

**Lincoln County Power District No. 1
Panaca, Nevada**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln County Power District No. 1 (Lincoln County Power) was duly held at 201 Bullionville Road, Panaca, Nevada at 8:00 a.m. on November 16, 2021.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on November 9, 2021 in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law Minimum Public Notice requirements: Lincoln County Courthouse, U.S. Post Office at Pioche, Lincoln County Telephone System Office, Lincoln County Power Office, Panaca Market, and the U.S. Post Office at Panaca.

President Ed Wright called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The following were present: President Ed Wright, Vice President Lee Mathews, and Board Members Bob Rollins, Richard Katschke, and Ken Dixon; General Manager Dave Luttrell, Interim Assistant General Manager Dane Bradfield, Construction and Maintenance Manager John Condie, Engineering and Operations Manager Kyle Donohue, Administrative Manager Missy Cheeney, and Clerk Louise Carlson.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Dixon led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Confirmation of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law's Minimum Public Notice requirements: Dave Luttrell stated that Lincoln County Power had posted the agenda in conformance with the Nevada open meeting law posting requirements.

C. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

D. Minutes of meeting held on October 4, 2021, October 5, 2021, October 6, 2021 and October 12, 2021 (Possible Action: Approval of Minutes): Ed Wright noted a correction to the October 12, 2021 minutes. He requested the word us be changed to was under item G. He also requested a copy of the letter from the Browns be included with the minutes. Bob Rollins made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Richard Katschke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Consideration of proposed 2022 Capital Budget (Possible Action: Approval of 2022 Capital Budget): Dave Luttrell advised the Board the 12-year plan is to provide a future plan of expenditures on equipment, replacements, upgrades and additions for informational purposes. The capital budget for 2022 are purchases proposed next year. The plan is created annually and reviewed by staff for the Board to examine, revise, and approve. Dave went through the capital reserve analysis showing cash on hand and required reserves. He described the expenditure categories and indicated a new capital category for Generation has been added. He then reviewed each category and discussed the specific capital

expenditures planned through 2033. There was some discussion about pole replacement target in Pioche. Richard Katschke made a motion to approve the 2022 Capital Budget. Ken Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ed Wright declared a 5-minute break.

F. Review of National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC)

Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA) (Discussion): Dave Luttrell explained that as a requirement of the CFC loan, staff provides financial and statistical information to CFC who then prepares an analysis known as the Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA). This report provides important comparisons as to how Lincoln County Power is performing in relationship to 816 other rural utilities. Dave highlighted a few key trends. There was some discussion about equity, long term debt, rate of return on equity, obligation, and plant revenue. No action was taken.

G. Consideration of Policy No. 501, Attachment to Lincoln County Power

Poles (Possible Action: Approval of this Policy): Dave Luttrell informed the Board there was no formal policy in place regarding pole attachments. This is a new proposed policy to correct that problem. There was some discussion about what is and is not allowed, fees, attachment of electric power circuits and communication circuits, public lighting, notices, clearances, cost, agreements, and responsibility. Bob Rollins made a motion to approve Policy No. 501. Richard Katschke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

H. General Manager Performance Evaluation Process (Possible Action:

Approval of the Process): At the Board meeting of October 13, 2020, the Board determined that it would annually conduct a review of the General Manager performance each December. Ed Wright requested Board members provide questions to him and that the evaluation will be conducted on December 14, 2021. No action was taken.

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

- Customer feedback regarding the rate increase after the first billing.
- ACES forecast through February 2022 including weather.
- CRC meeting in October, Lake Mead storage level, and future projections through 2023.
- Traveled to Arizona with Missy Cheeney for visit to AEPCO. Learned more about possibility to sell renewable energy tax credits. Hydro power is now legally renewable so will pursue short term sale.
- Negotiating with SNWA regarding the BLM right-of-way for the Eastern Nevada Transmission project.
- Discovered that BLM will not allow solar sites north of Caliente due to sage grouse habitat.

- Working on an agreement for a joint project with LCTS to install fiber from Hiko to Rachel on the transmission line.
- Warranty on new building ends December. Have a list of three or four items.
- 4 Line crew members attended hot line school training.

Dane Bradfield discussed the following with the Board:

- NRECA program in Wisconsin about people management this session.
- Attended NISC training in St. George on work orders.
- SSEA meeting in Las Vegas regarding Eastern Nevada Transmission.

Ed Wright requested to move to item O as employees were present.

O. Introduction of New Employees (Discussion): John Condie introduced Zachary Robbins and Jason Wheatley. There was some discussion between them and the Board regarding future plans.

Ed Wright directed the meeting back to Item J.

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

- New customer estimates have slowed, only two new ones this month.
- Completed various service upgrades in Panaca, Highland Knolls, and Pioche.
- The road to Highland peak is graded.
- Numerous 811s.
- Still working on Caselton clean-up.
- Worked on street lights in Caliente.
- Lifted trusses for Ben Long in Pioche.

K. Engineering and Operations Manager's report (Discussion): Kyle Donohue discussed the following with the Board:

- Solar site selection process.
- Working with BLM renewing rights-of-ways and applying for new rights-of-ways to serve LCTS and NDOT communication sites north of Hiko, and to serve LC Water north of Mesquite.
- Peck Substation almost complete.
- IT cyber security training.
- Fault locators with SCADA.
- LCTS fiber optic project from Hiko to Alamo.
- Operations lead a transformer filtering class at hot line school.
- ECI engineering to study distribution and transmission system for line losses.

L. Administrative Manager's report (Discussion): Missy Cheeney discussed the following with the Board:

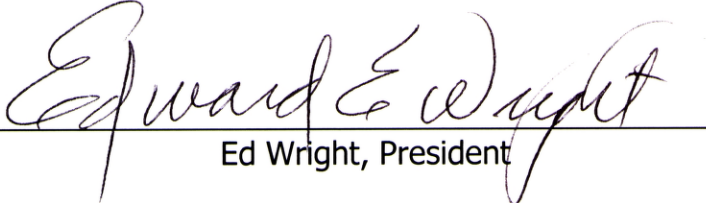
- September financial reports.
- Received patronage cash from WUE and CFC.
- Attended an NISC workshop on work orders.
- Participated in trunk'er treats in Panaca and Pioche.
- Provided line crews with training on Appsuite.

M. Director's comments (Discussion): There was some discussion about responses received regarding the Ruralite article about services on customer side of meter.

N. Future agenda items (Discussion): Next Board meeting will be December 14th.

P. Public comment: There was no public comment.

Q. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.


Ed Wright, President

Attest: 
David Luttrell, Secretary