

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 August 10, 2021.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on August 4, 2021 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 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, and Richard Katschke; General Manager Dave Luttrell, Interim Assistant General Manager Dane Bradfield, Gian Brown retained general counsel, Construction and Maintenance Manager John Condie, Engineering and Operations Manager Kyle Donohue, Administrative Manager Missy Cheeney, and Clerk Louise Carlson. Also present were Nathan Adams from Pioche Public Utility, Ken Maxwell from Alamo Power District, and Lincoln County Power line crew members Eric Bernal, Derek Cheeney, Alan Cole, Jason Wheatley, and line foreman Bruce Hale.

Board member Ken Dixon was absent.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Katschke 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 requirements.

C. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

D. Minutes of meeting held on July 13, 2021 (Possible Action): Ed Wright requested Item O be changed to include his comment regarding Caliente loan final payment date. Bob Rollins made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting on July 13, 2021 with requested correction. Richard Katschke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Consideration of Resolution 2021-03, Commendation for Outstanding Service for Bruce Hale (Possible Action): Dave Luttrell informed the Board that Bruce Hale is retiring. He stated that the resolution is to recognize and commend Bruce Hale for his twenty-eight years of outstanding service, performance, and contributions in improving Lincoln County Power's electric grid. This resolution expresses the Board's appreciation. Bob Rollins made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03. Richard Katschke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ed Wright presented Bruce Hale with the resolution. Eric Bernal and Derek Cheeney presented him with a parting gift from the line crews. Richard Katschke congratulated him and indicated that he remembered coaching him in high school track.

F. Consideration of Policy 313, Cost Responsibility for Existing Customers Opting Out of the AMI System (Possible Action):

Dave Luttrell explained this is an update of the existing policy for those customers who wish to opt out of AMI metering. There are two important changes in the policy from when it was first adopted. The first change is that the policy is limited to existing customers. Under this update, new customers will not have a choice of opting out. AMI will be required for all new customers. The second change in the policy is the fee. The proposed meter change-out fee is \$75, and the monthly meter reading and invoicing fee is proposed as either \$50 or the actual cost to read the meter and to create an invoice monthly for service, whichever is less. There was some discussion about if existing customers are opting out, and why. Bob Rollins made a motion to approve Policy 313. Richard Katschke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

G. Discussion and Training Regarding Nevada Open Meeting Laws

(Discussion): Dave Luttrell introduced Gian Brown, Lincoln County Power general counsel. Gian Brown gave an overview of Nevada open meeting law requirements with the help of colleague Mathew Morris via video. They talked about public bodies and public businesses with all actions being open to the public by law. There was discussion about different exemptions to this law and how different circumstances should be handled. There was no action taken.

H. Presentation on Cost of Service with Updated Revenue Requirements

(Discussion): Dave Luttrell went through a cost-of-service (COS) study presentation. He explained the rate design process, costs and forecasts, revenue requirements versus COS, historical COS studies, types of costs, system costs, Hoover policy, allocation of costs, development of allocation factors, allocation to customer classes, Lincoln County economy and comparison to other Nevada counties, the importance of agriculture, and Lincoln County Power rates compared to other electric utilities by customer class. Dave described the next steps including public hearings for input. There was no action taken.

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

- Pursing a resiliency grant.
- Youth programs and planning.

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

- Seven new services installed.
- Changed secondary bushing on substation transformer in Lake Valley area.

- Increased phase clearance and installed cover-up on Well-35 distribution line.
- Caselton yard clean-up in progress.
- Installed 2 services in Caliente and trimmed trees.

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

- Received additional items to complete the John Christian substation.
- Planning on using fiber to interconnect Coyote Springs substations.
- In process of replacing old batteries at substations.
- Dealt with lots of lighting issues.
- Performed cyber security checks on system servers.
- Process of prepping material for Meadow Valley rebuild.

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

- July 2021 financial reports.
- Barcoding in warehouse is up and running.
- PERS audit is complete.

M. Director's comments (Discussion): Ed Wright commented he would be absent for the September meeting.

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

O. Public comment: There was no public comment.

P. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.



Ed Wright, President

Lee Mathews, VP

Attest:



David Luttrell, Secretary