

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY was held August 20, 1965 at the El Rancho Hotel in Wells, Nevada.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P. M. by Vice President James L. Ballard who conducted the meeting.

Upon calling the roll the secretary reported the following directors present: Robert Wright, Vernon Dalton, James L. Ballard, Matt Smith, Tom Achurra, Oliver Sharp, C. C. Read, Arthur Grock, and Clarence Swett. Also present was Manager George Blackett.

Absent were Roger Smith and Blaine Sharp.

Vernon Dalton reported for the building committee and presented tentative plans as drawn up by architect John N. Clawson of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Matt Smith reported on the rate Seminar attended by himself and C. C. Read held at Brainard, Minnesota. He stated that the rate specialist Rolland Kampmeier of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was very much surprised at our rate structure and the unbalance of our different rates.

MOTION made by Matt Smith and seconded by C. C. Read that we hire Mr. Rolland Kampmeier, whose rate is \$150.00 per day, to make a rate study and make recommendations for a rate reduction. Motion carried.

Mr Smith also reported on discussion held with members of other Co-op's represented at the seminar in regards to procedure of having rural customers read their own meters. He reported that everyone he talked to stated that this was very satisfactory. Some of the companies went for several years between checks by a co-representative.

Tom Achurra reported that some of the customers in Lee-Jiggs area were unhappy with the \$3.00 monthly charge that they were paying that no one else in the entire systems had to pay. He was told to tell them that this would certainly be taken into consideration by Mr. Kampmeier when he makes the rate study.

Robert Wright asked for permission from board to consult with Bell Telephone on trying to come to some agreement to serve others from the Rocky Point Line. It was agreed that this would be permissible and desirable.

Mr. Wright asked the manager to go over the financial report and explain why our operating expenses were so high. Mr. Blackett had a breakdown of the expenses and made a very thorough report on all expenditures thus far this year.

Committee consisting of George Blackett, Robert Wright, Matt Smith and Vernon Dalton was called to investigate Power Use Man and Retail Sales and Service.

MOTION made by C. C. Read and seconded by Tom Achurra that this committee go to Grand Electric Cooperative Inc. in Bison, South Dakota to investigate ideas of Power Use and Sales and Service Man. Motion passed.

MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by C. C. Read that Audit Report from R. E. A. be made as an exhibit to and part of these minutes. Motion passed.

Matt Smith reported for the committee assigned to investigate auditing firms. The committee recommended that we use ~~Cavanaugh and Cavanaugh~~ of Boise, Idaho as company auditors.  
*Jacobson, Jentzsch, Severson & Jones*

MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by Oliver Sharp that ~~Cavanaugh and Cavanaugh~~ be hired to do our audit and that Al Huber of Elko, Nevada be notified that we will no longer use his services. Mr. Huber will be notified by Mr. Wright. Motion passed.  
*Jacobson, Jentzsch, Severson & Jones*

MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by Tom Achurra that Oliver Sharp be the representative of W. R. E. C. to the Utah Rural Electric Association. Motion passed.

MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by C. C. Read that George Blackett contact Public Service Commission of Nevada and ask that a meeting of W. R. E. C., Idaho Power Company, and Nevada Public Service Commission be called and held in Elko, Nevada if possible to discuss the overcharge on the connection charge of \$550,000.00 that W. R. E. C. advanced to Idaho Power Company on the construction of the 138,000 volt transmission line. Motion passed.

C. C. Read will complete the report of Policy Committee at the first regular meeting following the report on management study by NRECA.

Matt Smith and Vernon Dalton reported on Key Indicator#6-Annual Meeting.

Vernon Dalton presented an idea that the business places in town advertise our annual meeting and give a ticket for each two dollars spent. These tickets when presented at the WREC Annual Meeting will be put in the box for door prize drawing.

Matt Smith recommended that a letter be sent out to all members explaining- Patronage refund, rate reduction proposal, yard lights, speaker at Annual Meeting, and asking that if anyone wishes to nominate someone for a candidate in the election of board members that they send in the name of candidate with qualifications by a set date. Further that a second letter be sent out with the names and qualifications of all candidates for election as board members.

MOTION made by Robert R. Wright and seconded by Oliver Sharp that a letter be sent out explaining the above. That a second letter be sent out to all members listing nominees with their qualifications to serve as members of the board of directors. Motion passed.

MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by James Ballard that committee be allowed \$300.00 for door prizes for the annual meeting. AMMENDED by C. C. Read and seconded by Tom Achurra that the amount be \$500.00. Amendment passed.

34 MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by Matt Smith that the attached list be accepted as members of WREC-27 from Wells-7 from Wendover. The membership including these stand at 445 for Wells and 223 for Wendover-306 inactive.

George Blackett gave the Managers Report.

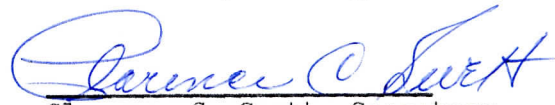
MOTION made by C. C. Read and seconded by Oliver Sharp that President be authorized to sign contract with Highway Department for WREC to use space in Highway Department building on Pequop for radio transmitting equipment. Motion passed.

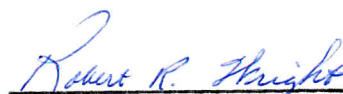
MOTION made by Robert Wright and seconded by C. C. Read to instruct city board that we are having a rate study made and at this time consideration to the complaint of the city on our charges to them on pumping water will be considered.

Revised MOTION made by C. C. Read and seconded by Matt Smith that Manager not change any customers, now being served on special rates, to other classes until completion of rate study. Motion passed.

Matt Smith wishes an entry to be made in the minutes that C. C. Read has stated that he will accept the \$25.00 for payment to board members for attending Board Meetings, even though he voted against this action in the July meeting.

APPROVED:

  
Clarence C. Swett, Secretary

  
Robert R. Wright, President

# WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

WELLS, NEVADA 89835

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED AUGUST 20, 1965

## WELLS

Mrs. Floyd Angus  
Fay C. Barger  
Robyn Bertrand  
William Carey  
Charles Currey  
Travis P. Davis  
Mrs. Connie Dodge  
Leland M. Ford  
Doug Fullerton  
Mrs. Bill Gardner  
James Alder Hesterlee  
Mrs. Robert C. Heston  
Harry F. Jorgenson  
Raymond Le Blanc  
John Little  
Nevada Rock & Sand  
Gerald H. Morrow  
William or Karen Pritchard  
Robert J. Rysh  
Fredrick J. Schacht  
Larry or Esther M. Smith  
George Stewart  
Clyde Stokes  
John Howard Todd  
John Tybo  
William N. Wadsworth  
Robert L. Welch 27

## WENDOVER

Lee Brunner  
Louis Del Moro  
Thomas F. Freeman  
William R. Fawson  
R. T. Harmston  
K. L. Reser  
Clarence LaVern Thayer  
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Total M.     974  
Wells AG.     445  
Wend     223  
Inactive     306