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

February 19, 2003

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 Wednesday, February 19, 2003 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, Howard Wright and Mary Wright.

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 January 17, 2003 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no objections to add the following:

- [[#183]] March Board Meeting
- [[#183]] Ruralite Retro-Stories

SAFETY FIRST VERSE: Slips, Trips and Falls [[#150]] Be cautious when walking through water puddles. Beneath the melting ice and snow could be another layer of ice!

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. March Board Meeting [[#150]] It was asked to re-schedule the March board meeting. IT WAS ON MOTION BY RON SPRINGSTEEL, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MOVING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING TO FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003.
- B. Rule 1 [[#150]] The board reviewed proposed changes to Rule 1. IT WAS ON MOTION BY PAUL NEFF, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD [[#147]]GEO-THERMAL[[#148]] TO RENEWABLE RESOURCE.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY SCOTT EGBERT, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RULE 1 WITH THE ABOVE ADDITION.
- C. Voting Delegates [[#150]] IT WAS ON MOTION BY PAUL NEFF, SECONDED BY GERALD ANDERSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE SCOTT EGBERT AS VOTING DELEGATE FOR NRECA, WITH HOWARD WRIGHT AS ALTERNATE AND HOWARD WRIGHT AS VOTING DELEGATE FOR CFC, WITH SCOTT EGBERT AS ALTERNATE.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE CEO, CLAY FITCH AS THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR NRTC AND NCSC.

- D. Rule 6 **[[#150]]** Following a discussion regarding the proposed addition of fees for member non-sufficient checks, IT WAS ON MOTION BY S. J. SMITH, SECONDED BY HOWARD WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULE 6.

Following further discussion, IT WAS ON MOTION BY S. J. SMITH, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AMEND THE MOTION TO CHANGE **[[#147]]** MAY BE DISCONNECTED **[[#148]]** TO **[[#147]]** WILL BE DISCONNECTED **[[#148]]**.

- E. Strategy 2.2 Update (Disaster Response Plan) **[[#150]]** Following a discussion, management was directed to put together a plan that would identify who to contact in the event of a disaster, who would be involved and the role each would take in getting the power restored.
- F. BPA Contract for Ancillary Services **[[#150]]** With the expiration of the Idaho Power Transfer Agreement, BPA negotiated for an Open Access Tariff that covers southern Idaho and northern Nevada. Clay presented a contract from BPA with the necessary amendments. IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES.
- G. World Renew **[[#150]]** Clay updated the board on the proposed tire plant to be built near Wells. A discussion was held regarding a possible power sales contract between BPA and World Renew.
- H. Grassroots Update - The board reviewed a list of members who have been responsive in forming a coalition against the proposed gross receipts tax. A discussion ensued.
- I. Ruralite Retro-Stories **[[#150]]** Clay proposed re-printing feature articles from 20 and 30 years ago in the Ruralite twice a year. IT WAS ON MOTION BY MARY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE RE-PRINTING FEATURE ARTICLES IN THE RURALITE.
- J. Renewable Resources/Net Metering **[[#150]]** A discussion was held.

PRESENTATIONS

New Website **[[#150]]** Jeff Cromie, Buddy Welsh and Layla Johnny gave a demonstration on the new website and how to use the board **[[#146]]**'s site to complete and send a travel request form, access policies, rules and rates.

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

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: IT WAS ON MOTION BY SCOTT EGBERT, SECONDED BY HOWARD WRIGHT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE 79 NEW MEMBERSHIPS AS REVIEWED: WELLS **[[#150]]**11; CARLIN **[[#150]]**23; WENDOVER, NV **[[#150]]**38 AND WENDOVER, UT **[[#150]]**7.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

DEPARTMENT OR OTHER REPORTS

The following reports were included as information in the agenda:

- Outage

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

POWER SUPPLY REPORT

The power supply report was included in the agenda.

BOARD REPORTS

Irrigation Accounts - The board reviewed and discussed an analysis of irrigation accounts for 2002 and 2001.

Next Dollar Foundation **[[#150]]** The board reviewed and discussed the annual report.

A report was made on the NWPPA winter meeting.

Directors attending the NRECA Director**[[#146]]**s Conference made reports.

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

Legislative Conference **[[#150]]** Clay reminded the board of the upcoming Legislative Conference, May 4th through the 7th.

IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE BUDDY WELSH AS AN ALTERNATE TO ATTEND THE UREA MEETINGS.

Elko County Graphic Information System **[[#150]]** Clay and the board discussed WREC**[[#146]]**s position on the Elko County**[[#146]]**s Graphic Information System.

MARCH AGENDA ITEMS:

[[#183]] Legislative Update

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was not held.

As there was no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

D. Vernon Dalton, President

Lois Nannini, Secretary/Treasurer

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