

**HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)****THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****JANUARY 15, 1993**

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 January 15, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

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

Staff members present were Daniel L. Kessler, Jr., General Manager; and Paul Johnson, Manager of Member Services. Also present was Diane Griswold, Executive Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 1993 will stand approved as written.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

It was requested that the Board Strategic Plan and Board Retreat be added. There were no objections. An Executive Session was requested: no objections. Tony Glauser, REA Field Representative, was present.

**WENDOVER LAND:**

Mr. Robert Hill, attorney, sent a letter, in December, to the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board. No response from the Control Board has been received. Stateline Hotel attorneys have sent a similar letter to ours, claiming no responsibility and calling for a hearing.

**REA LOAN PACKAGE:**

Mr. Glauser updated the board on the processing of our loan package sent in to REA in September.

**MEMBER CONTACTS:**

Reports on member contacts made and follow-ups were reported. Christmas Party invitations were discussed. The summary of the board minutes was discussed.

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

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

A discussion was held on the leasing of vehicles through Farm Credit Leasing, a subsidiary of CoBank. A more thorough report will be given in February.

A letter, from Debbie Smith Executive Director of NENDA, was reviewed. A breakdown of the costs for their brochure was reported and discussed.

The revised Ruralite Magazine was discussed.

The NRECA and CFC voting delegate cards were given to the board for signatures.

Sandra Fairburn, Chief of the Bureau of Community Health Services of Nevada, contacted Dan regarding the continued use of the WREC building on Lake Street for health service. There is not a problem of the Health Nurse using the building on Lake Street until such time as the business plan is put together for the credit union and amount of space that the credit union will require is known or the City of Wells has located another office for their use. The City of Wells terminated the lease with Wells Rural Electric due, in part, to the cost of upgrading the building for ADA requirements.

The Wells Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a cross country ski race. They have requested use of the snow cat to blade two courses, 10K and 5K, as a community service. Ray Bleak has offered the donation of his time to blade the tracks. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY ROBERT HARRIS, SECONDED BY LARRY BRADSHAW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE USED OF SNOW CAT FOR THE BLADING OF THE TRACKS.

The Wells Chariot Club has requested a \$200.00 donation for their annual invitational. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DONATION.

The Temoake Tribe of Western Shoshones has received a grant for their youth sports program. They have requested a contribution to assist them in their endeavor to keep the program ongoing. A discussion ensued. IT WAS ON MOTION BY ROBERT HARRIS, SECONDED BY S.J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THIS REQUEST.

Dan reported on the meeting with Bonneville Power Administration regarding the proposed draft of the General Transfer Agreement.

Information on the proposed NRECA Management Audit and Market Research Study was received. Dan reported. A thorough and lengthy discussion ensued. Copies of the proposals will be sent out to the board for review and comment.

The 1993 financial audit is scheduled for February. It was recommended that Ernst & Young be retained to perform the audit. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW, SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ERNST & YOUNG AS OUR AUDITORS.

It was requested that the March board meeting be changed due to scheduling conflicts. There was no objection to changing the March board meeting to Friday, March 26.

NRECA has asked a contribution of an additional twenty percent to the dues paid to NRECA by their members. Vernon Dalton reported. Addressed were the environmental concerns that will be coming before this session of Congress. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY ROBERT HARRIS, SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTRIBUTE AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY PERCENT OF OUR DUES PAID TO NRECA. THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO BE EARMARKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT.

#### NEVADA COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION:

Glen Reese canceled the board meeting due to weather. The meeting has been rescheduled for February

3. Further training for the board and committees has been scheduled for February 1, 2, & 3.

#### FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

Dan reported on the BPA Preference Customer Meeting. Addressed was the proposed wholesale rate increase of about 11.6 percent. The final report will be out June 15. This will be addressed in our Cost of Service Study. Management will have recommendations on incorporating the increase following the completion of the Cost of Service Study.

#### SAFETY MEETING:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES.

#### ENGINEERING/OPERATIONS REPORT:

A discussion was held regarding wind generation. BPA installed and monitored, through Oregon State, anemometers within the WREC service area for seven years. From this study, the only feasible site and one of the top six sites in the Northwest for wind generation is the Pequop site. Economically, wind generation does not compete with hydro generation at this time. The possibility of wind generation will still be looked into and information gathered. Additional information will be sent out with the minutes.

#### MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:

53 people have signed up for ACRE.

#### NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 18 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 3-WELLS, NV; 2-CARLIN, NV; 4-WENDOVER, NV; AND 9-WENDOVER, UT.

#### BOARD RETREAT/STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Board Retreat was canceled due to conflicting schedules. A day and a half Strategic Planning session will be scheduled, in the board room, the last week of February of the first week of March. The board will be notified of the days that Martin Lowery will be here.

Wind generation and solar tours will be scheduled sometime in March over a Friday/Saturday.

An executive session was called.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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