

HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****April 21, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wells Rural Electric Company was held in Wells, Nevada in the boardroom of the Wells office and called to order April 21, 1995 at 9:00 am. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

Directors present were: Gerald Anderson, Ferris T. Brough, D. Vernon Dalton, Daryl Eriksen, Robert Harris, Orlin Kidner, Lois Nannini, Vernon Scott, S. J. Smith and Mary Wright. Jerry Parkin was absent.

Staff members present were Daniel L. Kessler, Jr., General Manager; Clay R. Fitch, Manager of Finance/Administration and Warren Linnell, Manager of Engineering/Operation. Also present were Don McDonald and Tommi Reynolds, Member Services Representatives; Diane Griswold, Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 22, 1995 will stand approved as written.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

There were no additions. A note that the bid opening for construction of the Wendover building is scheduled for 11:00 am. The agenda item, Wendover Land, will be postponed until that time.

STUDIES UPDATE:

Dan reported that NRECA is hiring a water/wastewater specialist. It was suggested that we wait with our study until the specialist is hired as NRECA will be giving seminars specific to this topic. It was the consensus of the board to wait on the study until we can meet with the specialist.

MANAGER[[#146]]S REPORT:

A discussion was held on the agenda items and the proposed change in the agenda. CFC Briefs, with Economic Update; NRECA Briefs, with Legislative Update; RUS Briefs and CoBank Briefs were reported. CFC interest rates, investments made and interest earned were reported.

Dan and Clay are to attend a meeting in Carson City regarding retail wheeling next week. It is our understanding that they have not submitted any legislation this year on retail wheeling. Our position was discussed. Also a meeting with SPPCo. Has been scheduled to discuss power supply issues, rural territories, etc. Also discussed was the possible takeover of Nevada power by Pacific Corp. Discussed was the proposed formation of a cooperative of Las Vegas residential consumers and possible Public Service Commission involvement.

A meeting has been set with the RUS to discuss several issues, such as our Consolidated Agreement and Letter of Credit with Newmont, the General Transfer Agreement and Bonneville Power Administration, etc. An update will be given during the next meeting.

As per the board[[#146]]s request, a letter was sent out to WREC membership stressing the importance of belonging to a cooperative and supporting the Nevada Cooperative Credit Union.

A CFC sponsored workshop is scheduled in Reno on May 8 and 9. A number of issues, such as equity management, will be addressed.

A discussion ensued regarding regulatory and compliance issues that concern WREC, as well as the cost factors involved with these issues. WREC is putting together a dollar figure on what the impact of meeting these compliance/regulatory issues, etc. is.

A group of WREC employees are forming a tree trimming company. This business will have no association with WREC whatsoever. Any work done by them, will be done on their own time, not company time. The anti-trust area was received with our attorney. Also thoroughly discussed was sending out bids for our tree-trimming needs, as well as WREC, doing the tree trimming, what the costs, etc. versus bidding out the job would be.

Brought before the board was requests by the Nevada Cooperative Credit Union and the Wells Justice Court for the need of two drop boxes, one for each entity. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the board that security of the building, as well as the proposed addition of the drop boxes be studied.

Several donation requests were received: The National Endangered Species Act Coalition [[#150]] following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY LOIS NANNINI, SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE DONATING \$2,000.00 TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES COALITION. Dan is the area chairman for the United Way Campaign. All directors donated \$25.00 to United Way with one half of the funds going to the Senior Citizen Centers and one half the funds going to the Next Dollar Foundation. A request for the purchase of one or two rings for the boys championship basketball team was received. This was received as information. The 4-H Horse Show committee is requesting support of their horse show. This was received as information. The Boys Scouts of America, Wells Chapter, has requested \$100.00 donation, following a discussion, it was decided to send this request to the Next Dollar Foundation board for consideration.

Tommi Reynolds reported on the downtown redevelopment meeting. Front Street has been declared a state historical site and a grant of \$1,500.00 was received to study the feasibility of preserving the buildings.

The Nevada Rural Electric Association Youth Energy Seminar was moved ahead two days in June due to a rock concert planned at Boreal Ridge the same night as the YES banquet.. Dan reported.

There were no objections to the proposed changes to the agenda.

The May and July board meetings come into scheduling conflict. IT WAS ON MOTION BY ROBERT HARRIS, SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE THE MAY BOARD MEETING TO THE 26TH AND THE JULY MEETING TO THE 14TH.

NEVADA COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION:

Vernon Dalton reported. The Department of Financial Institution auditors completed their annual audit. The final report has not been received. Vernon requested that this be added to the May agenda. There were no objections.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mary Wright reported on behalf of the Financial Advisory Committee and recommended the budget be approved as presented. IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Also reported was the proposed policy 1-12 Economic and Community Development and Cooperative Diversification. It was suggested that III.C. the word *supports* be changed to *will consider*. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY FERRIS BROUGH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE POLICY 1-12 AS REVISED.

Policies 4-1 and 5-1 will be brought before the Policy Committee in July for review.

The Scholarship Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 11 at 9:00 am in Wendover to interview scholarship applicants. Those members from Wells and outlying areas are to meet at the Wells WREC office at 7:00 am to leave to Wendover. The committee then travels to Wells and on to Carlin. The following directors will handout the scholarships during graduation: Robert Harris, Carlin; Orlin Kidner, Wells; and Gerald Anderson, Wendover.

The Next Dollar Charitable Foundation slogan/logo contest winners were reported: the slogan winner was "Turn your spare change into building blocks" by John Rowe of Carlin and the logo winner was Kathy Reber of Wells. Vernon Dalton reported on the Next Dollar Foundation[[#146]]s member/board of director meeting held on April 18th. Consent forms to roundup your WREC electric bill to the next dollar will be available in the next couple of months.

POWER SUPPLY:

The new format was explained. A discussion was ensued.

FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATION SERVICES REPORT:

Capital credit refund checks are scheduled to be mailed April 28th in the amount of \$353,383.00.

SAFETY MINUTES:

The safety meeting was postponed due to a scheduling conflict. IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES.

WENDOVER LAND:

Mr. Robert Hope, architect, opened bids for the construction of the Wendover office building at 11:00 am.

Valley Design & Construction, Inc. from Ogden, Utah with a base bid of \$1,358,000.00 with deducts for alternate #1 (concrete to asphalt paving) of \$5,500.00 and alternate #2 of \$1,390,000.00 (electrical work).

Ellsworth, Peck Construction Corporation from American Falls, Utah with a base bid of \$1,390,000.00 with deducts for alternate #1 of \$1,500.00 and alternate #2 \$165,000.00.

Weyher Brothers Construction Company from Salt Lake City, Utah with a base bid of \$1,353,000.00 with deducts for alternate #1 of \$15,000.00 and alternate #2 \$135,000.00.

Keller Construction Inc. from West Valley City, Utah with a base bid of \$1,327,000.00 with deducts for alternate #1 of \$10,700.00 and alternate #2 \$126,475.00.

R.C. Layne Construction Company form Elko, Nevada with a base bid of \$1,395,000.00 with deducts for alternate #1 of \$6,100.00 and alternate #2 of \$165,500.

Stacey Enterprises of Ogden, Utah with a base bid of \$1,402,467.00 with deducts for alternate #1 of \$5,995.00 and alternate #2 of \$129,475.00.

Following a thorough discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE KELLER CONSTRUCTION, INC. BID WITH BOTH DEDUCTIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,189,825.00. IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY S.J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE THE WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY[[#146]]S ELECTRICIAN DO THE ELECTRICAL WORK.

OUTAGE REPORT:

The outages this last month were caused by an ice storm and vandalism on Raft River[[#146]]s 138kV line.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:

The Wendover bloodmobile is scheduled for May 4. The Trash-A-Thon was rescheduled for May 3 due to weather.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 60 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 9-WELLS, 17-CARLIN, 19-WENDOVER, NV AND 15[[#150]]WENDOVER, UT.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

D. Vernon Dalton, President
Lois Nannini, Secretary

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