

**HTML contains invalid UTF-8 character(s)****MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY****September 27, 1996**

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 Friday, September 27, 1996 at 9:00 am. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

Directors present were: Gerald Anderson, D. Vernon Dalton, Daryl Eriksen, Robert Harris, Orlin Kidner, Lois Nannini, Paul Neff, Jerry Parkin, Vernon Scott, and S. J. Smith. Mary Wright was not present.

Staff members present were Daniel L. Kessler, Jr., General Manager; Clay R. Fitch, Manager of Finance/Administration; Warren Linnell, Manager of Engineering/Operations; and Jim Su[[#146]]euga, Manager of Customer Services. Also present was Diane Moore, Executive Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 1996 were approved as written.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Election Committee Report was given. Seven hundred forth-three ballots were counted. Thirty ballots were rejected. Lois Nannini, Vernon Dalton, Gerald Anderson and Robert Harris were re-elected to the board. (EXHIBIT) IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT. All incumbents were congratulated on their re-election to the board.

**BOARD OFFICER ELECTION COMMITTEE:**

An election of officers of the board was held. Staff picked up the ballots with Dan counting them. The following were results unanimously: President-D. Vernon Dalton; Vice President [[#150]] Daryl Eriksen; and Secretary/Treasurer [[#150]] Lois Nannini; with alternates are S.J. Smith and Orlin Kidner.

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

The budget will be sent out next week for board review. A Financial Advisory Committee and the General Manager[[#146]]s Evaluation were scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 9:00 am. The manager[[#146]]s evaluation will begin first with the committee meeting following.

The NREA Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 10, 11, 1996 in Pahrump, NV at the Saddle West. The agenda was reviewed.

The Next \$ Foundation trustee appointment was brought before for consideration. IT WAS ON MOTION BY S. J. SMITH, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO

APPROVE MELISA GREGORY, CHERYL MELVILLE, DEBRA BUSSARD AND ELAINE SWANSON AS NEXT \$ FOUNDATION TRUSTEES. DAN KESSLER AND CLAY FITCH WERE APPOINTED AS LIAISONS.

Two seats on the NREA board, held by WREC, are up for reappointment. IT WAS ON MOTION BY PAUL NEFF, SECONDED BY ROBERT HARRIS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT VERNON DALTON AND DAN KESSLER.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY DARYL ERIKSEN, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE DAN AS THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND VERNON AS THE ALTERNATE.

A donation request was received from the Western States Indian Rodeo Association. They are seeking support of the rodeo to be held in Spring Creek, Nevada. IT WAS ON MOTION BY ROBERT HARRIS, SECONDED BY S. J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECEIVE THE REQUEST AS INFORMATION.

#### SAFETY MINUTES:

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

#### NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY PAUL NEFF AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 85 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 17-WELLS[**##146**] 19-CARLIN, 31 WENDOVER, NV AND 18 [**##150**]WENDOVER, UT.

#### AUTOMATED METER READING (TURTLE SYSTEM):

Don Angell and Warren Linnell gave a presentation on an automated meter reading system called a Turtle. A question and review discussion ensued following the presentation. It was requested that a test system be set up in which 25 meters would be tested in the Wells area and is fully refundable if the test is not satisfactory. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY S.J. SMITH, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE SYSTEM AND 25 METERS FOR \$6,500.00 FOR THE TEST WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MONEY IS FULLY REFUNDABLE IF THE TEST IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

The following informational items were discussed:

Cost of Service Study is ongoing. An update was given. The model has been built and data is being entered. The main thrust is rate stability. The preliminary study will be presented to the Financial Committee during the meeting this month.

The BPA rate case and possible impacts were discussed.

The October board meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 18 at Newmont Gold Company. Vans will be available for those needing rides. Meeting at the WREC office building in Wells at 7:30 am.

AN update was given on the NRECA PACE/Benchmarking undertaking.

The WREC Annual Meeting was discussed. Two hundred forty-seven people signed in, with one

hundred thirty-four members attending the meeting. Seventy prizes were given out. The staff and Member Services Department were commended for how well organized and orchestrated the meeting was.

Reports were given by those attending the Region IX Meeting in West Yellowstone.

A lunch recess was called at 12:10 pm. The meeting was called back to order at 1:15 pm.

Reports were given on the Legislative Committee.

Dan and staff went to review and investigate the Santa Clara Fuel Cell Project. Dan reported. He suggested the board may be interested in holding their retreat there.

Jerry Leon, of the Public Power Council, will give a presentation to the staff and board on Friday, October 4, 1996. The BPA rate case, etc. will be discussed.

A thank you was received from Julie Morrison of Ruby Valley for purchasing her beef.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. An executive session was called following the Quantum Board meeting.

D. Vernon Dalton, President Lois Nannini, Secretary/Treasurer

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