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

**May 17, 2002**

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, May 17, 2002 at 9:00 am. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

Directors present were: Gerald Anderson, D. Vernon Dalton, Orlin Kidner, Lois Nannini, Paul Neff, Jerry Parkin, S. J. Smith, Howard Wright and Mary Wright. Scott Egbert, and Robert Harris were absent.

Staff member present was Clay R. Fitch, Chief Executive Officer. Also present was Amanda Moffitt, Executive Secretary.

**ACTION ITEMS:****APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2002 were approved as written.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

There were no objections to add the following:

- Wendover Burglary Update
- Proposed Board Safety Meeting
- UPS Services

**SAFETY FIRST VERSE:**

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**PRESENTATIONS:**

Northwest Requirements Utility **[[#150]]** Geoff Carr **[[#150]]** Geoff explained the difference between a "requirements" customer and a "slice" customer and the power supply issues after 2006. Also discussed were future regional transmission issues and a 20-year plan package that would make the requirements and slice customers more equal.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Proposed Board Safety Meeting **[[#150]]** Clay proposed incorporating a short safety meeting into the June board meeting, which would identify basic office safety procedures. IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE HOLDING A SAFETY MEETING DURING THE JUNE BOARD MEETING.

Election Committee Nominations **[[#150]]** IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN,

SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT CAROL HUNTER OF WENDOVER TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY LOIS NANNINI, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT ANITA CHOATE OF WELLS TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY HOWARD WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT ESTELA DURAZO OF CARLIN TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT CAROL WACHTEL OF DEETH TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY LOIS NANNINI, SECONDED BY S. J. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JIM WHITED OF CLOVER VALLEY AND GWENN WINES OF RUBY VALLEY AS ALTERNATES TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

Election Ballot and Checklist **[[#150]]** IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT THE BALLOT AND CHECKLIST STRIKING "WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY" FROM ROBERT VAUGHAN**[[#146]]**S ADDRESS IN PROCEDURE 1.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THURSDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM FOR THE DIRECTOR NOMINEE ORIENTATION.

2001 **[[#150]]** 2002 Budget **[[#150]]** Clay and the board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget and a 10-Year Operation Expense table and a 10-Year Expense as % of Revenue table. IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY PAUL NEFF AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2001 **[[#150]]** 2002 BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Net Metering Principles **[[#150]]** A discussion was held on the proposed list of principles for a net metering policy. IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NET METERING PRINCIPLES AS PRESENTED AND WITH THE ADDITION OF A PRINCIPLE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A SYSTEM WIDE 3% CAP.

Staff will begin drafting a policy on net metering using the adopted principles as a guideline.

Carlin Property Exchange **[[#150]]** Clay read a letter from Carlin**[[#146]]**s City Manager asking Wells Rural to consider exchanging property. Following a discussion which identified said properties, it was determined that it would not benefit Wells Rural to accept the offer, but donating the property they are interested in would benefit the members. IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY MARY WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE DONATING THE REQUESTED PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF CARLIN. Clay was instructed to inform the Carlin City Manager that Wells Rural Electric will not be liable for any costs incurred with the donation of the property and the offer must be accepted by June 21, 2002.

## VISION ITEMS:

Power Supply Strategy **[[#150]]** The board reviewed current power supply strategies. Clay described current power supply and the transmission supply contracts between Wells Rural and Bonneville Power. Also discussed was distributed generation options and emerging technologies.

SAFETY MINUTES: IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY ANDERSON, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES AS PRESENTED. A discussion was held regarding members attempting to service their pump panels. Clay informed the board that the safety committee is looking at options for pump panel maintenance and educating the members on the danger of servicing their own panels.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: IT WAS ON MOTION BY PAUL NEFF, SECONDED BY HOWARD WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 66 NEW MEMBERSHIPS AS REVIEWED: WELLS **[[#150]]** 15; CARLIN **[[#150]]** 11; WENDOVER, NV **[[#150]]** 33 AND WENDOVER, UT **[[#150]]** 7.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

### DEPARTMENT OR OTHER REPORTS

The following reports were included as information in the agenda:

- Outage
- Operations
- Finance and Administration
- Member Services
- Office Services
- Diversified Services
- Integrated Resources
- Member Information Systems

### POWER SUPPLY REPORT

Don Angell reported on the following: BPA/Northwest, Newmont, Nevada Issues, Federal and California Issues.

### BOARD REPORTS

Directors attending the Legislative Conference reported.

Business Planning Session **[[#150]]** October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> have been scheduled with Greg Boudreux of NRECA to put together the 2003 strategic plan.

### CEO**[[#146]]**S REPORT

The following reports were included in the agenda:

Key Accounts **[[#150]]** This report was included in the agenda.

Wendover Burglary **[[#150]]** Clay reported and pictures reviewed.

UPS Service **[[#150]]** There was no objection for staff to explore offering UPS service through the Wells office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

S. J. Smith informed the board on current issues concerning the Wells medical center.

The following items will be added to the June agenda:

- Line extension policy
- Balance sheets
- Rule 9

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held.

As there was no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

D. Vernon Dalton, President

Lois Nannini, Secretary/Treasurer

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