

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the  
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Monday, January 29, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Monday, January 29, 2024, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from Alisha Berg, C4K Team, Gary Purgett, Rusk County Community Library Foundation and St. John's Committee were circulated by Chairman Brooks.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman Brooks called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 9:07 a.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Chairman Brooks stated that the following Board Members were in person at the start of the meeting: Jane Reich, District 1; Myron Brooks, District 2; Joe Lorence, District 3; Jay Waeltz, District 4; Bill van Doorn, District 5; Wally Kruk, District 8; and Sandy Schara, District 9. Also present in person was General Manager/CEO, Kurt Harris; Finance Manager, Dawn Zahurones; Operations Manager, Jordan Behreandt; and Billing Clerk, Tammy Bloomer. Absent from the meeting was Bill Amery, District 6 and Jason Weaver, District 7.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Waeltz to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
5. **Open Comment Session.** No one was in attendance.
6. **Safety Moment.** Schara presented on fires and items that combust easily. For instance, mulch around the outskirts of the house. One should consider replacing this with stone.
7. **December Minutes.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve the December Board minutes as presented. Unanimously carried.
8. **Check Register.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve the December Check Register as presented. Unanimously carried.
9. **Consent Agenda.** Member refunds, membership applications, outages, director expense reports, and director reports were posted to Call of Order prior to the meeting for review by the Board. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Waeltz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
10. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Behreandt reported on new services for November, idle services, Charter project, OCR's, brushing, GPS and mapping, and Hayward project grant. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Kruk to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.
11. **General Manager Report.** General Manager/CEO Harris reported on Cost Saving Analysis of the One-Energy Solar Project, grant writing for the Wisconsin Infrastructure Investment and Job Act Grant, Whole-Sale Rate Task Force, NREC CEO Close-up – Rate Design, Artificial Intelligence, Crisis Communication, Workforce Challenges, Union Negotiations, and Strategic Plan Update. Harris also touched upon accomplishments for 2023: Strategic Vision, Long-Term Financial Stability, Location Based Applications, Member and Community Collaboration, Safety and Reliability. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by van Doorn to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.

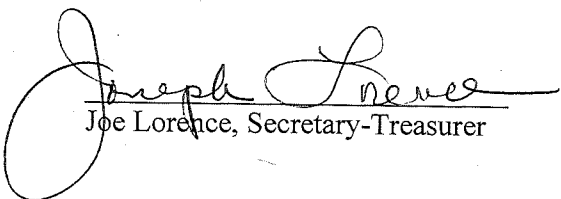
The Board recessed for break at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

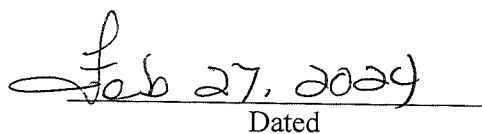
12. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC).** Reich reported on board actions, finances for December, education, Nemadji Trail, consumer storage on renewables, rate study and

district meetings. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Waeltz to approve the DPC Director Report as presented. Unanimously carried.

13. **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Lorence to send Waeltz to the March 19 – 20, 2024 online class CCD 2640 Financial Decision Making. Unanimously carried.
14. **Old Business.**
  - a. Member Policy No. 310 – Interconnection with Qualifying Facilities. Discussion held.
  - b. Member Policy No. 311 – Net Metering. Discussion held. Direction to draft policy that will pay out month to month (new accounts) with a grandfather clause for existing members. Will bring back to the table at a future date.
15. **New Business.**
  - a. 2024 Ethics Disclosure. Signed form required by all Directors.
  - b. Dairyland Power Cooperative District Meeting. A motion was made by Waeltz and seconded by Kruk to send Reich, Brooks, Lorence, Schara and Harris to the February 19 meeting at The Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. Unanimously carried. van Doorn has approval as well and will get back to me with his decision.
  - c. Rule and Resolutions Committee. Harris reviewed a list of past committee members. Board consensus to reach out to past committee members to serve again this year. Meeting to be held at the Cooperative headquarters in Ladysmith.
  - d. Member Appreciation Day. Harris proposed the following days: June 26 (Jump River), June 27 (Hayward) and June 28 (Ladysmith). Discussion held. Board consensus to hold Member Appreciation Days June 26-28.

A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Lorence to **Adjourn the Meeting at 11:05 a.m.** Unanimously carried.

  
Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

  
Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)

January 2024 Report  
District 5 Director  
William van Doorn

Weather has been mild to normal temperatures and very little snow. Outages reflect the mild conditions.

I am running for the board again and decided to go to areas that I know no one. What an enjoyable experience to meet members that I did not know. It took over one hour per signature in the far western area of my district because of conversations. I was asked many questions concerning our base fee, which I believe I answered to their satisfaction (understanding). Other questions related to the expense of the home office facility. I attempted to explain the timing was right, due to inflation immediately afterwards and it was inevitable in the near future. I will mention some other questions the members had at our monthly meeting.

Following this month's meeting some of us will be going to Madison for an activity called Lobby Days. We will be visiting with our state representatives and some personnel from Dairyland Power who is our power supplier. As we move forward as a Cooperative, my concern is dependability, and my questions will address that concern.

Respectfully Submitted  
District 5 Director  
Bill van Doorn