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

**November 19, 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 Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 9:00 am. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

Directors present were: Gerald Anderson, D. Vernon Dalton, Scott Egbert, Orlin Kidner, Lois Nannini, Paul Neff, Jerry Parkin, S. J. Smith, Ron Springsteel, and Howard Wright. Mary Wright was 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 October 18, 2002 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no objections to add the following:

- NRECA Section 125 Plan
- Donation Requests
- Escheating of Capital Credit

SAFETY FIRST VERSE: Tire traction **[[#150]]** With the first snowfall; check the tread on your vehicle**[[#146]]**s tires and replace if needed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Power Supply Strategy **[[#150]]** A discussion was held on power supply options post 2006. IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE POWER SUPPLY STRATEGY AS PRESENTED.
- B. NREA Board of Director Election **[[#150]]** It was the consensus of the board to appoint President Dalton and Clay Fitch to continue to serve on the NREA board.
- C. NRECA Section 125 Plan **[[#150]]** IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE **[[#147]]**REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NRECA SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN**[[#148]]**.
- D. Escheating of Capital Credit - Clay explained the proposed legislative changes in relation to the escheating of unclaimed capital credits. Following a discussion regarding the proposed legislation, the board asked staff to have WREC**[[#146]]**s legal counsel to prepare a draft bylaw change that would allow WREC to distribute the escheated capital credits.
- E. Western Folk Life Center **[[#150]]** Clay informed the board of a donation request for the Western Folk

Life Center for their National Cowboy Poetry event. IT WAS ON MOTION BY S.J. SMITH, SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CONSIDER THE DONATION REQUEST AS INFORMATION.

- F. Wells High School State Finals Rodeo **[[#150]]** Clay informed the board, he was approached by Walter Winchell, chairman of the Wells High School Rodeo Club, for a donation of \$2,500 to sponsor the state finals rodeo in Wells. Following a discussion, Clay was asked to invite Walter to the December board meeting to give a presentation to the board.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Ed Miller, of Colorado Interstate Gas Co. **[[#150]]** Mr. Miller gave an update on the Ruby Mountain Pipeline. He discussed with the board the different routes the pipeline may come, depending on Newmont**[[#146]]**s decision of where to take their gas from. Mr. Miller also informed the board of the possibilities of a lateral line to come into the Wells area and the time frame of when CIG would need contracts from shippers along the pipeline.

Following a discussion, it was agreed Clay would talk with Mike Eriksen of Wells Propane and Jolene Supp, Wells City Manager, about their plans with natural gas and the pipeline.

#### ACTION ITEMS (continued):

- A. Rule 23 **[[#150]]** Following a discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY S. J. SMITH, SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT RULE 23 AS ATTACHED. Attachment A

SAFETY MINUTES: IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 57 NEW MEMBERSHIPS AS REVIEWED: WELLS **[[#150]]** 13; CARLIN **[[#150]]** 12; WENDOVER, NV **[[#150]]** 18 AND WENDOVER, UT **[[#150]]** 14.

A lunch recess was called at 12:10 pm. The meeting was called back to order 12:50 pm.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

#### DEPARTMENT OR OTHER REPORTS

The following reports were included as information in the agenda:

- Outage
- Finance and Administration
- Member Services
- Office Services **[[#150]]** The board was asked to consider participating in e-billing.
- Diversified Services
- Integrated Resources
- Member Information Systems
- Trout Creek Hydro

#### POWER SUPPLY REPORT

Don Angel reported on power supply issues.

## BOARD REPORTS

Information regarding airline charter services was given to Clay as information.

Ron Springsteel reported on attending director courses.

The board was reminded that the December board meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## CEO[[#146]]S REPORT

Policy Manuals [[#150]] Clay discussed options on policy manuals for the board. Copies of the policies will be made and given to the board.

Union Negotiation Update [[#150]] (Lois Nannini excused herself from the meeting.) Clay updated the board on the negotiation meetings with the Union members. A discussion ensued. The board was reminded of the confidentiality policy and asked not discuss this information.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no further business to discuss.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was not held.

As there was no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

D. Vernon Dalton, President

Lois Nannini, Secretary/Treasurer

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