

HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****JUNE 17, 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 June 17, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 1994 will stand approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

WENDOVER LAND:

Drawings of the floor plan for the building were handed out for review and discussion. The REA 740G form, preliminary drawings and the architectural services contract was sent to REA. Bob Hope will attend the July board meeting.

MEMBER CONTACTS:

Member contacts made and follow-ups were reported. Robert Harris presented the WREC scholarship in Carlin, with Warren Linnell presenting one in Wells. They were well received.

A discussion ensued regarding line extensions and the customer **[[#146]]**'s obligation to dig the trench.

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

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

CFC has requested our continued support of their Integrity Fund, which consists of returning back to CFC our patronage capital (5%). IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DONATE 5% OF OUR CFC PATRONAGE CAPITAL BACK TO CFC.

BPA has placed WREC under their new district office in Burley, Idaho. Larry King will be the district manager. Gerry Leone (Idaho Falls district manager) has moved to manage the PPC office, replacing Bill Drummond.

A discussion ensued regarding WREC[**146**]'s history. Thelma Dahl was recommended as a researcher and that she is interested. It was noted that Mary Branscomb is also interested. The finished product is scheduled for the 1995 Annual Meeting.

Sierra Pacific will be serving the requested services in Beowawe.

The PNGC Annual Meeting is scheduled July 12-13 in Corvallis, Oregon.

Dan reported on BPA[**146**]'s Interim Rate Adjustment Clause. BPA will make their initial determination whether to trigger the IRA in August. A discussion ensued.

Gleen English has requested our support of the Pro-Electricity Campaign. We have supported this effort in the past. They are asking us to contribute 10 [**162**] or each meter served, about \$520.00.

Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY S.J. SMITH, SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

Bob Vaughan asked to attend the Legal Seminar in Denver, Colorado. He will donate his time and asked that WREC pay his expenses. IT WAS ON MOTION BY LARRY BRADSHAW, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE SENDING BOB VAUGHAN TO THE LEGAL SEMINAR IN DENVER.

Dan reported on the Newmont contracts. A meeting with Newmont is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 1994. The GTA and the Consolidated Agreement need to agree in principle. These contracts should be finalized soon.

A letter from Bob Vaughan about the Next Dollar program was reviewed. Mr. Vaughan asked to attend the July board meeting to finalize the paperwork. The board was asked for names to serve on the perspective Next Dollar Foundation board. A discussion ensued on districting and the number of board members. Information will be sent out to all the WREC board for their review. A questionnaire will be put in all the offices. Also, if the member is interested, a membership card will be available at that time. There were no objections. September/October has been targeted for the start up date of new program.

The Wells Justice Court has agreed to \$500.00 a month rent for two years. The lease has been signed. It was suggested to call the "old" WREC building on Lake Street the Wells Professional Building. There were no objections.

Dan and Clay gave a Total Quality Management roundtable presentation in Elko on Thursday, June 16. Dan reported.

WREC received a check for \$5,646.83 as a prepayment of CFC[**146**]'s patronage capital allocation. This prepayment is due to a good operative year for CFC.

Joanne Dalton was named as chairperson for the Nominating Committee (Marlene Brough, Bessie Winchell and Marie Johnston) during their meeting of June 10. They will meet on July 12 to approve board nominations.

Several applications have been received for the Manager of Member Services position Three in-house applications have also been received. A decision is expected to be made the first of July.

A donation request was received from the Wells Senior Citizen Center asking for support of the Silver Sage Senior Citizen Center Golf Tournament. We have supported this effort in the past. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A \$200.00 DONATION FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The Region IX Meeting is scheduled at the Portland Hilton in Portland, Oregon for September 27-29, with pre-meeting courses scheduled for 25-27. A discussion ensued regarding NWPPA/NRECA training courses.

The WREC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. McAvoy Lane will be the guest speaker. He impersonates Mark Twain. He spoke during the Region IX Meeting last year and was well received.

Dan gave an update on the Co-op Coalition. Rick Itami, a past Idaho Falls District Manger for BPA, was selected as the Segment Manager for the Non-Generating Publics. The BPA Business Plan eliminates the low density discount. The Coalition[[#146]]s stance has been to wait until the 1995 rate case to negotiate the discount. BPA [[#146]]s message is that the low density discount will be reduced. BPA invited the Coalition to participate in the development of a plan for that reduction. Dan gave BPA [[#146]]s reason for reduction. Following a discussion, the board had no objection to our representation in this matter.

NEVADA COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION:

Vernon Dalton had nothing to report. Their board meeting is scheduled following this one. A report will be given during our next board meeting in July.

The lease for space cannot be signed at this time due to state laws governing credit unions. Dan reported.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

An Election Committee needs to be appointed in July.

A Financial Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled Thursday, July 21 at 9:00 a.m. to review the last five budgets in the new budget format.

POWER SUPPLY REPORT:

A new system peak of 66.96 was reached.

FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Cycle billing is going well. Clay reported.

SAFETY MINUTES:

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

SIIS regulations were discussed.

ELECTRICIAN REPORT:

After talking with Electrician Department personnel and management staff, Dan proposed to the board hiring another journeyman electrician to handle the commercial and irrigation jobs that we are now turning down due to time and scheduling limitations. The new electrician will be informed that this is a

trial basis only, temporary, for three months. At the end of the three months, expense, profit, etc. figures will be brought before the board for their review. A thorough and lengthy discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the board that management make the decision to hire a journeyman electrician on a temporary basis or contract a journeyman electrician for the period of three months. Reports will be made to the board each month for three months. At the end of three months, a full review will be made as to the feasibility of the addition of another journeyman electrician.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 57 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 12-WELLS, NV; 13-CARLIN, NV; 18-WENDOVER, NV; AND 14-WENDOVER, UT.

S.J. Smith reported on his attendance to the NWPPA 1005.2 Course.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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