

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday, August 30, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from the school district of Holcombe, Rusk County Jr. Fair, Ladysmith Class of 2022 Project Graduation, Veterans Memorial Association car show crew, Hayward Community Food Shelf, and scholarship recipients Syvil Witt, Drake Marks and Savannah Brandt were circulated by Brooks.

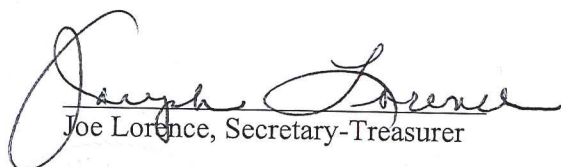
1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman Brooks called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 9:03 a.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Chairman Brooks stated that the following Board Members were present at the start of the meeting: Jane Reich, District 1; Myron Brooks, District 2; Joe Lorence, District 3; Jerry Carow, District 4; Bill van Doorn, District 5; Bill Amery, District 6; Jason Weaver, District 7; Walter Kruk, District 8; Sandra Schara, District 9, Kurt Harris, CEO / General Manager; Lori Davis, Finance Manager; and Jennifer Belk, Executive Assistant.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Schara to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
6. **Safety Moment** – District 1, Reich reported on school bus safety during school returning.
7. **Consent Agenda.** The July board meeting minutes, executive session minutes, member refunds, new membership applications, outages, director expenses, check register, and director reports were posted to Call of Order prior to the meeting for review by the Board. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Reich to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
8. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Jordan Behreandt reported on new services, line conversions, brushing/vegetation spraying, underground project status, and house move in Hayward. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.
9. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Davis reviewed the income statement, balance sheet, and supplemental data. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Weaver to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously carried.
10. **General Manager Report.** CEO / General Manager Harris reported on status of policy reviews and updates, grant writing, easement disputes, future projects with LCO, facility issues, contractor maintenance costs, DNR concerns with brushing, retirement of capital credits, electric vehicle charging usage in Hayward, update on strategic plan, member appreciation days, member communications, growth opportunities, and manager expenses for July. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Reich to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.

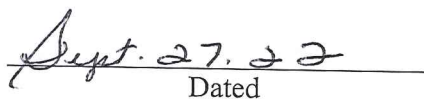
The Board took a break from 10:13-10:23am.

11. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC)**
 - a. **DPC Director Report.** Reich reported on DPC strategic plan, board education, and electric vehicle charging station infrastructure. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Weaver to approve the DPC director report as presented. Unanimously carried.

12. **Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).**
 - a. Board consensus to send Lorence, van Doorn, Weaver, and Schara to Board Leadership Course 929.1: Current Governance Issues in Policy Development held in Black River Falls on October 12, 2022.
 - b. Harris reviewed the increased costs of the monthly publication of the WECA News.
 - c. Board consensus to send Brooks, Lorence, van Doorn, Schara, Kruk, and Harris to the 2022 WECA annual meeting. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Carow to nominate Kruk as the WECA annual meeting voting delegate. Unanimously carried.
13. **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).** Harris reviewed the previously approved attendees for the NRECA annual meeting as Lorence, Schara and Harris.
14. **RUS/CFC/CoBank.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Lorence to approve CEO Harris as the CFC voting delegate at the 2022 NRECA regional meeting. Unanimously carried.
15. **Unfinished Business.** Harris reviewed status of upcoming Time of Use (TOU) Rate. The board directed CEO to create a Time of Use policy to present for approval.
16. **New Business.**
 - a. **Policy Review & Update - Board Policy 8.** With 5 votes in favor and 4 against the board voted to revise Board Policy #8 as presented.
 - b. **Capital Credit Retirement.** A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Reich to approve the retirement of the capital credits as follows: 100% of the remaining balance of the year 1992, 25% of the year 1993, 2.25% of the years 1994–2021, and close out inactive accounts with a balance of less than \$50 for a total amount of \$330,691.98. With 8 votes in favor and 1 vote against the motion was carried.
 - c. **Next Regular Board Meeting.** A date was set for Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Weaver to **Adjourn the Meeting at 12:08p.m.** Unanimously carried.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer


Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Jane Reich
District 1

8/2/22 - Maximizing Your Grassroots Strategy

Course Instructors were Amanda Wolfe and Beth Knudson.

This course was very insightful, basically speaking on our member-based focus and always advocating for ALL of our members. Having a culture of communication, representation, and member engagement.

Noting that political engagement is vital. And making every effort to have strong relationships with our government officials to promote the electrical industry and remain vocal and active with local, state, and federal government officials and organizations that promote the electrical industry.

We, as directors, need to understand the issues and the impact they have on our co-op members. We need to listen to member concerns and represent these concerns. Always remaining proactive by addressing legislative issues, attending statewide meetings, attending our state legislative rally, and participating in NRECA.

These are the things that we do focus on. The true things that keep our CO-OPS strong.

8/3/22 - Energy Issues Summit

Our co-ops are in an energy transition. Is there a bridge? Spoke on where we are and where we're going. Less coal, more gas, and renewables. What will sustain us in peaking times? There are many challenges and many opportunities. As long as we move slowly, making sure to keep the grid sustainable through a vast portfolio. One main problem is congestion in transmission caused by political factors and such.

We also got a chance to ride in and see electric school buses. There is a program through the government to help school districts pay for these new buses. We were shown electric bucket trucks too.

I find this all to be interesting and very important that we stay involved and keep the focus on the best for all of us as members.

August 2022 Report
District 5 Director
William van Doorn

I usually start my reports with some obvious statement like, well, fall is starting to show its face with cooler nights and leaves losing their deep green colors. We look forward to the fall harvest of our gardens and watching our neighboring farmers spend endless hours harvesting their fall crops. However, this month I write with more concern than usual.

I remember a political statement that says the larger the government's foot print the higher the cost. The subjects referred to was healthcare and education. If this statement is true, we probably can add carbon base fuel and electrical power to that list.

This all came to mind during two days of schooling and informational updates this month in Eau Claire. First was the class, Maximizing Your Grassroots Strategy 918.1, which was instructed by Amanda Wolfe. The base message I got out of this was to start at home and realize that what's important to one member or coop may be different from the next. Our goal is to be fair for our members. Those in attendance were reminded that whether we like it or not, we must get involved politically and be in contact with our representatives in person or through letters. We need to be specific and stay focused on only that one subject, cooperative business.

On August 3rd I and a few other directors attended Energy Issues Summit in Eau Claire. There were too many presenters to mention them all. We were presented information from a battery manufacturer, electric school bus manufacturer, electric boom truck for electric utilities, a cooperative lending agency, a political analyst, a nuclear engineer and a representative from the MISO.

As a retired auto technician who owned his own business, you would think I would have found the earlier presenters the most interesting. However the last two, nuclear energy and the MISO market, were of most interest to me.

The question is, which power source will help transition us to green energy? Nuclear or natural gas? It was explained that if we were to reprocess nuclear waste, that would raise the cost considerably but be very clean. Natural gas prices are elevated due to government policies, so what are long term answers to dependable and affordable power? Possibly there are none that we would approve of.

The MISO report was also interesting. It was explained that we have a one in six chance of a black out in the central states. Because of coal plant closures, we need replacement power sources that are as dependable as gas or nuclear. I asked if there was enough hydro power available from Canada to fulfill this need and was told no. Not twelve months out of the year. Doing some research, you will find, that during a good given day it is easy to produce enough green energy to supply our needs. However, we do not have the technology or material for battery storage. Also with water level variables in hydro power, no sun or cloud cover and not enough or too much wind for wind turbine operation, we definitely need some form of dependable power.

With the input from business people, policy professionals, industry leaders and nuclear professors and the likes it is critical that we citizens, as concerned power costumers, must be involved as we move forward .

On a much brighter note, our Coop had customer appreciation days on the 10th, 11th and 12th of this month. I attended and enjoyed all three. It was so fulfilling to visit with members that I had not met before. I will admit that my memory of names is poor, but I do remember faces and concerns.

I have one concern. I'm not sure that our membership reads the monthly magazine or the website, including this report as we hoped. If you read this, please give me a quick text or call and leave a message that you do read the updates and news we offer as we all go forward.

Respectfully Submitted
District 5 Director
Bill van Doorn
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I attended two classes in Eau Claire on August 2 and 3rd. The first class was on Maximizing your Grassroots Strategy. It had a lot to do with a director's role in the political aspect. They spoke about the importance of getting engaged with your elected officials and how vital that is because it is very important that the members of congress know what the co-ops want. They spoke about the "dos and don'ts" of how you go about getting an in-person meeting with them. It was an interesting day.

The second day was the Energy Issues Summit.

* 2007 was the start of the surge in renewables

*They brought an electric school bus and an electric Terex. They offered rides during lunch on the bus and on the Terex, you could take a ride up in the bucket. I chose the ride on the school bus.

*135 miles is the average range on an electric Terex and it takes 4 hours to fully charge the battery

*There is \$500 million dollars available for free electric buses through the school system. If you receive one of these buses, any buses that you have that are 2010 or older must be scrapped. It takes 2 1/2 hours to charge a bus.

*Wisconsin has one nuclear plant and that is in Green Bay. The plant is 50 years old.

*It takes 8-10 years to build a nuclear plant in the "West". On site costs make it too expensive to build

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Schara