

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of

Wells Rural Electric Company

17 December 1965

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wells Rural Electric Company was held at the El Rancho in the City of Wells, State of Nevada at 1:00 p.m. on the 17 day of December 1965.

The meeting was called to order by Robert R. Wright, President, who presided and Clarence C. Swett, Secretary, who acted as secretary of the meeting with Cheryl Calton taking notes.

Upon calling the roll the Secretary reported the following directors present: ROBERT R. WRIGHT, JAMES L. BALLARD, C. C. SWETT, C. C. READ, ARTHUR GROCK, EYER BOIES, TOM ACHURRA, VERNON DALTON, AND MATT SMITH. Also present were MR. ROSS CLAY of Salt Lake City and MANAGER GEORGE BLACKETT.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Ross Clay was introduced and he was asked to make his presentation. He gave an outline of a plan for advertising and public relations to increase use of electricity. He also explained how it would work according to statistics. He said that his Company's services would cost \$185.00 per month and would not include any material or advertising cost which would be extra.

Chuck Read asked about preparing a years program of newspaper ads and other material.

Mr. Clay said he would be glad to do this but it would be quite expensive. He suggested that he be retained for two months in which time he would make surveys and prepare and present a program. This would be done for \$185.00 a month for the two months. At the end of the two months a decision could be made as to future action.

Matt Smith said that it would be a mistake to start such a program without a Power Use Man. Mr. Clay agreed.

A MOTION was made by Chuck Read that the two month proposal be accepted subject to waiting until a Power Use Man is obtained before putting it into effect. Seconded by Matt Smith. Passed.

Manager Blackett stated that he was in contact with NRECA and REA trying to find a Power Use Man.

Manager Blackett reported that Clarence Lee was unable to be here for this meeting, but proposed to be here January 13th or 14th to meet with executive committee, if possible.

Chuck Read brought up the subject of buried power lines; thought it would be worthwhile to investigate the possibilities of it.

Discussion on Agenda for meeting. Manager Blackett reported that relocating the line near Welcome would have to be done at WREC expense as majority of old line is on highway right of way.

He also reported that Motorola had taken the damaged radio equipment back and will deliver new equipment in about two weeks.

Chuck Read asked if we had been contacted by the Nevada Fish and Game Department regarding additional power at the fish hatchery in Ruby. We have been contacted and they expect that they may require up to 75KW.

Proposed new office building was brought up. Leo Quilici contacted about ground near bank. Wants \$15,000.00 for it. Other vacant ground near edge of town owned by Nuttall and not for sale. Desire location convenient for consumers. Various other buildings and locations were discussed and more investigation was needed it was decided.

Manager Blackett reported on attending the Snake River Power Association Meeting. After considerable discussion regarding what they could do to help us obtain lower cost power and if Northwest Public Power Association couldn't be of more help. Eyer Boies moved that discussion be tabled. Clarence Swett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bonneville Ltd. asked if it would be possible to obtain 7500 to 8000 KW for magnesium production at 7 or 8 mills. This has been passed on to Idaho Power Company to see if they could help us. Also, we have talked to Mr. Gilkey of BPA about it and Ed Kipp regarding the rate we could offer.

Mr. Gilkey reported that there is a rumor that Idaho Power might sell to a Company that would be more favorable to deal with.

Manager Blackett reported on power usage and that it was hoped that self meter reading could be put into effect in January. It would mean quite a saving especially in truck mileage.

A MOTION was made by Chuck Read that a prize be set up to be ^{drawn +} presented at the next Annual Meeting for those cooperating 100% in sending in their meter readings. Seconded by James L. Ballard. Passed unanimously.

The 1966 budget was discussed and it was decided to put it off until next meeting.


8 Names of 6 memberships from Wells and two from Wendover read.
A MOTION made by Clarence Swett that they be approved was seconded by Tom Achurra. Motion passed.

Outages of 24 November discussed. There is a possibility that the type of construction be changed.

Also discussed the Jiggs-Lee Area as report on outage was delayed. We could possibly have someone check breaker and reclose, also get word to Wells if tripped again.

A discussion was started on Employment Practices, but was decided to hold for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Clarence Swett, Secretary

APPROVED:


Robert R. Wright, President

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MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED 21 January 1966

WELLS

Craig Dodge ✓

Stephan L. Huska

Donald Judy ✓

WENDOVER

J. W. Hefferon ✓

Maggie Hinton ✓

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MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED 17 DECEMBER 1965

WELLS

Wm. C. Arnold
Bill J. or Carol R. Davis
Mr. Or Mrs. Tommy Justus
James or Sherril Rackley
James Ritzman
James C. Weaver ⁶

WENDOVER

W. L. Rankin
Albert B. Wheat ²

New Total 1024
Wells Active 447
Wend. = 187 ~~624~~
Wells Inactive 254
Wend. = 136