

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 or District) was duly held in the office of the District at Caselton, Nevada on August 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on August 2, 2016 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 Ed Wright called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The following were present: President Ed Wright, Board Members Bob Rollins, Dylan Frehner, and Mike Fogliani; General Manager Dave Luttrell, Administrative Manager Garry McBride, Engineer Kyle Donohue, Construction Manager John Condie and Clerk Louise Carlson. Vice President Lee Mathews 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. Minutes of Meeting Held on July 11, 2016: Bob Rollins made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dylan Frehner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. Review and Act on Bids for Materials for the Main Line Structure Change Out in Delamar Valley (Possible Action): Dave Luttrell informed the Board that he plans to complete the last 35 miles of the main line structure replacement on a more continuous basis. Rather than replacing structures in a ten mile section every third year, Dave is planning to have the crew complete about 3 miles every year. When all tangent structures are completed, a contractor will likely be brought in to complete the dead-end structures and to string the overhead shield wire. In 2017, the crew will focus on a 3-mile section of tangent structures at the lower end of Delamar Valley. These structures will be replaced with the line energized. Kyle Donohue distributed bids to the Board for poles for this section of line. He explained that we received two bids, McFarland Cascade and Bell. Dave Luttrell discussed that these poles are mainly for the mainline, but there are several poles in the bid quantity that are actually planned for the Tempiute line in Rachel that had bad pole tests. There was some discussion about the poles, locations, and companies.

Mike Fogliani made a motion to award the bid to McFarland Cascade for \$96,078. Bob Rollins seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Review and Act on Bids for and Underground Cable Puller (Possible Action):

Dave Luttrell informed the Board that this item is included in the approved 2016 capital improvement budget for \$86,000. He indicated staff had postponed requesting bids on this item until staff was comfortable that construction activity in Coyote Springs (CS) would begin again. Although the underground cable puller will be used throughout the District's electric system, it is primarily planned for the cable installation work that has to be done in CS. The developers of CS just paid for additional electric utility work and Kyle is preparing an estimate for the next phase of installing medium voltage underground cable. Staff sent bid requests to five companies that supply underground pullers. Dave Luttrell discussed the different companies and the relationship that we have with them. There was some discussion about the planned Galaxy Peak work phases, dollar amounts involved, CS plans, civil construction contract plans, and target dates. Mike Fogliani made a motion to award the bid for an underground cable puller to Woods Line Equipment for \$68,500.00. Dylan Frehner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- Nevada Rural Electric Association (NREA) has scheduled contributions distribution in September.
- Pioche Public Utilities (PPU) has their auditor's review regarding the transfer of the electric system to the District on the agenda for tomorrow.
- Silver State Energy Association's (SSEA) energy purchases for July total \$74,000.
- SSEA also finally received the Right-of-Way on the Eastern Nevada Transmission Project. Will be meeting to discuss how to move forward.
- Last month Colorado River Commission (CRC) received power back from one of its contractors. LCPD put in a request to purchase or a portion of the available power but received none.
- In response to the bombing in Panaca, LCPD is trying to coordinate an electrical training for first responders in the county.
- Benefits meeting today for those on the committee.
- We are in the process of coordinating Schweitzer training with Overton Power District (OPD).
- Jordan Povis was in a vehicle accident in one of the line trucks. It was not his fault and he was not injured.
- The audit should be ready for next month's Board meeting.
- Gearing up for work in CS beginning in September.
- Christian Science Monitor, referred to us by Colorado River Commission, will be here 8/15 for and interview with Dave Luttrell in regards to the impact of the drought on hydropower.
- Working on formalizing written mutual aid agreements.

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

- Continuing work on the Meadow Valley line rebuild. Crews should be pulling section three tomorrow.

- There was a lack of communication from the county during the Panaca bombing. The call went to Garry, not the company or John. There was a line on the ground and crews were not allowed in until the next morning. Everything is re-energized now. Planning a meeting with Lincoln County Sheriff's Department to discuss changes.
- Installed a new service in Dry Valley.
- Performed several cable locates including for the High School.

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

In operations...

- Many problems with breaker failure relay control for the circuit breakers at Prince Substation. Had to replace several due to age.
- Installed Scada software updates.
- PT & CT transformers at Tortoise Substation.
- Pat at transformer oil dryer today.
- Substation signs renewed and annual maintenance.
- Alamo South Substation communication problems.
- Radio on Highland down due to lightning.

In Engineering:

- Meadow Valley line close to last phase.
- Coyote Springs needs waste and water treatment facility before model homes are able to begin possibly late 2017.
- The solar materials for phase 2 of the solar project are arriving.

I. Financial Report (Discussion): Missy passed out financial reports for June 2016. She stated that no balance sheets would be available until the audit is final.

J. Director's Comments (Discussion): Kyle Donohue informed the Board that a developer was looking at purchasing property above the dump in Mesquite.

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

L. Public Comment: There were no public comments

M. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Ed Wright, President

Attest:

David Luttrell – Secretary