

**HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)****THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****APRIL 20, 1990**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wells Rural Electric Company was held in Wells, Nevada in the board room of the Wells office and called to order April 20, 1990, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

Directors present were Wanda Borden, Larry Bradshaw, Ferris Brough, Ray Crawford, D. Vernon Dalton, Daryl Eriksen, Robert Harris, Lois Nannini, Jerry Parkin, Vernon Scott and Mary A. Wright. S.J. Smith was not present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 1990 was approved with the following correction: The motion to pass Policy 1-6 passed with **one vote in opposition**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**WENDOVER LAND:**

The Borrower **[[#146]]**'s Environmental report (BER) has been sent to REA for review. The field audit has been completed on the property in Wendover.

A discussion ensued regarding the old Wells building being used as extra office space instead of expanding the existing Wells office building. Also discussed was REA **[[#146]]**'s rule of not having more than 7% of total distribution plant invested into headquarters facilities.

**MEMBER CONTACTS:**

Member contacts made were reported. Thank You cards, Please Tell Us How We Did Cards, and the Board & Administrator publication were handed out for review.

A discussion ensued regarding the Thousand Springs Power Project.

Favorable comments made by members regarding capital credits were reported. It was noted that we received a \$225.00 capital credit refund check from Federated Insurance.

A discussion ensued regarding awarding plaques to the WREC offices for excellent service. Every month very good comments are received from members on the service in the offices. This will be taken into consideration.

A copy of our response to the Bureau of Land Management Environmental Impact Statement on Thousand Springs was handed out for review.

A request for power was received from R.C. Scheidmann, who purchased the XJ Ranch (25 miles south of Jiggs). Our electrical facilities terminate approximately 11 miles north of the ranch. A line extension

to the ranch would cost approximately \$160,000.00. He requested meeting with the board (possibly the next board meeting).

NRECA **[#146]**'s Understanding Electric Utility Operations course has been scheduled, in-house, Monday and Tuesday, May 7 & 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. The instructor is Benny Abbott.

A discussion ensued regarding our ability to serve the Thousand Springs Project. A rumor has been heard that we could not serve this load due to lack of capacity. We have a contract for delivery of 15 MW of capacity at this time. We are also an all requirements customer of BPA in which they would have to serve any additional firm load. A very large load request would involve a time factor in which to serve the load, but the capacity would become available.

#### MANAGER **[#146]**'S REPORT:

CFC interest rates were reported. Total interest earned on investments through February 1990 was \$5,937.50.

Our official response to the REA field audit was handed out or review and discussion. **(EXHIBIT I)**

Meetings scheduled during the Legislative Conference were reported: NREA breakfast Monday morning (April 30) with the Legislative Update immediately following the breakfast and Steve Wright, BPA, Monday afternoon. Tuesday, May 1, at 11:30 we are to meet with Senator Reid; Congressman Bilbray at 1:00 p.m.; Congressman Vucanovich at 2:00 p.m.; and Senator Bryan at 3:00 p.m. The Northwest Reception is scheduled Tuesday night from 6:00-8:00.

(Wanda Borden left the meeting at this time.)

Coastal Chemical, Inc. decided to locate their fertilizer plant near Battle Mountain. He stated that he enjoyed working with WREC, was impressed with the company, and would, if the opportunity was presented, locate in our service territory. A discussion ensued.

The National Marketing Conference, of which Dan is on the committee representing Region IX, is scheduled June 10-13 at Jackson Lake Lodge in the Grand Teton National Park, Moran, Wyoming. Dan cannot attend due to a schedule conflict and asked if someone on the board would be interested in attending.

#### Donation Requests:

The Wells Rodeo Club is not sponsoring the PRCA Rodeo. They have requested that we consider approving the annual donation request from the PRCA Rodeo but send it to the City of Wells for fireworks this July 4. Following discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN TO DONATE \$250.00 TO THE CITY OF WELLS FOR FIREWORKS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RAY CRAWFORD AND FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lynette Remington on behalf of Little Britches Headstart of Nevada requested that we sponsor a booth at the Day of the Young Child to be held April 28. Following discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO DONATE \$100.00 TO SPONSOR A BOOTH AT THE DAY OF THE YOUNG CHILD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bessie Winchell, on behalf of the Elko County Cattlewomen, asked that WREC donate a door prize for the Cattlewomen **[#146]**'s Cookoff. There were no objections.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wells requested a donation of \$200.00 for the Pony Express Race to be held May 12. Following discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN TO DONATE \$200.00 TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PONY EXPRESS RACE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DARYL ERIKSEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Michael Jenson, principal of West Wendover Elementary, requested a donation to purchase a photocopier and duplicator. Following discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY RAY CRAWFORD TO DONATE \$150.00 TO THE WEST WENDOVER ELEMENTARY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LOIS NANNINI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The donation request received from Jim Henderson, American Youth Publishers, regarding a drug presentation for Wells schools and discussed at the last board meeting was reviewed. Dan asked that Charlie Dunn, Wells Chief of Police, come before the board with more information regarding this program.

Joni Carlson, Miss Elko County, is selling ads to help finance her competition in the Miss Nevada competition. Miss Carlson is from Carlin. A discussion ensued. IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO PURCHASE A QUARTER PAGE AD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LOIS NANNINI AND FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Nevada Police Officers Journal is selling ads for \$185.00. It was requested that WREC purchase an ad to support this organization. IT WAS ON MOTION BY DARYL ERIKSEN TO SEND THE BILL RECEIVED BACK TO THEM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION.

Tom Blankenship, BPA **[#146]**'s Boise Office District Manager, would like to address the board in May. There were no objections to adding Mr. Blankenship to agenda for the May meeting.

Due to conflicts of schedules, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT TO CHANGE THE MAY MEETING TO FRIDAY, MAY 25. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CFC has contacted us regarding the Integrity Fund of which we have participated in past years. They requested that WREC return to them 5% (\$692.00) of our CFC patronage capital. Following discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO DONATE 5% OF OUR CFC PATRONAGE CAPITAL BACK TO THEM IN SUPPORT OF THE INTEGRITY FUND. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nevada Rural Electric Association Advisory Board developed Guidelines for Member Communication and Access and recommends that each cooperative adopt these guidelines. Dan reported. It was noted that most of the guidelines are already written into our policies. Following discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO SUPPORT THE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER COMMUNICATION AND ACCESS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NREA ADVISORY BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
**(EXHIBIT II)**

An executive session was called to discuss the Citizen Ambassador group in which Dan was asked to join and attend a meeting with the Soviet Ministry of Energy and Electrification. Following the executive session, IT WAS ON MOTION BY RAY CRAWFORD TO GIVE DAN TIME OFF FROM WORK WITH RAY TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION.

POWER SUPPLY:

A new system peak in February 1990 was reached of 53.03 Megawatts.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Scholarship committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 11. Members are to meet at the Wells office at 7:00 a.m.

A Nominating committee will need to be scheduled at the May meeting.

FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Approximately 2,500 capital credit checks were sent out this year. Due to the change in bylaws, 6,000 checks **under** \$5.00 were not sent out. A discussion ensued.

The Collection and Account Aging Report was handed out for review and discussion.

SAFETY MINUTES:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Posters drawn by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Wendover on electrical safety were handed out for board review.

HYDRO REPORT:

Official approval has been received form FERC on our Spillway and Water Monitoring Plan.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:

Acre memberships need to be paid by May 1 and sent into NRECA. At this time, 62 people have paid or committed to pay.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO APPROVE 46 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 3-WELLS, NEVADA: 17-CARLIN, NEVADA: 16-WENDOVER, NEVADA: AND 10-WENDOVER, UTAH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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