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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**December 13, 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, December 13, 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, Orlin Kidner, Lois Nannini, Paul Neff, Jerry Parkin, Vernon Scott, S. J. Smith and Mary Wright. Robert Harris 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 Sue[[#146]]euga, Manager of Customer Services. Also present was Diane Moore, Executive Secretary and Don Angell, Engineering Consultant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 1996 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held to review the NRECA board evaluation. Following the evaluation, Dan gave an update on the IBEW Union negotiations.

Gerald Anderson was presented with NRECA[[#146]]s Board Leadership Training Certificate.

Christmas Party plans for the evening were discussed..

MANAGER[[#146]]S REPORT:

The Cost of Service Study report was given by Dan, Clay and Don Angell. Several handouts were given to the board. Rate stability is projected through the year 2000. A thorough and lengthy discussion was held.

Due to a board meeting conflict with the 1997 Director[[#146]]s Conference in January, it was requested that the January board meeting date be changed to the 16<sup>th</sup> instead of the 17<sup>th</sup>. IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY PAUL NEFF AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE CHANGING THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

Jim Sue[[#146]]euga gave the annual Member Services report. Addressed were two new programs, Public Awareness Safety Program and the Residential Blue Ribbon Home Program. A discussion ensued.

Jim Sue[[#146]]euga presented the Member Services Department General Plan Acquisition budget for

1997. After review and discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY DARYL ERIKSEN, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE \$12,095.00 MEMBER SERVICES GPA BUDGET.

A lunch recess was called at 12:00 noon. The meeting was called back to order at 1:15 pm. (Mary Wright did not attend the afternoon session).

Warren Linnell presented the Engineering and Operations General Plant Acquisition budget for 1997. After review and discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BE VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS GPA BUDGET AS CORRECTED.

Warren read the Safety Minutes. IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES.

A request for presenting the 42 eligible employees with a \$100.00 safety award, as done in the past, was brought before the board for consideration. IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY S. J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE \$100.00 SAFETY AWARD.

Clay brought before the board the two bids received for insurance. Federated Insurance was, again, the low bidder at \$89,120.00. Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY VERNON SCOTT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE FEDERATED INSURANCE SA OUR CARRIER.

The NRECA Annual Meeting will be held in Las Vegas in March.

A report on the repairs for the WREC office building in Wells was given to the board. Following a thorough discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY S.J. SMITH, SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE BROKEN ARROW CONSTRUCTION TO REPAIR THE ROOF FOR \$43,950.00.

The new membership list was brought before the board for approval. IT WAS ON MOTION BY VERNON SCOTT, SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 44 NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 8-WELLS; 12-CARLIN; 15-WENDOVER, NV; AND 9-WENDOVER, UT.

Don Angell gave an update on the BPA rate case and a regional review. Also addressed was the transfer trip issue for Newmont Gold, through Sierra Pacific Power Co.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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

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