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

March 9, 2005

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, March 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was presided over by President D. Vernon Dalton.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2005 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Annual Meeting Date
- NREA Annual Meeting
- Request to attend Bert Uhlig[[#146]]s funeral

SAFETY FIRST VERSE: [[#150]] Driving [[#147]]hands free[[#148]] [[#150]] When operating a cell phone, pull off the road to a safe place and make your call.

PRESENTATION:

Member Survey [[#150]] Bruce Barlow and Gina Ritchey of NRECA presented the board with the different types of surveys offered by NRECA and how they are conducted. It was proposed to conduct a phone survey of WREC[[#146]]s residential members, which would include a percentage of Spanish speaking members and all areas served. Following a discussion, **IT WAS ON MOTION BY SCOTT EGBERT, SECONDED BY PAUL NEFF AND PASSED TO CONDUCT A MEMBER SURVEY. HOWARD WRIGHT AND LOIS NANNINI OPPOSED.** (50 minutes)

Equity Management and Capital Credits [[#150]] Bill Miller of Bolinger, Segar, Gilbert and Moss, L. P. made a presentation to the board concerning capital credits. The board reviewed cooperative principals and issues unique to Wells Rural as well as existing policy and the recommendations presented.

A recess was called at 10:45 to attend the funeral of Bert Uhlig. The meeting was called back to order at 12:35 pm.

The presentation and discussion on capital credits continued. (2hrs. 35 minutes)

ACTION ITEMS:

Power Requirements **[[#150]]** Don Angell gave a presentation on power requirements and load forecast. Following a discussion, **IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE LOAD FORECAST AND TO REVIEW AGAIN IN APRIL IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONS TO CONSUMERS.** (55 minutes)

Wells Rural Electric 2005 Annual Meeting **[[#150]]** **IT WAS ON MOTION BY RON SPRINGSTEEL, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED TO HOLD THE 2005 ANNUAL MEETING IN WELLS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005.**

NREA 2005 Annual Meeting **[[#150]]** Clay informed the board that Wells Rural will be hosting the 2005 NREA Annual Meeting and proposed dates available. **IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY ORLIN KIDNER AND PASSED TO HOLD THE NREA ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 2005.**

Rule 9 **[[#150]]** A discussion was held.

Request for Proposal **[[#150]]** A request to purchase a track mounted mud cat and a six-wheeled vehicle to move a four-man crew was reviewed and discussed. Mike Cromie, Manager of Operations explained that during the January outages, crews were unable to maneuver in the extreme weather with the current equipment. Following a discussion, **IT WAS ON MOTION BY S. J. SMITH, SECONDED BY HOWARD WRIGHT AND PASSED TO PURSUE LOCATING A MUD CAT FOR PURCHASE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THE COST.**

IT WAS ON MOTION BY LOIS NANNINI, SECONDED BY RON SPRINGSTEEL TO PURCHASE THE SIX-WHEELED VEHICLE. MOTION FAILED.

Following further discussion about other manufacturers and models, **IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY SCOTT EGBERT AND PASSED TO RESEARCH OTHER MANUFACTURERS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH ACTUAL COSTS.**

Safety Minutes **[[#150]]** **IT WAS ON MOTION BY GERALD ANDERSON, SECONDED BY HOWARD WRIGHT AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE SAFETY MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

New Memberships **[[#150]]** **IT WAS ON MOTION BY JERRY PARKIN, SECONDED BY HOWARD WRIGHT AND PASSED TO APPROVE 43 NEW MEMBERSHIPS AS REVIEWED; WELLS** **[[#150]]** 11; **CARLIN** **[[#150]]** 5; **WENDOVER, NV** **[[#150]]** 20 **AND WENDOVER, UT** **[[#150]]** 7.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Board Reports **[[#150]]** **IT WAS ON MOTION BY PAUL NEFF, SECONDED BY JERRY PARKIN AND PASSED TO POSTPONE BOARD REPORTS UNTIL THE APRIL BOARD MEETING.**

Department Reports **[[#150]]** The following reports were included as information in the agenda:

Office Services

- [[#183]]** Finance and Administration
- [[#183]]** Accounting
- [[#183]]** Member Services
- [[#183]]** Marketing
- [[#183]]** Member Business Development

Operations Department

[[#183]] Operations
[[#183]] Outage
[[#183]] Safety Committee Minutes
[[#183]] Information Services
[[#183]] Diversified Services [[#150]] A discussion was held on Wild Blue.

Power Supply Report [[#150]] Don Angell visited with the board about Wells Rural [[#146]]s contract with Bonneville Power through 2011. A discussion was held.

CEO [[#146]]s REPORT:

Legislative Conference [[#150]] Clay reminded the board of the Legislative Conference May 1st through May 4th. Information regarding the conference was included in the board agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Region IX Meeting
- Framed Mission Statement in Board Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was not held.

OTHER BUSINESS:

As there was no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

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