

# Lincoln County Power District No. 1

## Pioche, Nevada

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln County Power District No. 1 (LCPD) was duly held in the office of the District at Caselton, Nevada on October 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on October 7, 2014 in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law: Lincoln County Courthouse, U.S. Post Office at Pioche, Lincoln County Telephone System Office, Lincoln County Power District Office, Panaca Market, and the U.S. Post Office at Panaca.

The agenda for this meeting is included at the end of these minutes for reference purposes and is a part of these minutes.

President John Christian called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The following were present: President John Christian, Vice President Ed Wright, Board Members Lee Mathews, and Mike Fogliani, General Manager Dave Luttrell, Office Manager Garry McBride, Staff Engineer Kyle Donohue, Construction Manager John Condie, and Clerk Louise Carlson. Board member Bob Rollins was absent.

**A. Conformance to the Nevada Open Meeting Law:** Dave Luttrell stated that the District had complied with the requirements of the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

**B. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**C. Review and act upon the minutes of meetings held on September 8, 2014: (Possible Action)** Ed Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**D. Material Bids for Main Line Structure Replacement: (Possible Action)** Kyle Donohue went through all of the bids for the poles, steel and conductor explaining what the specific items are for and where they will go. He requested ratifications for the wood pole bid to McFarland Cascade Holdings, Inc for \$216,224, and for the steel pole bid to Continental Steel for \$46,110. He also recommended approval of bid for guy strand to Codale, and Optical ground wire and Conductor to Royal for a total of \$89,011. Mike Fogliani approved the ratification and approval as recommended. Ed Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**E. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Conference: (Possible Action)** Dave Luttrell stated that he did some research into this program as requested. NRECA takes a group of high school students to Washington DC to meet with congressional leaders in a one-on-one basis. The cost for 2015 will be \$2,465 per student, although Nevada Rural Electric Association would fund one Lincoln County student in 2015. Wells Rural Electric and Overton Power District have sent students for several years and have agreed to act as chaperones for any students we would like to send. NRECA recommends sending two students from each school to act as buddies. This is not a sightseeing trip; it is educational for students interested in politics and rural electric coops. Dave informed the Board that by March the names of attending students must be submitted to NRECA. The selection process can use application forms and guidelines provided by NRECA, tailored to suit our needs. There was some discussion about cost, number of students, which schools, the difference between donations and this program, and requiring student to do fund raising to participate. Mike Fogliani made a motion to send 4 students in 2015, 2 from LCHS and 2 from PVHS, who will use help from Ed Wright in fund raising. Ed Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**F. General Manager's Report: (Discussion)** Dave Luttrell discussed the following with the Board:

- The insurance implementation is proceeding well. Life and disability will be effective 10/1/2014, and the rest 1/1/2015.
- The LED lights in Panaca are in place.
- LCPD has coordinated a relay training session with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. LCPD and OPD will host the training for 16 to 20 students. Substation and relay techs from surrounding utilities will be attending.
- Bid out surplus trucks #5 and #9. The winning bids went to Atlanta Farms #5 for \$5000 and PPU #9 for \$3185.
- Spent Friday in Las Vegas handing out election contributions with Nevada Rural Electric Association (NREA)
- Ruben our night watchman passed away. John Condie will receive after-hour calls Monday through Thursday, and the on-call team will receive weekend calls. Staff will think through and discuss duties before rehiring.
- In the process of beginning software, update. Three presentations set-up so far and working on another one.
- Met with Senator Reid's staff and discussed solar projects, looking for money from USDA and Energy Office.

John Christian stated to skip item G until John Condie is present.

**H. Engineering and Operations Report: (Discussion)** Kyle Donohue discussed the following with the Board:

- The mainline rebuild.
- Working on cost and material required for the newest section in Panaca to go underground.
- Sonnenberg purchased property next to LCPD new office lot in Panaca. He wants power underground also.
- Working with LCTS pulling fiber over the hill from Pioche to LCPD office and then on to Caselton.

**I. Financial Reports: (Discussion)** Missy Cheeney passed out month end reports for 9/30/2014. The Board discussed the reports.

**G. Construction and Maintenance Manager's Report: (Discussion)** John Condie discussed the following with the Board:

- During line patrols found a broken neutral on Ella and changed it out.
- Installed LED lights in Panaca
- Copper thieves hit us again this time on the Tempiute line.
- Install a new service for Cluff in Panaca.
- Equipping the new trucks.
- Grading the mainline where water has washed the road out.
- Working on the pad for the equipment building.
- Helped PPU with a pole that tipped over.

**J. Director's Comments: (Discussion)** Lee Mathews stated that the NRECA meeting was informative and educational.

**K. Future Agenda Items: (Discussion)** There were no future items discussed.

**L. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**M. Adjournment:** Ed Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Fogliani seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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John Christian, President

Attest:

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Dave Luttrell – Secretary