

HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****NOVEMBER 8, 1991**

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 November 8, 1991, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 1991 will stand approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

It was asked that Bill Webb, Elko County Coroner, be added to the agenda for a demonstration of equipment that the Wells ambulance needs, Also asked was the Board Retreat be added to the December agenda. There were no objections.

BILL WEBB:

Bill Webb brought before the board two pieces of equipment (Pro-Pack and an oxygen and pulse monitor) for the Wells ambulance. Following a demonstration of the equipment, a donation was asked to be considered towards the purchase. All Wells businesses will be approached. The price of the two pieces was about \$6,000.00. Following a discussion, there were no objections to Dan looking into the purchase of the equipment. He is also to check whether Wendover and Carlin needs the equipment as well. It was voted that Wendover is served by a private ambulance company.

WENDOVER LAND:

The article in the Advocate regarding the Wendover property was discussed. The paper mis-quoted Dan and attorney Bob Vaughan.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality Division of Environmental Response and Remediation has sent a Reporting and Remediation Schedule to Stateline. A discussion ensued.

MICROWAVE CAPACITY:

The contract with Western Communications has been signed. Carlin offices are on-line and Western is working on system with the Wendover office.

REPORT ON MEMBER CONTACTS:

Reports on contacts made and follow-ups were given.

MANAGER[[#146]]S REPORT:

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

A copy of the CBS 60 Minutes segment on the Rural Electric Program is available for review. A discussion ensued.

An update on the REQUIP program was given. A Quality Improvement Team was given the Mayday project. A discussion ensued.

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Dan reported on his speech at the Rotary Club in Elko on October 30.

A copy of the manager[[#146]]s goals for 1992 was handed out to the board.

The leases on two vehicles terminate this year (Member Services stationwagon and general manager[[#146]]s car). A discussion ensued.

A letter was received from Jim Copenhaver, attorney, regarding the suggestion on imposing an interest charge on delinquent accounts. A discussion ensued. Further investigation will be required.

A letter was sent to IBEW Local 1245 regarding the scheduling of union negotiations. The dates of November 18-20 were proposed. A response has not been received.

Warren reported on the Jiggs/Lee delivery. The recently completed WREC/BPA load forecast shows that the existing 800ks contract limit is sufficient through 1997. Based on the forecast, WREC will not be requesting additional capacity from SPPCo. Based on load flow calculations, voltage problems at peak loading can be compensated by the addition of voltage regulators on our system as opposed to upgrading facilities on SPPCo[[#146]]s system.

A report was given on electrician services. We have reached 5.1 billable hours which is above the break even point on the services. A discussion ensued regarding the financing of electrician services. A study on the feasibility of credit financing for electrician services was requested.

Donation requests for Christmas lighting contests and needy families were received. IT WAS ON MOTION BY RAY CRAWFORD, SECONDED BY LOIS NANNINI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DONATE THE SAME AMOUNT AS LAST YEAR TO THE TWO REQUESTS.

Auditor[[#146]]s Bid Selection Report was reviewed by the board. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY A. WRIGHT, SECONDED BY LARRY BRADSHAW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE ERNST & YOUNG BID.

A letter to Bonneville Power will be sent regarding a facilities determination on Newmont[[#146]]s new load increases. Dan reported.

Barger has refilled a suit on the pumping claim that was dismissed. We have filed for dismissal.

Dan reported on the National Rural Economic Development meeting. REA Loan availability and responsibility were discussed.

A recess was called at 10:40 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 11:00 a.m.

A discussion ensued regarding donations and budgeted amounts.

Wendover USA has requested a donation of electrical work (\$200.00) to put up a community Christmas tree. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY LOIS NANNINI, SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DONATE ELECTRICIAN SERVICES.

The Legislative Conference is scheduled for May 3-6, 1992.

Topics for the board retreat were discussed (wind generation & geothermal).

CREDIT UNION

Glenn Reese of Nevada Credit Union League contacted Dan regarding the survey sent out. Only forty-seven of the three hundred surveys sent out have been returned. Dan reported. A full report will be given at the December meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No board committees met this month.

Tuesday, December 17, 1991 at 8:30 a.m. the following committees were scheduled to meet: Financial Advisory, Retirement & Insurance, Directory & Manager Expense and Safety.

The December 20 board meeting will be held in Wendover at the Stateline at 9:00 a.m. MST.

SAFETY MINUTES:

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

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:

The Wells bloodmobile was scheduled November 7. A record 73 pints was collected. The company Christmas party schedule was discussed.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 5-WELLS, NEVADA; 5-CARLIN, NEVADA; 2-WENDOVER, NEVADA; AND 1-WENDOVER, UTAH.

Daryl asked if there were any objections to him attending the NWPPA board meeting scheduled December 6. There were no objections. A discussion ensued regarding NWPPA membership dues.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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