

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

A thank you card from the Hayward Foundation for Educational Enrichment was circulated by Chairman Brooks.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman Brooks called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 9:00 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; Bill Amery, District 6; Jason Weaver, District 7; Walter Kruk, District 8; and Sandra Schara, District 9. Also in attendance were Kurt Harris, General Manager/CEO; Dawn Zahurones, Finance Manager; Jordan Behreandt; Operations Manager; and Jennifer Belk, Executive Assistant.
3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Lorence to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
6. **Safety Moment** – District 4. Waeltz presented on the importance taking steps to prevent avoidable work accidents.
7. **Consent Agenda.** The June board meeting minutes, check register, member refunds, new membership applications, outages, check register, 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 Reich and seconded by Schara to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
8. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Behreandt reported on new services, service changes, conversions, undergrounds, and charter project. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Weaver to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.
9. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Zahurones reviewed the income statement comparison, monthly margins, year-to-date margins, tier/o-tier, year-to-date balance sheet summary, equity, year-to-date highlights, monthly kilowatts sold, year-to-date kilowatts sold, and operating statement, balance sheet, supplemental data. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Kruk to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously carried.
10. **General Manager Report.** CEO / General Manager Harris reported an update of the Charter project, construction workplan, upcoming visit with CFC, cost of member appreciation days, Safe Electricity program, June manager expenses, and ongoing status of the strategic plan. A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by van Doorn to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.
11. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC).** Reich reported on DPC board actions, finances, education, rates, and the Black Thunder Mine. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Schara to approve the DPC Director Report as presented. Unanimously carried.
12. **Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA); District 3 Meeting Summary.** Harris reported. No action taken.

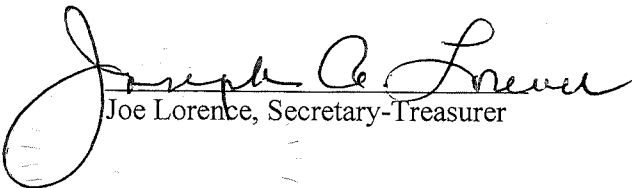
The board took a break from 10:11a.m. until 10:28a.m.

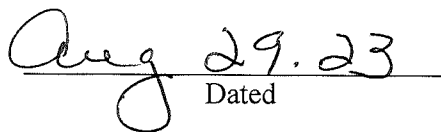
13. **CoBank; Voting Delegate.** A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Reich to nominate Harris as the CoBank Voting Delegate. Unanimously approved.
14. **New Business.**
 - a. **Community Cents Inc. Form 143.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve signing of Form 143 as presented. Unanimously approved.
 - b. **Policy Review: Member Policy No. 318; Signage.** Policy Reviewed. No Action Taken.
 - c. **Policy Removal: Member Policy No. 319; Land Use Permits.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Kruk to remove Member Policy No. 319 as presented. Unanimously carried.
 - d. **Policy Revision: Member Policy No. 325; Meter Opt Out.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Weaver to approve revisions to Member Policy No. 325 as presented. Unanimously carried.
15. **Executive Session.** A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Waeltz to enter into executive session at 10:55a.m. to discuss approval of June 2023 Executive Session Minutes. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Reich to return to open session at 10:58a.m. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Weaver to approve the June 2023 Executive Session Minutes as presented. Unanimously carried.
16. **August Meeting Date.** The August meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Schara to **Adjourn the Meeting at 11:01a.m.** Unanimously carried.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer


Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)

District 1, Jane Reich
Director Report
6-28-23

I listened to this seminar online and found it to be very interesting. Our electrical industry is changing swiftly, and we have many different innovative projects and projections to evaluate. UMCEE is among the top 20 programs in the country. There is so much political position in all that relates to our electrical industry. The input from this seminar has made me realize how important our advocacy for the electrical industry is.

I attended the WECA annual District 3 meeting in Barron at Barron Electric. It was the usual annual meeting agenda.

Steve and Tim reported on issues, but the main concern of the members was the increase in dues. This was apparent also at the DPC meeting.

The consensus of all was that WECA should go back over their budget and look for ways to decrease their in-house spending to come up with a more feasible increase in dues.

District 2
July 2023 Director Report
Myron Brooks

Attended WECA District meeting at Barron Electric. Discussed funding for WECA Rural Electric Magazine. Rob Richard reported on legislative issues coming up for discussion and possible vote.

Director Report
District 5
July 2023

July is busy because we are all trying to get our summer to do list completed. Our coop responsibilities weren't that busy. Director Jane and I watched a video from UMCEE concerning modern technology used to supply energy in the future and attempt to avoid black outs. Terminology used in the report was above my understanding multiple times. The jest of the report was the industry is changing. I'm not as confident in the future as the presenters were.

Many of our directors and myself attended the WECA district 3 meeting in Barron on the 12th of July. We were updated on legislation by Rob Richard (interesting). Later there was much discussion on the cost of our monthly magazine published by WECA. The cost is going up which really doesn't surprise or concern me; however, it did some other coops. Those were coops that do their own reporting to their membership. However, they use much of the information supplied by WECA. They are being asked to cover some of the expense. They are asked to pay 15% of \$1.09 per monthly issue which we pay per member to help keep are membership informed in the progress their coop is making.

In closing, Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Assoc. is moving into their new Location in Middleton, they own rather than leasing as they have been doing before. As we move forward as a coop there will always be a few bumps in the road.

Respectfully Submitted
District 5 Director
Bill van Doorn

District 9
Director Report
July 2023

I attended the WECA meeting in Barron on July 12, 2023. They presented a consolidated operations budget recommended by WECA board. It was interesting to hear the discussion on this, but being that I'm not an expert in finance, I probably didn't understand it completely. It's not my area of expertise but the handout they gave us made it a little easier to follow. Inflationary pressures will be the considerable cost driver.

There was quite a discussion involving the magazine. Some co-ops who don't participate in the magazine had many questions and concerns. Jump River pays \$9477.00 annually for the distribution of the magazine to our membership.

It was a very good meeting. A lunch was served after the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Schara