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 April 12, 2022.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on April 6, 2022 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, Board Members Bob Rollins, Richard Katschke, and Ken Dixon; General Manager Dave Luttrell, Assistant General Manager Dane Bradfield, Engineering and Operations Manager Kyle Donohue, Administrative Manager Missy Cheeney, Clerk Louise Carlson, Wayne Everett with Hafen Buckner Everett & Graff PC, and Gian Brown legal counsel via video conference.

Lee Mathews was absent.

- **<u>A. Pledge of Allegiance.</u>** Bob Rollins 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.
- <u>D. Minutes of meeting held on March 8, 2022 (Possible Action. Approval of Minutes).</u> Bob Rollins made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ken Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- E. Consideration of Financial Statements for the Seven Months Ended December 31, 2021 and Auditor's Report (Possible Action: Approval of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report). Dave Luttrell introduced Wayne Everett. Wayne stated these statements are for a seven-month period which has no comparisons. He went through the independent Auditor's Report and risk assessment, Management's discussion and analysis, balance sheet, income statement, operating income, statement of cash, and additional notes. There was some discussion about fiscal controls and financial training for the incoming General Manager. Ken Dixon made a motion to approve the financial statements for the seven months ending December 31, 2021. Bob Rollins seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- F. Consideration of Petition to Include Property within the Boundaries of Lincoln County Power District No. 1 submitted by Adam and Melinda

 Markarian (Possible Action: Approval of this Petition). Dave Luttrell presented the petition from Adam and Melinda Markarian. He informed the Board that the property is currently served by Lincoln County Power, and they are the legal owners of the property. Ken Dixon made a motion to approve the petition. Bob Rollins seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- G. Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-02 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees Authorizing the Establishment of Maintenance of Bank Accounts (Possible Action: Approval of this Resolution). Dave Luttrell stated that historically the Board of Trustees authorizes each member of the Board, the General Manager, and the Construction and Maintenance Manager to act on behalf of the district with our banks. This resolution will update signatory authority with our financial institutions for John Condie's retirement and Dane Bradfield's promotion. Ken Dixon made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-02. Richard Katschke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- H. Consideration of Employee Retirement Agreement with Dave Luttrell (Possible Action: Approval of the Agreement). Dave Luttrell explained that he had prepared this retirement agreement and asked legal counsel to be present via video. This Agreement is based on Lincoln County Power's standardized retirement agreement except a wind down time fame is established in section 16 for the retiring General Manager. There was some discussion about keeping the laptop and staying available to assist Dane Bradfield with various tasks. Gian Brown answered some questions for the Board. Ken Dixon made a motion to approve the retirement agreement. Bob Rollins seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- I. Discussion regarding the Expansion of Boundaries of Lincoln County
 Power District No.1 (LCPD1) (Discussion). Dave Luttrell noted that Gian Brown had been asked to stay online and review options available under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) to realign the legal boundaries of the district with its service area boundaries. Gian Brown discussed with the Board that NRS 318.258 (9) does not give county commissions the ability to expand general improvement district boundaries. He then proceeded to explain other options available under NRS, being inclusion or annexation. Procedures and limitations associated with these two options were reviewed. Dave Luttrell stated this item is not on the agenda as an action item. It was agreed to put on the agenda in May for action.
- <u>J. Update on Energy Sales and Future Conditions (Discussion).</u> Dave Luttrell displayed graphs and discussed with the Board, energy sales, seasonal temperature outlook, and seasonal precipitation outlook.
- K. Election of Officers and Appointment of Members of the Board of Trustees to committees and organizations (Possible Action: Election of Officers and Approval of Appointments). Ed Wright ruled to skip this item.

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

- Executed the order for new trucks.
- Soon hiring summer help.
- Seven candidates filed to run for the Board with five available seats. Top two candidates will get four-year seats, the others two year.
- Working with Lisa Lloyd and have provided her with the preliminary voter list.
- Looking into grant for solar project with Senator Cortez-Masto.
- A meeting with SIXCO regarding land at Crestline. They would like three-phase service at the site.
- Did not purchase gas hedge for April since Hoover is covering at this time.
- Working on 2023 hedging plan.
- Colorado River Commission (CRC) is changing their administration charge, working with them on the language.
- Received a signed agreement with SNORE for their upcoming race.
- Experiencing vandalism in Coyote Springs and county line area.
- Next Board meeting is May 24.
- Funded scholarships with high schools.
- Hydrology report is not good. Lake Powel is at 25% and Lake Mead is at 34% of capacity. Glen Canyon could cease power production this fall, with Lake Mead at a Tier 2 shortage.
- Increased level of new services installed in last twelve months, coincides with rising inventory levels. Making problems with risings costs and lead times.
- Dane Bradfield taking over John Condie's position until it is filled from within.

<u>M. Assistant General Manager's Report (Discussion).</u> Dane Bradfield discussed the following with the Board:

- Meeting with NV Energy (NVE) who wants to add a communication site at the bottom of Delmar Valley.
- ACES Power and Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) meeting tomorrow.
- MIP classes all online, lots on cyber security. Will leave 4/24 for final session.
- Training two candidates for Construction and Maintenance Manager position.

N. Construction and Maintenance Manager's Report (Discussion). Dane Bradfield discussed the following with the Board:

- Caliente Public Utility (CPU) phase II of the underground project is complete.
- Working on line relocation in South Panaca for Collin Bowler, which has 23 structures.
- Changed out a transformer in Rachel.
- Ray Thompson looking for more services.
- Installed one new service in Panaca.
- Outage in Coyote Springs, repaired at the time. Pony Springs substation outage.
- Level 3 Regen site along 93 vandalized. Fence cut on substation and disconnect thrown, then proceeded to clean out Level 3.
- A couple of poles been hit this past month. One at courthouse, and another at 8
 Mile Farms.

- New services installed and new estimates paid.
- <u>O. Engineering and Operations Manager's report (Discussion).</u> Kyle Donohue discussed the following with the Board:
 - Changed out bushing and filtered oil at Pony Springs.
 - Working on recloser at Highland Knolls.
 - Working on estimate for NVE communication site.
 - Preparing cost estimates for a grant for CPU.
 - Continuing progress on BLM Right-of-Way's.
 - Working with ECI on design for Lincoln County Water.
 - NDOT wanting another communication site.
 - ECI moving forward with study of the 138-kV conversion.
 - Proceeding on design and materials for next phase of Meadow Valley project.
 - Working on a joint project in Panaca with LCTS.
 - Continuing to update mapping in NISC.
 - Working on designs for service to LCTS at White River.

There was some discussion about Desert Hawk Resources line, and updating Tortoise Substation.

- **<u>P. Administrative Manager's report (Discussion).</u>** Missy Cheeney discussed the following with the Board:
 - Went over the balance sheet and income statement for February 2022.
 - Discussed audit.
- Q. <u>Director's comments (Discussion)</u>. No comments.
- R. Future agenda items (Discussion). Next meeting May 24th.
- **S.** Public comment. There was no public comment.
- **<u>T. Adjournment.</u>** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Ed Wright, President

