

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

16 June 1967

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wells Rural Electric Company was held in the Company Office in Wells, Nevada on June 16, 1967 at 1:10 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Robert R. Wright, President, who presided and Clarence Swett, Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Upon calling the roll, the Secretary reported the following Directors present: ROBERT R. WRIGHT, JAMES L. BALLARD, EYER BOIES, C. C. READ, TOM ACHURRA, VERNON DALTON, CLARENCE SWETT, ART GROCK, RAY CRAWFORD and MATT SMITH.

Also present were Manager Blackett, Power Use Advisor Fred Toombs and F. T. Murphy.

Bill Wunderlich and Paul Sawyer were also present asking for support of the Community College program. They presented their program for the information of the Directors not present at the last meeting.

Eyer Boies moved that WREC donate \$1,000.00 to the Community College. Seconded by C. C. Read; Motion pass unanimously.

A discussion was had on a replacement for Roger Smith, Deceased Director. It was decided that his replacement should be from Ruby Valley and that the people of Ruby Valley should be asked to select a person to be appointed. Blaine Sharp will be asked to assist in having a selection made.

The increase in Administrative and General Expenses for May was questioned. This was explained as being the bill for the audit by A. H. Huber.

The power supply report was questioned regarding a five hour outage in Starr Valley. This was explained as being due to a pole being knocked down by a car and a Crane hitting the line in Deeth.

Fred Toombs made his power use report.

Nothing has been heard from Western Marble Company.

Nothing new on the Fish Hatchery other than an advertisement for bids to build two new houses.

There is a possibility of a shutdown on Bonneville Potash if the rain continues.

Sierra Company of Reno is interested in building homes in this area. They will finance them and require as low as \$250.00 down and monthly payments.

Fred may have to go to Reno for further information.

There is a possibility of greater competition from the local Gas Company in heating sales.

The plan for the Tungstin Mill South of town has been dropped.

Sales and Service was brought up. There are three appliance dealers in town and the service for the appliances is practically nil. An appliance service man is needed. A Sales and Service Department should be started.

C. C. Read moved that we start an appliance sales, service & installation department. Seconded by Matt Smith. A discussion followed as to the effect on local business houses. Read agreed to amend the motion to hold off on appliance sales for three months. Gene Supp will be asked to take charge of the service department. Motion passed.

Nothing new to report on the Federal Power Commission.

F. T. Murphy reported on Construction.

Line to Six Mile Ranch is completed.

Highway crossings East of Wendover is completed and awaiting payment.

Lee Indians are connected and payments coming in good with the exception of one holdout.

New bulding. Architect will be here Saturday to inspect it for final details.

Rate Study.

Information requested by REA is ready to be sent in. Hope to have an answer in 30 days.

Eyer Boies reported on his interview in Washington, with Mr. Diddle, regarding the rate study.

Discussion was had on changing the present minimums to \$3.00 or \$4.00. An increase to \$3.00 would increase revenue about \$120.00 per month. \$4.00 about \$229.00 per month.

Jim Ballard moved that minimum charges not be changed. Seconded by Art Grock. Motion defeated 5 to 3.

Eyer Boies moved that minimum rate proposal be tabled until September meeting. Seconded by Jim Ballard. Defeated 5 to 4.

Matt Smith moved that all residential minimums ae raised to \$3.00 and all commercial minimums to \$4.00 with hardship cases to be judged on their individual merits. Matt Smith amended motion to discontinue line charge to Jiggs-Lee and to eliminate special rate in Starr Valley.

C. C. Read moved that motion be tabled until next meeting with Manager to furnish additional information on cost of service. Reconsideration of Eyer Boies motion.

New Power Source.

Possiblity of receiving power from the Bureau of Reclamation from the South is becoming more remote. Nothing new from B.P.A. Article in Salt Lake Tribune says B.P.A. and Idaho Power nearly in agreement except for allowing Raft River to serve outside B.P.A. service area.

President Wright received a letter from Congressman Baring saying that as soon as he could obtain more information concerning B.P.A. and Idaho Power he will advise us.

Sale of diesel engine. Nothing new.

Harvey Dahl and Elko installation. Nothing new.

Annual Meeting Committee.

Date recommended Thursday, September 21. Suggest that a Civic Organization sell tickets to the dinner and use revenue for a civic project. Door prizes to be given.

Vernon Dalton moved that the meeting date be approved. Time to be 8:00 P.M. ✓

Expenditures for the meeting to be \$1,000.00.

Not to have dinner.

Electrical appliances to be given as door prizes.

No prizes to go to directors, employees or their families. Seconded by Eyer Boies. Motion passed.

Next meeting of the Committee to be June 26 at 8:00 P.M.

Sale of building in Wendover. At this time there is need for a considerable amount of repair work to the heating and plumbing. Roof is in good shape. The building needs painting. In general it requires considerable maintenance.

Matt Smith moved that the building be sold in Wendover be reappraised; the cost of lots for a new building and construction costs be determined; and cost of renting space in the building, if sold, be obtained. Seconded by Vernon Dalton. Motion passed. ✓

Managers Report.

Mr. Reed of the American Telephone Company was in about service to the proposed repeater station at Dinner Station.

He said they had contacted Nevada Power in Elko regarding service to it with the provision that service to the ranches North of there be considered and the line be built heavy enough to take care of them. Mr. Lundberg stated they would serve the telephone station and wanted to have a Contract signed. Mr. Reed told him that it would have to have a provision for the ranchers before it would be acceptable, so no action was taken.

C. C. Read asked about possibility of obtaining power from Idaho Power Company at Gold Creek. Bob Wright suggested that Manager Blackett look into all possibilities to obtain power for this area.

|| Jim Ballard moved the two memberships from Wells and the nine from Wendover be approved. Seconded by Tom Achurra. Passed. ✓

Manager Blackett presented a rough draft of a proposed policy toward putting all Consumers on the same rate schedule. The proposed policy was approved and is to be rewritten and presented at the next meeting.

A discussion was had on having Board Meetings in the evening during the summer months. It was decided that the July meeting would be an evening meeting and the August meeting would be in the afternoon.

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MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED JUNE 16, 1967

WELLS

Erby Lee

LeRoy Vowles

Wendover

M. D. Adams

Ron Diehl

Vinnona Doshier

Clara Luthi

Thoburn Merritt

Willie Murphy

Sherry Penny

Joe Trujillo

David L. Wiberg