

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 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2023.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted at the following locations on September 5, 2023, 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 Richard Katschke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following were present: President Richard Katschke, Vice President Cory Lytle, Board Members Lorin Wilkin, Cory Wadsworth, and Paul Donohue. Staff members present were General Manager Dane Bradfield, Engineering and Operations Manager Kyle Donohue, Construction and Maintenance Manager Dell O'Connor, Administrative Manager Missy Cheeney, Clerk Louise Carlson, also present was Ken Maxwell from Alamo Power District.

A. Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Katschke asked Dane Bradfield to lead the pledge of allegiance.

B. Confirmation of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law's Minimum Public Notice requirements. Dane Bradfield 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 July 10, 2023 (Possible Action. Approval of Minutes). A correction was requested in Section G. changing watt to Mega-watts. Richard Katschke made a motion to approve the minutes with correction. Cory Lytle seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Cooperative Family Fund Donation. (Possible Action: Approval of Donation to Cooperative Family Fund). Dane Bradfield explained the Cooperative Family Fund was established in 2022 by NRECA president, Tony Anderson. This fund supports children of active electric cooperative employees who pass away. An investment is made on behalf of the children and grows as the child ages. All proceeds then go to the child on the first day of the month following their 18th birthday along with a memory book from their deceased parent's coworkers. Staff is recommending a donation in an amount determined by the Board. There was some discussion amount current policy, amounts, a one-time donation versus a yearly recurring. Cory Wadsworth made a motion to donate \$500 annually. Lorin Wilkin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

F. Revision to Policy No. 401 – Economic Benefit of Hoover Dam Hydroelectric Power (Definition of Urban Area). (Possible Action: Approval of Revision to Policy No. 401).

Dane Bradfield described how in 2007, Board members established a geographic area around Coyote Springs development as an "Urban Area". Then developed a rate specifically for the Urban Areas in order to limit the impact of urban electrical loads on the rates of rural customers. Now this policy needs to be revised to include specific geographic area Lincoln County next to Mesquite. This area would include future sites planned for Estuary in the Tule Desert, and designated Lincoln County Land Act region. Dane Bradfield displayed Policy No. 401 with revision, maps of the proposed Urban Area, and affected rate schedule. The Board requested amending Policy No. 401 to include new customers after 10/1/2023 in that area. There was some discussion about current Mesquite customers usage and rates. Paul Donohue made a motion to approve Policy No. 401 with amendment. Cory Lytle seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- Alan Cole passed second year apprentice test, and Zachary Robbins passed first year test.
- Two large system outages. First caused by an event at Tortoise tripped relay in substation. OPD and APD both aided, crews found fault at Prince, power was out for two hours. Two weeks later entire Prince substation down, everything north of Caliente. Will likely see material purchases in Capital Budget plan.
- Lincoln County Workforce temporary workers, Lainey Lloyd, and Cody Howard here until 9/29. Other summer help went back to school.
- All four vehicles on auction sold.
- Received CRC check for renewable energy credits.
- Submitted request to cancel insurance policy as of 10/1, and to issue new policy effective 10/1 due to Assembly Bill 398.
- Federated increased 10%, now \$111,000.
- Estuary agreement drafted and are with legal.
- Lake Mead is up 20' due to holding more, not running through dam.
- LCPD1 solar project making headway in Caselton. Offer of \$1100 per acre accepted. Will begin design request for grant.
- New opportunity for \$5 million grant from NV. For infrastructure upgrades. Will submit RFI requesting Static wire on Main Line and Fiber through Delmar valley.
- NREA banquet on 10/12 and 10/13.
- Approval notices from BLM on Marter, NVE at Jumbo Lake, NDOT communication tower. Hiko to Tempiute still in progress.
- Next Board meeting on Columbus Day, not a day off for employees. Questioned if Board members wanted to move day.

H. Construction and Maintenance Manager's Report (Discussion).

Dell O'Connor discussed the following with the Board:

- Outage at Rachel caused by Tempiute tap breaker on Alamo side.
- Four poles left to complete Gold Springs line project.
- Enough money in budget left to replace two more poles in Pioche.
- Presented a video of crews changing arms on Gold Springs Line.
- Joint fiber project with LCTS, work as fill in when time allows.
- Changed out a pole and arms on Bristol.
- Alan Cole passed second year apprentice test alongside another third-year student.

I. Engineering and Operations Manager's Report (Discussed).

Kyle Donohue discussed the following with the Board:

- Assisted on outages.
- working on AMI metering on UPRR line, having to add collectors and routers.
- Replaced Bristol circuit boards.
- Justin is swamped with estimates, while still building estimates, and keeping mapping updated.
- Richard is testing meters, and sorting emails looking for scams and viruses.
- Kyle has been working on Marter and Estuary projects.
- Capital budget item not purchased in order to shuffle funds.

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

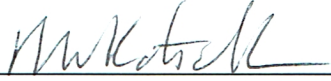
- Completed rate renewals, increased 5%.
- As of July 1st, PERS rates went up 3.75%.
- Went through financial reports for May 2023. July was a good month and was able to build some cash reserves.

K. Directors Comments. Lorin Wilkin stated he is impressed with jobs performed and crews. Cory Lytle appreciate crew that lifted the HVAC unit at the courthouse. Paul Donohue questioned when employee negotiations begin and would like to be kept updated.

L. Future agenda items. Dane Bradfield to send digital copy of Strategic plan.

M. Public Comment. Ken Maxwell stated it was really good to work with Kyle Donohue and Richard Wilson on breaker settings.

N. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.



Richard Katschke, President

Attest:



Dane Bradfield, Secretary