2 miles to his ranch that he does not have service to. Mr. Moon questioned the cost of \$18,000 per mile. There was much discussion on the line extension policy as it now exists by Mr. Moon. The board will consider the situation and try to get some accurate figures for him. We will write to various Co-ops and get copies of their line extension policies to compare.

Energy Research Committee: Copies of the memo of the January 3rd meeting between 3 representatives of W.R.E.C. and 2 members of Deseret G & T were given to all Directors. On February 21st there is going to be another meeting. Gene will attend. We are on the agenda for a membership request.

PNGC: Vernon, Daryl and Dan attended a meeting in Boise. Another meeting is being held on the 20th. It will cost us \$913 a year for a B membership.

Community and Area Development: Jess Urresti came into the meeting to report on the T.V.

The training program is progressing. Three of the four employees have completed book 3.

Rate Increase Report: We have received a couple of letters regarding the seasonal rate. We also received a letter from REA, William Davis, on the rate increase. In general, they were very pleased with the facility charge and the two step rate block concept.

Appliance & Safety Report: The safety meeting was held January 24, 1980 in the service center. Congratulations are in order for our personnel again this year. Our employees worked a total of 55,565 hours for the year 1979 with no lost time accidents. We experienced three minor first aid accidents only. I congratulated all of our personnel for their achievements. The safety meeting was conducted by a Ruralite instructor. He told of an electrical contact accident that had occurred recently in another utility and much discussion was centered around the incident. A very interesting movie was shown dealing with human behavior. JESSE LARSEN MOVED WE GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A ROUND OF THANKS FOR THEIR CONSCIENTIOUS WORKING HABITS TOWARDS THE ACCIDENT FREE TIME. GENE PENGELLY SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. In the appliance department, we ordered for the last time. I've had quite a number of consumers that expressed their regrets for the discontinuance of this service.

Construction Report: Construction for January consisted of several transformers upgraded due to increased loads, single phase service was completed by Lutes Construction Co. to the Circle A Trucking at the Chromalloy Mine. New pumps have been installed at the Kaiser Chemical Co. in Utah. These require current transformers and potential transformers for the metering which are on order and will be installed as soon as they arrive. All meters in Wendover are presently being checked for accuracy. Also, some of the larger consumers metering systems are being checked for being correct as to CT's and PT's and meter capacity and voltage etc. In Carlin and Jiggs/Lee, we have been looking for ways to improve the voltage fluctuations that have been causing problems in that area. This has required the cooperation of CPN. Some improvements have been accomplished in the voltage readings at our substation due to adjustment by CPN on their line and at their station. There still remains other things to be done to further improve this area.

Hydro Plant: Nothing new.

Engineering Report: The Circle A Trucking project has been completed. We are currently working on a Jiggs/Lee load study for CPN to take to their upcoming meeting with Idaho Power. Estimates have been given to Bill Dedman for two 60 hp pumps in Clover Valley for the coming irrigation season. The Red Garter Saloon in Wendover has been staked and is ready for construction. The crews in Carlin, Wells and Wendover have been busy with new service and secondary work orders in their respective areas.

Outage Report: In January, we experienced, system wide, 13 unscheduled outages and one scheduled. The 238 KV line from Idaho to Wells was out two different times, totaling 19 minutes. All "system" outages were minor with only minimum down time. Reasons for the "system" outages ranged from blown fuses, loose connections, faulty transformers and one overloaded reclosure due to extreme cold weather conditions. Crews responding in the respective areas encountered no major difficulties in returning power to our consumers and are responsible for keeping outage time at a minimum.

Member Services Report: On January 7th, I was in attendance at the meeting we had in Carlin. Most of the people in attendance questioned us in regard to the many outages and low voltage problems they were experiencing on our system. We explained some of our problems and that we would make every effort to correct the situation that was within our control. The meeting was attended by 19 Carlin residents.

On January 14th, I put on a program for the Wells Volunteer Fire Department titled "Facts to Live By." This program explains how to cope with electrical lines that might be down and the hazard encountered by the Fire Dept., Police Dept. and ambulance personnel. I stressed the importance of calling WREC personnel in all problems relating to power lines. There were many questions and comments and a very good session was held. There were 18 Fire Dept. and ambulance personnel in attendance.

On January 21st, I showed the movie "The Hottest Show on Earth" to the Wells BPW. This presentation dealt with energy conservation. After the movie, I spoke on the importance of energy conservation and some areas where conservation could be accomplished in our homes. I handed out a pamphlet titled "Watt Watching and You" that contained some very good information. I received some good responses to the program. This was attended by 18 people.

Power Source: Vernon, Daryl and Dan went from the PNGC meeting in Boise to Walla Walla to meet with Harold Cantrell and Roy Nishi of BPA. Martin Derksema was also there. They have agreed to look into our problems. After this meeting, they flew to Portland to meet with Ray Foleen of BPA. They have also agreed to look into our immediate problems. They have also agreed to do a cost of service study to see what the financial possibilities are in getting us a point of delivery in Elko.

Jiggs/Lee: Dan passed out reports and he went over them. We got a call from BPA. There is no problem with the capacity of the substation. BPA is going to check for us at CPN's San Francisco office to see what story they get from San Francisco on helping us.

We received a letter from Noel Clark of the Nevada DOE stating the in-state wind project has been set back to late 1980 due to a lack of funds. Dan has talked to Mike Elliott. There is nothing on the meteorological sites.

Employee & Director Institutes & Schools: We are thinking about sending Ray Bleak to a supervisors training school in Reno in March. For those going to New Orleans, we do not have the hotel confirmations yet. The REA Annual New Manager's Conference is in April in Washington, D.C. There are no objections for Dan attending. We had a meter school put on by Hal Christensen. We had 18 employees attend. It will cost \$625 a day plus expenses to have a school on Human Behavior like we had last year by Patty Comstock. Vernon and Dan attended a Western Irrigation Forum in Denver. Vernon reported on this.

New Memberships: GENE PENGELLY MOVED WE APPROVE THE 2 MEMBERSHIPS FROM WELLS, 15 FROM WENDOVER AND 10 FROM CARLIN. DARYL ERIKSEN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Manager's Report: We have remedied our CFC line of credit problem.

We are finishing the meter testing program in Wendover and received the C.T.'s for the pumps.

We have raptor proofed the pole in Ruby Valley.

We have some write offs for Wells and Wendover. For Wells, we have \$493.40 and Wendover is \$1,063.60. GENE PENGELLY

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Dan has approved a donation of \$20 to the Wells Ambulance Fund. JOHN KRENKA MOVED WE DONATE \$50. RAY CRAWFORD SECONDED THE MOTION. There was discussion on buying a piece of equipment for them. JESSE LARSEN MOVED WE TABLE THE MOTION UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT THEY NEED AND THE COST. FERRIS BROUGH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Jess Urresti was delegated to check into this.

Gilbert McBay is the new Manager of Mt. Wheeler. He is from California.

We have gone out for bids on the remodeling.

We will be advertising for a Customer Service Clerk in March to handle the extra paper work.

We have heard from Laxalt. He cannot attend the Annual Meeting. We have contacted Santini but have not heard from him.

We will be taking some pictures for a slide presentation of the directors in the near future.

Cantrell announced that he is retiring February 29th.

The auditors were here this past week. They will have a report for your review before the next meeting.

We had an outage in Metropolis due to a low flying airplane.

Ester brought up the matter of the children's librarian. The Elko County Commissioners have lowered her grade from a professional standing of 16 to a 10. A 10 is what they would pay a bookkeeper or clerk. Ester would like us to show our support to reinstate her as a 16 and write letters in support of this.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

D. VERNON DALTON, PRESIDENT

ESTER QUILICI, SECRETARY