

HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****OCTOBER 20, 1989**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wells Rural Electric Company was held in the Wells office and called to order October 6, 1989, at 9:00 am. The meeting was presided over by President Vernon Dalton.

Directors present were Larry Bradshaw, Ferris Brough, Ray Crawford, Vernon Dalton, Lois Nannini, Vernon Scott, Dr. Joe Smith and Mary Wright. Jerry Parkin and Daryl Eriksen were not present.

Present from the staff were Dan Kessler, General Manager; Warren Linnell, Manager of Engineering & Operations; Clay Fitch, Manager of Office Services; and Diane Griswold, Confidential Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 1989, will stand approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

It was requested that Assemblyman John Carpenter be added to the agenda at 1:00 PM. There were no objections.

Wanda Borden has completed the requirements for Board Certification. Vernon Dalton presented her with a plaque, and congratulations were given for achieving this goal.

GENERAL MANAGER EVALUATION:

An executive session was called for the General Manager **[[#146]]**s evaluation. (Dr. Smith came in at this time).

A lunch recess was called at 12:15 PM. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 PM. Dr. Smith did not attend the afternoon session.

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN CARPENTER:

Assemblyman John Carpenter addressed the board regarding the Diamond Valley irrigators situation. A discussion ensued regarding Mr. Carpenter **[[#146]]**s concerns.

Mr. Carpenter addressed the Thousand Springs project road access. The original access was believed to be onto Moor Summit. Sierra Resources has now suggested access off of Highway 93 at Wilkins. Mr. Carpenter enlisted the Board **[[#146]]**s support against the suggested access of Highway 93 at Wilkins. Discussion ensued. Vernon Dalton stated that we are committed to work with any group to access Moor instead of Highway 93 at Wilkins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECALLED FOR GENERAL MANAGER EVALUATION:

Vernon Dalton asked for resolutions to approve 4% increase in salary for the General Manager and also 1 Unit in the Mint Plan. IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO APPROVE INCREASE IN

SALARY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDOVER LAND:

We have the map; it is enroute to Bob Hope. After the Topo we will be back to you with what we would like to get done this year. We want to put to bid the crimping of the rock and getting the land in shape. We will not have to do very much environmental analysis since very little rock was there in the first place. We do not feel we will have to spend a lot of money on the environmental process on that land, but know we will have to at least ask about it. Would like to get land prepared during the winter.

MEMBER CONTACTS:

Reports were given of member contacts made. The Member Comments and Office Payment report, Thank you cards, Please Tell Us How We Did cards, Think Service forms, and the Board and Administrator publication were given to the Board for review and discussion.

MANAGER[[#146]]S REPORT:

CFC Interest rates and investments made were reported. We have made almost \$130,000 through August in investments for interest.

No new information on Bonneville Power[[#146]]s program since perspective. Buddy Welsh and Paul Johnson meeting with them today. We will have an update on that.

Rural Utilities Economic Development Academy will be holding their course from January 26-31, 1990. Forms available to send Board Member. Someone will be attending from the Member Services department. This is just before the Annual Meeting.

Utah Rural Electric Annual Meeting held at Ruby[[#146]]s Inn. It is imperative to know immediately who would like to attend and represent us there. Mary would like to attend UREA Annual Meeting, as well as Vernon Dalton.

February 4th-7th is the Annual Meeting. Dan has information; not registration yet.

Information on NENDA was handed out for Board[[#146]]s review.

No additions made on Central Area Data Processing.

No additions to add on BPA making treasury payment.

Legislative strategy conference scheduled November 20-21 in Washington D.C. The theme is "Tools of the Trade." Reservations discounted at the Dupont Plaza Hotel, in effect through October 23rd, for \$85.090 per night. If any Board Members are interested in attending please contact me or Diane. This is the Monday and Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving.

The 1989 NRECA Board Leadership Seminar is scheduled November 6, 7 & 8. A seminar we will have in-house after the first of the year is one called "Understanding Electric Utility Operations." Board Members are welcome to attend. There is also one called, "Personal Finance" that Mr. Jim Polkinghorn of Elko is going to do for employees in-house and directors. This scheduled for November 6 & 7 and 9 & 10. NRECA is offering 110.1 course in-house after the first of the year. It can also be taken by Directors.

Request for Donations: Hurricane Hugo **[#150]** a request was received from the electric cooperative of South Carolina and NRECA to join in the Electric Cooperative Disaster Relief Fund.

Dan is on Northern Nevada Community College major gifts **[#146]** campaign. Wells Rural Electric is not Dan **[#146]**'s Client. We were Joe Santos **[#146]** client and Joe came and met with Dan. Sierra will donate \$20,000 over/year for five years. Joe Santos later called and said Sierra did commit \$10,000 over five years, or \$2,000/year. Improvement of Student Center and others. Employees attend classes at NNCC. WREC donated a transformer in Les Sharp **[#146]**'s memory. WREC was asked for donation to new Student Center. Goal was set of one and a half million dollars for the first phase and another million dollars, for a total of two and a half million dollars. We are now approaching the million dollar mark in our goal. We are \$500,000 short of reaching phase I.

Hurricane Hugo **[#150]** No Action Taken

Northern Nevada Community College **[#150]** No Action Taken

NREA Advisory Committee meeting moved possibly to end of November, just after Thanksgiving. Date will be confirmed. Dan and Vernon need to meet with Union November 16, 17.

Flex-Time schedule has gone into effect and will be on a probationary basis until the 1st of the year. Some employees working four 10-hour days, some employees working flex hours. Staff will still be working same hours; flex-time will not work well for salaried people. Some employees have really expressed appreciation for this schedule. A **[#189]** hour lunch period minimum is required and the latest they can work is 6:00 in the evening. In the summer, the main doors will be locked, but the drive-up window will be left open until 6:00 PM. This schedule is working in the area offices as well, it is not being offered to the outside crews.

We received a letter from the union today and they would like to get together with us. The dates they requested are November 16th & 17th; however, the 17th is our Board Meeting day. If it is agreeable with you and Mr. Richard Seguin, possibly the 15th & 16th would be better days. IT WAS ON MOTION BY RAY CRAWFORD THAT THE BOARD MEETING DATE BE CHANGED TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dave Harper, PNGC, would like to address us in the November Board Meeting. I unofficially, extended invitation to November meeting around 9:00 or 10:00 in the morning. No objections.

Tom Blankenship, BPA, asked if he could attend the December Board Meeting. He would like to visit with the board about wholesale power contracts and anything else concerning Bonneville the Board would like to talk about.

We would like to know who will be attending the Employee-Director Christmas Banquet and be staying overnight in Wendover. We need to make those reservations by November 15th. Reservations are available for \$35.00/night. A bus will not be available to bring people back and forth.

The Annual Meeting was discussed. Everyone felt it went well and attendance was approximately the same as last year.

WREC Load Forecast will be discussed at the November Board Meeting. The new plan about expensing instead of capitalizing parts of the budget will also be addressed.

REA Form 268 **[#150]** Civil Rights Act 1964. Approval requested, IT WAS ON MOTION BY

WANDA BORDEN TO APPROVE REA FORM 268 **[[#150]]** CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RAY CRAWFORD: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

GIS update to be given in November.

Back to flex-time, addressed by Vernon Dalton. Be certain advantage is transferred to membership. Longer daylight hours **[[#150]]** Office open longer.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT:

Financial Advisory Committee **[[#150]]** Wanda reported. They had an informational meeting form staff. No recommendations/action taken at that time. Need to expense more cost than capitalizing it, Dan explained.

Member Relations **[[#150]]** Dan gave recap.

BOARD RESOLUTION **[[#150]]** IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT TO MOVE TO SUPPORT ACCESS ROAD TO THE SOUTH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

November Meeting **[[#150]]** Power Engineers before full board.

Wanda Borden suggested we send Resolution copy several entities. Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Pacific, Elko County Commissioners. Vernon Dalton approved and added City Council.

Consensus RECNET presentation was very good.

SAFETY MINUTES:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINTUES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT; THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS REPORT:

Warren requested the Board President sign a "Certificate of Completion for Plant #5 Substation." Document signed by Vernon Dalton.

State of Utah requires us to belong to their Underground Service Alert System, which means if someone goes digging in Utah within our service area, we receive a computer print-out here in our office. All utilities have to belong, no option is allowed. Robert Vaughn reviewed the document and he recommends that the Board President sign the "Utah Blue Stakes Agreement." The cost is \$125.00/month and 10 cents per each call they give us. Discussion followed concerning our underground properties; new office building will have underground in Utah. Document signed by Vernon Dalton.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:

Trash-A-Thon, October 31.

Christmas Party, December 15. We will need confirmation and advanced payment right away.

RECNET schedule with Peter Drucker on 14th is firm. What time will this be available?

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO APPROVE 61 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 15 **[[#150]]** WELLS, NEVADA; 20- CARLIN, NEVADA; 16 **[[#150]]** WENDOVER, NEVADA; AND 10 - WENDOVER, UTAH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH; THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT TO OPPOSE LAND EXCHANGE OF 63,000 ACRES BLM PRIVATE OWNERSHIP IN ELKO COUNTY FOR 2,000 ACRES IN LAS VEGAS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH:

Discussion ensued.

We would rather have more land in private ownership, not less.

Vernon Dalton explained that this exchange would give Federal Government ownership of some very prime watershed areas. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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