

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 February 13, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on February 7, 2017 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, Vice President Lee Mathews, Board Members Bob Rollins, and Mike Fogliani; General Manager Dave Luttrell, Administrative Manager Garry McBride, Engineer Kyle Donohue, and Clerk Louise Carlson. Board member Dylan Frehner phoned in. Employees attended the meeting during agenda item E.

- 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 January 9, 2016 (Possible Action):** Lee Mathews made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular session as written. Bob Rollins seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- D. Review and act on bids for new staff truck. (Possible Action):** Dave Luttrell explained this item is in the 2017 Capital Budget. He described truck #112 and the bids for the replacement. The Board reviewed the bids. Bob Rollins made a motion to approve the bid from St George Ford for \$34,382.00. Lee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Informational Meeting with the Employees to discuss the District's Insurance Cost Reduction Payment program. (Discussion): Dave Luttrell stated at last month's meeting the Board requested this item be on the agenda. Dave indicated he had reviewed the Board's request with the employees and they had asked to attend this meeting in order to hear the Board's comments. Employees were summoned to the boardroom. All were present except Dell O'Connor who was on leave. The Board welcomed the employees. There was some discussion about the history of the program, amounts paid to employees, overall savings to the Power District, reasons to continue the program and reasons to discontinue the program, applicability to future employees, and the need for all parties working together in a spirit of cooperation. No action taken. The Board thanked the employees for their service. Employees were then excused.

F. Informational presentation on Energy Choice initiative. (Discussion): Dave Luttrell presented a slide show regarding the resulting reality of the Energy Choice Initiative ballot question that passed. He explained that Governor Sandoval created a committee to prepare a transition plan. By 2023, the role of electric utilities in Nevada may be significantly different than it is today. Nevada Energy (NVE) is currently taking a neutral position and will ultimately embrace the change. National Rural Electric Association (NREA) is pushing for an exclusion on the premise that rural citizens already have a choice by being able to elect their representatives to the board of each rural utility. No action taken.

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

- Encouraged Board to attend the Legislative session in Carson City.
- Selected Brent Thatcher from PVHS and Jessica Truman from LCHS for the Youth Tour this year.
- Had to purchase a large amount of power from Silver State Energy Association (SSEA) in January and February is looking same due to reduced hydro generation.

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

- Crews busy with snow removal and flood control issues.
- Transformer and underground set for the electric vehicle charging station at the Y Service Station.
- Coyote Springs (CS) primary circuit completed.
- Problems with the wind on Highland Peak, Mt Ella, and north Panaca.
- Pole fire in Lake Valley.
- Completed custom work for JT3, LC Airport, and Brent Hepworth.

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

ENGINEERING:

- Working on permanent power in CS wastewater treatment plant.'
- Ordered material for electric vehicle Charging station.
- Surveying Meadow Valley Cove for upgrade project.
- Continuing mapping work.

OPERATIONS:

- Continuing work on Tortoise Substation communication.
- Busy with SCADA, communication protocol, and substations.

J. Financial Report. (Discussion): Missy Cheeney passed out reports for month end for December 2016. The Board reviewed the reports and discussed the different banks.

K. Director's Comments. (Discussion): There was some discussion about stepping up the security at CS.

L. Future agenda items. (Discussion): There was no discussion.

M. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

N. Adjournment: Lee Mathews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Fogliani seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Ed Wright, President

Attest:

David Luttrell – Secretary