

HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 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, Lois Nannini, Jerry Parkin, Vernon Scott, S.J. Smith, and Mary A. Wright.

Staff members present were Dan Kessler, General Manager; Clay Fitch, Manager, Finance/Administration; Warren Linnell, Manager, Engineering/Operations; and Paul Johnson, Manager of Member Services. Also present was Diane Griswold, Confidential Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of July 20, 1990 will stand approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

No additions.

WENDOVER LAND:

Tony Glauser, REA Field Representative, and Martin Seipel were contacted regarding approval of the plans, etc.

A letter was received from Steve Perry, Assistant Manager, of Stateline Properties. The letter claimed the premature removal of trailers from the property had cost Stateline Properties \$18,000.00 in rent over the past year. Bob Vaughan, attorney, was contacted. Mr. Vaughan **[[#146]]**s opinion is that WREC is not liable for the rent. Construction was not started due to several delays-Environmental Impact Statement, REA approval, etc. Further discussion was table until Ray Crawford and Jerry Parkin from Wendover arrived.

MEMBER CONTACTS:

Member contacts were reported. Addressed were members **[[#146]]** concern over employee children being hired as summer help. WREC does not have a nepotism policy. It was noted that the students hired were the most qualified applicants that interviewed. The interviews are documented and the students were not hired due to favoritism. A discussion ensued. Unofficially, employee children will no longer be hired as summer help. The school does not have a Junior Achievement Program to help students obtain summer jobs. It was the consensus of the board that WREC should become involved by contacting the schools and encourage them to start a program.

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

CFC interest rates, investments made, and interest earned were reported.

NRECA and CFC voting delegates appointed last year were: NRECA **[[#150]]**Lois Nannini-delegate and Larry Bradshaw-alternate; and CFC **[[#150]]**S.J. Smith-delegate and Vernon Scott-alternate. IT WAS ON MOTION BY WANDA BORDEN TO RE-APPOINT LAST YEAR **[[#146]]**S VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Larry Bradshaw will receive his Director **[[#146]]**s Certificate during the Region IX Meeting.

Larry Bradshaw was appointed as a facilitator of the Nevada delegation at the Region IX meeting making certain that a representative from Nevada is elected to serve on the NRECA Board. (Ray Crawford and Jerry Parkin came in at this time.)

It was noted that there is a critical water situation in Wendover.

A list of previous Election Committee members were presented to the board for review. IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW TO SELECT ETHEL SCOTT, BETTY WRIGHT, BESSIE WINCHELL, AND VIOLA TROYAN AS ALTERNATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A ballot for the directors **[[#146]]** election was presented for review and approval. IT WAS ON MOTION BY WANDA BORDEN TO APPROVE THE BALLOTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO DONATE THE METER LAMP TO THE WELLS UTILITY GOLF TOURNAMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LOIS NANNINI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY FERRIS BROUGH TO PURCHASE A 4H BEEF. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WREC is in compliance with EPA regulations concerning PCB content in electrical equipment.

REA Form 369 allows the fund proceeds from the 120kV transmission line sale to Sierra Pacific Company to be used toward the Two Year Construction Work Plan. Signature approval was requested. IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT TO GRANT SIGNATURE APPROVAL (LINE 16) ON REA FORM 369. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LARRY BRADSHAW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nevada Rural Electric Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 31, November 1 & 2 at the Peppermill Inn/Casino in Mesquite, Nevada. NREA is offering NRECA certified courses.

Dan will be speaking at the NRECA Cooperative Secretary **[[#146]]**s Conference October 17.

A BPA Programs in Perspective meeting is scheduled in Burley, Idaho September 14, Vernon Dalton, Dan, Warren, and Paul will be attending.

There is a probable wholesale rate increase from BPA next year. The last retail rate increase from WREC was July 1985. A discussion ensued.

Three donation requests were received. Wes Bowlen has put together a brochure depicting East Humboldt and Ruby Mountain Wilderness accesses. Mr. Bowlen has requested an ad donation. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT TO APPROVE A \$300.00 AD.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY S.J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A letter was received from bob Bergland, Executive Vice President and General Manager of NRECA, requesting a donation to Project SHARE of \$1,000.00 as a partner of the organization or \$250.00 as a supporter of the organization. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY DARYL ERIKSEN TO APPROVE A \$1,000.00 DONATION TO PROJECT SHARE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH. Further discussion ensued. MOTION FAILED WITH THE RECORD SHOWING DARYL ERIKSEN VOTING FOR.

A recess was called at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 10:15 a.m. S.J. Smith was absent.)

A donation request was received from the Senior Citizens for the 4th Annual Senior Citizens Golf Tournament. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO APPROVE A \$200.00 DONATION TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS NOT AS ADDED MONEY TO THE GOLD TOURNAMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DARYL ERIKSEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDOVER LAND:

Further discussion ensued regarding the Stateline Property issue. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY DARYL ERIKSEN TO SEND A LETTER EXPLAINING THE DELAYS AND THAT WREC HAS ACTED IN GOOD FAITH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADDED SERVICES/DIVERSIFICATION STUDY:

Paul Johnson and Tommi Reynolds were commended on a job well done in preparing this study.

Dan and Paul reported on several aspects of the Diversification Study: Heating & Cooling System, Microwave Excess Capacity, In-House Answering Service, Electrician, Appliance Repair, and Large Appliance Sales/Repair Feasibility Reports. Each report was broken down into levels (options) with cost breakdowns and observations (demand and positive & negative by participation level). A thorough and lengthy discussion ensued. (S.J. Smith came in at this time.) Recommendations of management were heating & cooling is feasible-level 1; microwave capacity is feasible; in-house answering is not feasible at this time; hiring an electrician is feasible-level 3; and appliance repair/large appliance sales/repair-no recommendation. An opinion from Bob Vaughan regarding Anti-Trust issues, etc. is forthcoming. Further discussion and consideration will be taken up at the September board meeting.

A recess was called for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m. (S.J. Smith was absent.)

YOUTH ENERGY PARTICIPANTS PRESENTATION:

Each of the following students reported on their experiences at the Nevada and Utah Youth Energy Seminars: Brian McIntosh, Casey Uhlig, Marc Chessmore, Don Lopez, Catheryn Wines, and Lettie Cardona **[[#150]]** Nevada camp; and Marie Howell and Andrea Krause **[[#150]]** Utah camp. Lettie Cardona was selected as the General Manager, Casey Uhlig was selected as the NREA representative for the Washington, DC Youth Tour as well as appointed to the Youth Consulting Board, and Don Lopez received a \$750.00 scholarship. An invitation to attend the Youth Camps was extended to the board.

POWER SUPPLY:

Vernon Dalton encouraged the board members to attend the BPA Programs in Perspective meeting in Burley, Idaho September 14 to get to know and ask questions of the top level personnel of Bonneville Power Administration.

Vernon Dalton and Dan reported on the meeting held in Portland Friday, August 17 at BPA headquarters. Vernon addressed the obstacles, etc. BPA has to overcome to serve our capacity needs in the future. Vernon stated that BPA is committed to our needs. Dan addressed potential load increases and commitments that BPA needs to serve our needs. Vernon and Dan stated that the meeting went very well and was informative.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT:

A Financial Advisory Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. to review and discuss the 2nd Quarter 1991 Budget.

FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT:

Signature approval (secretary of the board) was requested for CFC[**#146**]'s Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Report. IT WAS ON MOTION BY RAY CRAWFORD TO APPROVE SIGNING THE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL NAD REPLACEMENT REPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SAFETY MINUTES:

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

Safety Accreditation is on schedule.

Vernon Dalton stressed the need and value of having an excellent safety program.

HYDRO REPORT:

The amended Reservoir and Erosion Control Plan has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:

Last year[**#146**]'s Trash-A-Thon was very successful. WREC sponsored the program last year donating \$1,500.00. It was requested that WREC donate \$2,000.00 to the program annually. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO DONATE \$2,000.00 (\$2.00/BAG) ANNUALLY TO THE TRASH-A-THON PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WREC has 73 ACRE memberships which is a new record.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT TO APPROVE 67 NEW MEMBERS: 12-WELLS, NEVADA; 17-CARLIN, NEVADA; 25-WENDOVER, NEVADA; AND 13-WENDOVER, UTAH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY S.J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Further discussion ensued regarding the donation to the SHARE Project. IT WAS ON MOTION BY S.J. SMITH TO LOOK INTO DONATING EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEED BY WREC TO THE SHARE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DARYL ERIKSEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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