

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

MAY 15, 1970

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Wells Rural Electric Company was held in the Company Office in Wells, Nevada on May 15, 1970 at 1:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Vernon Dalton, 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 BALLARD, ARTHUR GROCK, RAY CRAWFORD, WILLIAM GIBBS, LOURINDA WINES, ROBERT WRIGHT, JESS URRESTI, JOE QUILICI, VERNON DALTON, CLARENCE SWETT and THOMAS ACHURRA.

Also present were: Manager Blackett, F. T. Murphy, Fred Toombs, Robert Vaughan and Doug Mitchell.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Robert Wright asked that a discussion on bad debts be added to the Agenda. This was approved.

Federal Power Commission: Bob Vaughan, at the request of President Dalton, had contacted a number of the attorneys and engineers connected with the hearing as to the adviseability of having our Senators contact the Commission. The opinion was that it would not be adviseable but at this late date it is doubtful that we can receive a favorable decision.

Examiner Ellis is saying that the record is too stale and the case should be reopened to update the information. *ok on this* If this was done it would cover about 80% of the case.

Bob Vaughan thinks pressure would cause more harm than good.

Robert Wright moved that Attorney Vaughan and Manager Blackett write Senator Bennett and Senator Bible or other representatives and outline our problems.
Seconded by Arthur Grock. Motion passed.

Construction: Survey made on two (2) pumps North of Wells. Working on Deeth line. Having trouble with B.L.M. must have permits before construction can start. Can follow section lines with verbal permission.

Doug Mitchell line extension: Doug Mitchell has a ranch on the Elko County, White Pine County line south of Jiggs. Would require about twelve (12) miles of line and part of it would be on Forest Service Ground.

There is little chance of other consumers. Possibly two (2) stock water pumps.

It is possible that he could be served by Mt. Wheeler.

We would need a minimum monthly guarantee of over \$200.00.

Could possibly have a contract for twenty (20) years which would reduce the annual minimum to about \$1,080.00 per year.

Power Use: Nothing on State Line. Will look into it. Salt Flat Development Company will have Motel, Service Station and Cafe. Cooking school set for June 10th.

Irrigation pump estimates made for John Krenka, Emerson Neff, Paul Smith and Lynn Rose in Ruby Valley.

Potash plant operating and it looks like operation will continue.

Diesel Engine Sale: No news.

North Fork Tuscarora Area: No news.

Scholarship Committee Report: Applications sent to Wendover and Elko. Five (5) applications have been turned in at Wells and five (5) at Wendover.

Annual Meeting: After considerable discussion Jess Urresti suggested that investigation of a dinner would be made and would be reported at the next meeting.

Bad Debts: Think that bad Debts should be reported on more often. The board should be given more information.

A letter from REA was read commenting on the Audit report.

Rural Area Development Committee was discussed. Jess suggested that the Committee be disbanded for the present until the Counties plan is completed.

Managers Report: The old poles on the part of the Starr Valley line that is being rebuilt have been spoken for by a number of people. There is an argument developing over who should get them.

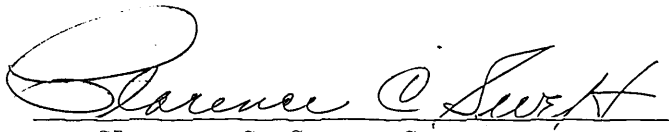
Arthur Grock moved that the poles be brought in for salvage and be handled in the usual manner. Seconded by Robert Wright. Motion passed.

A letter from Kaiser Aluminum was read in which they said they thought the minimum for their pumps was too high in proportion to the power used. This minimum was based on line cost and not on power requirements.

The question of the pay scale for our bookkeeper was brought up. This is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

James Ballard moved that the one membership from Wells and the six from Wendover be approved. Seconded by Jess Urresti. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P. M.


Clarence C. Swett, Secretary



D. Vernon Dalton, President

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE APPROVED:

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WELLS

1. Merlyn Hoyt

WENDOVER

1. Phil Allison
2. Frederick^W Bills
3. Dan Lane
4. Donald R. McEntire
5. Roberta J. Smith
6. Gary S. Speight