

**HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)****THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****APRIL 15, 1994**

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 15, 1994 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, Daryl Eriksen, Robert Harris, Lois Nannini, Jerry Parkin, Vernon Scott, S.J. Smith, and Mary A. Wright.

Staff members present were Daniel L. Kessler, Jr., General Manager; Clay Fitch, Manager, Finance/Administration; and 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 March 25, 1994 will stand approved as written.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

It was noted that Greg Boudreaux would not be attending this meeting for the Wage & Salary survey/study. More preliminary work needs to be done. The completed survey/study will be brought before the board in August. A membership list request, per Policy 2-7, was received. There was no objection to adding this request to the agenda.

**WENDOVER LAND:**

The official order from the Executive Secretary of the Utah Solid & Hazardous Waste Control Board was received; however, there is a thirty day comment period. Wells Rural has been determined not responsible or liable for the contamination and cleanup of the Wendover property.

Dan addressed the revised REA Form 740G for refinancing the Wendover building. Previously, for the Wendover project, REA approved a lien accommodation with a higher percentage of headquarter plant than is now proposed. Federated will insure the building. They foresee no problems. The unknown or unforeseen future legal costs are too vague to project.

The proposed revisal of the office/warehousing plans was handed out. Addressed was the proposed space to lease to the credit union. These changes will be sent to the architect for his review and recommendation. Dan reported on the proposed changes. A thorough discussion ensued.

**MEMBER REQUEST:**

Robin Potts Maxwell publishes a rural newspaper in Twin Falls, Idaho area. Copies of the newspaper were handed out for review. She is interest in moving back to Wells to start up a newspaper. She has requested a one time member list to survey the WREC members to see if people would be interested in supporting a local area newspaper. The letter sent by Ms. Maxwell was read. After a thorough discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY ROBERT HARRIS, SECONDED BY JERRY ANDERSON AND PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE SENDING HER OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST.

REPORT ON MEMBER CONTACTS:

Member contacts made and follow-ups were reported. The electrical safety/high voltage presentation were given at area school last week.

A few comments were received in the Carlin office regarding the new billing dates. These billing changes have been well advertised throughout the service area.

AUDITOR[[#146]]S REPORT:

The final financial audit report for 1993 was handed out for approval. Dan reported. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FINAL 1993 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT.

MANAGER[[#146]]S REPORT:

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

An update on the Co-op Coalition was given. A small problem arose regarding their stance on low density discount. BPA agreed that it would not be looked at until the next rate case. It was the consensus of the Coalition to agree with that stance. One member of the Coalition stated to BPA that the Coalition was in favor of an adjustment to the low density discount. This was a misrepresentation of the Coalition[[#146]]s stance. Several letters were sent and phone calls made to BPA refuting the one member[[#146]]s stance.

Glenn English sent a letter regarding NRECA[[#146]]s involvement in a resolution on a healthcare plan for the members. (Mary Wright came in at this time.) Vernon Dalton reported. A complete information package is to be sent to all managers.

The Legislative Conference is scheduled for May 2 & 3, 1994. A 7:00 a.m. NREA breakfast is scheduled for Monday, May 2 in the Bryce Room of the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. NRECA[[#146]]s orientation is scheduled from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Tuesday, May 3, a meeting with the legislators is scheduled at 3:00 p.m.

Sierra Pacific has not responded to the request for service in Beowawe.

Tom Wagenhoffer, Snake River Area Manager, is retiring from Bonneville Power Administration. Dan reported.

An update was given on the Newmont Consolidated Agreement, which has been redrafted and is progressing well, and Praxair Power Sales contract.

A discussion ensued regarding putting together the history of Wells Rural Electric Company. There were no objection to looking into this further.

NEVADA COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION:

Leasing space of the building on 510 Lake Street was thoroughly discussed. The Justice of the Peace has inquired into the availability of space in that building. Following the lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the board to bring before the Policy Committee a policy which addressed leasing WREC

property. A Policy Committee was set for April 27, 1994 at 9:00 a.m.

#### POWER SUPPLY REPORT:

A new system peak of 60.76 was set in February 1994.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Larry reported on behalf of the Financial Advisory Committee. Upon committee recommendation, IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW, SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 1994 BUDGET. Upon committee recommendation, IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW, SECONDED BY DARYL ERIKSEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RESCIND THE FIRST QUARTER AND SECOND QUARTER 1994 BUDGETS AND APPROVE THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1994 BUDGET THE NEW FLEX BUDGET FORMAT.

#### SAFETY MINUTES:

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

#### NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY JERRY ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 42 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 11-WELLS, NV; 16-CARLIN, NV; 8-WENDOVER, NV; AND 7-WENDOVER, UT.

Vernon Dalton was asked to bid for the Secretary/Treasury position on the NRECA board of directors. A discussion ensued on campaign expenses. The board gave Vernon their full support with no objection to his bidding on the position.

A lunch recess was called at 11:45 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### NENDA:

Yvonne Stuart and Lee Woolsey, NENDA board of directors, gave an update on NENDA. Their workplan was handed out for review and comment. Mike Nannini, Elko County Commissioner, and Hank James, NENDA board member, also addressed the board. They requested support of NENDA through a donation. Following a lengthy discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED, WITH A VOTE OF SIX FOR AND FIVE AGAINST, TO APPROVE A \$3,000.00 (\$1,000.00 EACH COMMUNITY) DONATION TO NENDA.

Vernon Dalton addressed the importance of supporting ACRE.

A discussion ensued regarding rumors that Eureka, Nevada would like to start their own electric utility district. Also addressed was the possible legislative ramifications due to the upheavals with Mr. Wheeler Power Inc. Nevada Rural Electric Association will discuss this topic during their board meeting on Friday, April 28, 1994.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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