

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF

WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

April 16, 1971

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY was held in the company office in Wells, Nevada on April 16, 1971 at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by James L. Ballard, Vice President who presided and Clarence C. Swett, Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Upon calling the roll the Secretary reported the following directors present: James L. Ballard, Arthur Grock, Thomas Achurra, Lourinda Wines, Robert Wright, Jess Urresti, Ray Crawford and Clarence Swett.

Absent were: Vernon Dalton, William Gibbs and Joe Quilici.

Also present were: Manager Blackett, F.T. Murphy and Fred Toombs.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

Lourinda Wines asked that some meters in Ruby Valley be added to the agenda.

Arthur Grock asked that the Tent Mountain Line be added.

Robert Wright asked, that a 4H Calf to the Nevada State Fair be added.

These were all approved and were added to the agenda.

Federal Power Commission: A report received on the oral arguments was not encouraging. Bob Vaughan had received the impression that the Commission was pro Company. It appeared that we may receive some refund of the \$550,000.00 contribution but it did not appear too favorable for a rate reduction.

Construction: Murphy read a letter from John Carpenter, thanking the line crew and company for the repair work they did after the fire at his place in Lee.

Line to Neff stockwater pump completed. Removed all poles Starr Valley line; work at Carpenter Ranch.

Power Use: State Line has not started Construction. They have been working on A-1 remodeling. Nothing new to report on Calta Mines. They were supposed to start more work in April. They have leased additional property. Nothing new to report on spaceport at Wendover.

Sale of Diesel Engine: Nothing new.

North Fork Tuscarora Area: Nevada Power and the Commission have come to verbal agreement but Nevada Power is waiting for a letter of authorization.

Doug Mitchell Line Extension: Nothing new. Waiting until it can be looked over in regard to Cass House Peak.

New Power Source: Bill Claggett called and said that BPA was going back to Idaho Power with a proposal that the delivery point would be Wells.

Landscaping: Nothing new

Utah Power and Light Request for Wheeling: They have been sent the wheeling proposal. It appears that they proposed a single phase line but found three phase was wanted. It is still under consideration.

Kaiser Request for Reduction on Pump Minimums: Discussed it with Kaiser and the proposal in their letter that the reduction be retroactive referred to the original contracts. Would like one new contract with common termination date.

Scholarship Committee: No report. Will try to meet next week.

Mrs. Wine's on Meters: Fire hazard when meters are on house. Company wanted to install meter poles at all rural installations. Some did not want them that way. Meter pole allows power to house to be cut off without turning everything off.

Arthur Grock on Tent Mountain Line: Wanted to discuss who was to pay for line. Will be looked up and put on next months agenda.

Bob Wright on 4H calf to Nevada State Fair: Would WREC send a minimum bid with the calf? No action taken.

Manager's Report: Attended last Utah Rural Electric meeting. Discussion was on legislative activities. Conclusion was that they did not start early enough. The bill for a salary increase for the Public Service Commission was passed. The amendment on debt equity did not get out of Committee. The ecology bill did not pass. They plan on starting early for the next session.

A legislative conference is to be held in Washington, D.C. to try to obtain a larger appropriation for R.E.A. Letters should be written to our Congressman.

Raft River is investigating the possibility of wheeling over Idaho Power lines and our lines to get more power for the Montello area. They are working on costs and whether we could allow it.

Discussed the possibility of allowing Raft River to serve a Kaiser Magnesium facility to aid in giving feasibility to a BPA line to the Montello area. This will be looked into.

Clarence Lee who has been with Associated Engineers is leaving them and setting up Lee Engineering Company. Would the Board want to hire Lee Engineering in place of Associated Engineers.

Robert Wright moved that Lee Engineering Company be hired as our Consulting Engineers. Seconded by Jess Urresti. Motion passed.

A question on what can be connected to stock water pump installations was brought up. Can electric fences and other things be connected?

Thomas Achurra moved that under the stock water pump rate the installation connected to one meter shall be limited to one pump and heater for the water trough. Seconded by Robert Wright. Motion passed.

We have been contacted concerning a \$100.00 donation to the Andreozzi fund. Arthur Grock moved that \$100.00 be donated to the Andreozzi fund. Seconded by Jess Urresti. Motion passed.

Medical Insurance for Consumers. We have received nothing from the insurance companies.

Thomas Achurra moved that the four new memberships from Wells and the twelve from Wendover be approved. Seconded by Ray Crawford. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Vernon Dalton
President

Clarence C. Swett
Secretary, Clarence C. Swett

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED

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WELLS

1. FRED AVILA
2. ~~CASEY G. JONES~~ VOID
3. CASEY G. JONES
4. GUADALUPE PRIETO
5. TONY SCHWAB

WENDOVER

1. HERMAN AVILES
2. GLEN C. BECK
3. G. DAUM
4. RICHARD ALLEN JONES
5. LARINDA JUREY
6. KENNY W. KIBLER
7. L. K. LEWIS, JR.
8. JOHN D. MITCHELL
9. JAMES L. PRICHARD
10. DEE SNODGRASS, JR.
11. JAMES STANTON
12. EILEEN TRIPP