

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

Wells Rural Electric Company

18 February 1966

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wells Rural Electric Company was held at the Wagon Wheel in Wells, Nevada on 18 February 1966 at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Ballard who presided and Clarence Swett acted as secretary of the meeting.

Upon calling the roll the secretary reported the following directors present: THOMAS ACHURRA, JAMES L. BALLARD, EYER BOIES, VERNON DALTON ARTHUR GROCK, C. C. READ, BLAINE SHARP, OLIVER SHARP, MATT SMITH, CLARENCE C. SWETT, ROBERT R. WRIGHT.

Also present was Manager, George Blackett.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Blackett reported that Attorney Bob Vaughan filed notice to intervene in the Docket #7229 before the Federal Power Commission regarding Rate Schedule #30.

Mr. Blackett also read a letter from Kaiser Aluminum dated 4 February 1966 written by Mr. Duncan Gregg, requesting us to furnish any kind of statement that we think would be helpful in supporting a position "that a decrease in the rate Kaiser Aluminum pays would have a substantial effect on decisions we might make regarding additional facilities using electrical power".

Mr. Blackett read to the Board Docket #E-7229 from the Federal Power Commission requesting that Idaho Power Company be granted an extension of time (90 days) to file the report called for of the Commissions "Supplemental Order Providing for Investigation Hearing and Submission of Special Report", which was issued on 29 December 1965.

It was also reported that the wire for the Line East of Wendover will arrive at 8:00, 19 February 1966. The line east of Moor has been completed and payment received. There hasn't been anything new on the Reynolds Ranch line change.

A discussion developed concerning the servicing of power to the Jiggs-Lee Area. Mr. Anthony came in to talk over the details with Mr. Blackett and his opinion is that we should not offer them a special rate.

Matt Smith suggested that we have a Rate Study before we change any of the minimums. Mr. Blackett brought out that the Long Range Engineering Plan is holding up the rate schedule study. According to Mr. Leary the Engineering Plan did not follow REA's power study requirements; Associated Engineers are revising the Plan which was supposed to be back in time for this meeting, as yet it hasn't been sent to us.

A MOTION made by C. C. Read and seconded by Eyer Boies that we change our definition of "Ranch" to eliminate the 40 acres and raise it to 100 acres and/or an income of \$1,200.00 a year. Motion passed.

Mr. Blackett was asked to notify Lillian Garcia of this decision by the Board. Their minimum rate will be \$4.50 plus wheeling charge.

A MOTION was made by C. C. Read and seconded by Eyer Boise that there should be no further Amortization Charge on the Mary's River, O'Neil, and the Jiggs-Lee rural lines; and that the Amortization Charge paid by the original consumers in these areas shall not apply to new consumers connected in this area. Motion passed.

The proposed new office building was then discussed. Manager Blackett suggested that the present office building could possibly be sold to someone for an office and the warehouse building will have to be torn down.

A MOTION made by Vernon Dalton and seconded by Eyer Boies that we purchase the property of Mr. Leo Quilici behind the bank which consists of 4 lots at \$15,000.00. Motion passed. The lots are 25 feet by 150 feet and will give us plenty of room for future expansion. The new building should face west.

Mr. Ballard asked when construction could start and Mr. Blackett replied that no plans have been made yet. He has told the architect to plan on 4 lots but to date there has been no word from him.

Mr. Ballard pointed out that it would be wise to keep in mind our elevation so we don't have problems with the weather.

It was reported by Manager Blackett that Mr. Seltzer from Crescent Valley said there would be six possible consumers in this area who would like electric service. This would take about 15 miles of line; Sierra Pacific would be the company where they would get their power.

Manager Blackett further reported that it would be necessary to go over the ground of the Ibapah area and check off everything they have on their plans before doing any more.

Bob Vaughan went to a meeting in Ely on Monday and the Pine Group said they would be very glad to give the Ibapah area to us.

If we want to serve Ibapah it would be wise to check with the Highway Department on Ferguson Springs.

✓ A MOTION made by Oliver Sharp and seconded by Tom Achurra to approve the new memberships. Motion passed.

The Good for All American's Class was held on 17 February 1966. Mr. Wright told the Board members that here was a chance to improve our public image. There are a few "Good for All American" booklets left at the office, Mr. Wright urged those present to get one and read it over.

A MOTION made by Matt Smith and seconded by Vernon Dalton that the dues for the year of 1966 in the amount of \$325.00, set up by the Chamber of Commerce, be paid. Motion passed. (51)

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Manager Blackett read a letter from the Department of the Interior, dated 15 February 1966, written by Mr. David G. Francisco, Area Power Manager, concerning three available Power Use Men: (1 Henry Stephens (2 Cos Lovett and (3 Dean Mesler--Mr. Stephens and Mr. Mesler have each had some experience with electric utilities. Mr. Lovett has been connected with an electric equipment company but is very interested in obtaining a position with an electric utility.

It was suggested that Fred Toombs would also make a good Power Use Man.

Manager Blackett informed the Board that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's joint pole agreement with California Pacific has been approved.

The Board was urged by Mr. Blackett to consider lighting up the approach into Wells when the new highway by-passes our town. This provision should be seriously taken into consideration to attract more tourists. Mr. Blackett suggested that the installation and maintenance of these lights could possibly be our responsibility and that the payment of the electric bill be the responsibility of the city.

Vernon Dalton brought out that the banquet is set up for the 25 of February 1966 at 7:30 at the Four Way.

Matt Smith suggested that a permanent sheet be made on the following: (1 New Building Program (2 Power Use Man (3 Retail Program (4 Rate Study (5 New Power Source.

Oliver Sharp suggested that provision be made whereby a certain number of relatives could not become a member of the Board at any one time.

Mr. Wright brought out that the suggestion of Oliver Sharp's could be done at the time when the By-Laws are reviewed.

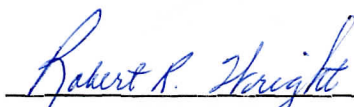
Matt Smith believes it would be more fair for Board Members to not serve more than three consecutive terms so it would not become an automatic thing for one person to be on all the time.

Mr. Blackett called the Board's attention to the correction on the Employment Practices as follows: Under III "CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT" A-1, second paragraph, the sixth line should read: "from 7:00 A.M. to 12.00 noon" instead of "from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon".

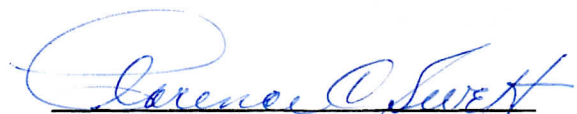
It was mentioned by Mr. Blackett that we are going to start on our Safety Training Program this next week.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

APPROVED:



Robert R. Wright, President



Clarence C. Swett, Secretary

WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

WELLS, NEVADA 89835

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED 18 February 1966

WELLS

Kenneth J. Davis

Clifford B. Greear

Kenneth L. Johns

Larry Mowray

John W. Norton

John Rutman

Lawrence E. Terlisner

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WENDOVER

Luis Gonzales

Delores Heiselt

Ronald J. Orlecky

Bruce Warmburk

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	<i>Active</i>	<i>Inactive</i>	
Wells	234	276	
Wend.	188	141	
	<u>622</u>	<u>417</u>	= 1039