## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Tuesday, July 26, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from Scholarship recipients Gracie Petranovich, Kristen Lawton, Ashton Kummet, and Carter Kummet were circulated by 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 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; Walter Kruk, District 8; Sandra Schara; District 9, Kurt Harris, CEO / General Manager; Lori Davis, Finance Manager; and Jennifer Belk, Executive Assistant. Present on the phone Jason Weaver; District 7.
- 3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- 4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
- 6. Safety Moment District 9, Sandy Schara reported on yard tool safety.
- 7. **Consent Agenda.** The June 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 Carow and seconded by Schara to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 8. **Operations Report**. Operations Manager Jordan Behreandt reported on brushing, new and pending services, service upgrades, generator installs, pole changes, disconnects, and spraying. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Kruk to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 9. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Davis reviewed the June operating report, balance sheet, supplemental data, and long-term debt. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously carried.

The Board took a break from 10:18a-10:28a.

- 10. **General Manager Report.** CEO / General Manager Harris reported on meter failures, LCO survey, safety, infrastructure, finances, communications/member engagement, growth opportunities, and ongoing projects. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by van Doorn to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.
- 11. Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC)
  - **a. DPC Director Report.** Reich reported copper theft, finances, annual meeting, and that there was no PCA for the month of June. Reich reported on MISO market, cyber security, supply chain, and workforce issues, volatility in pricing and heat rates. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by van Doorn to approve the DPC director report as presented. Unanimously carried.
- 12. Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).
  - a. Harris presented WECA district meeting highlights.
- 13. **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)** Harris reviewed upcoming registration information for the NRECA regional meeting. Board consensus to send Schara, Lorence, and CEO Harris to the 2022 NRECA regional meeting. Board consensus to designate Schara as the voting delegate and Lorence as the alternate voting delegate.
- 14. **RUS/CFC/CoBank**. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Carow to appoint Harris as the CoBank voting delegate. Unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business. Harris reviewed status of upcoming Member Appreciation Days and Time of Use 15. (TOU) Rate.

The Board took a break for lunch between 11:50a-12:20p. Director Weaver entered the meeting in person at

- 16. New Business.
  - a. Policy Review & Update.

Member Policy 3. Terms of Service. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Amery to approve the revised policy as presented. Unanimously carried.

Member Policy 4. Service Installation. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve the revised policy as presented. Unanimously carried.

Member Policy 6. Services & Schedules. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by Schara to approve the revised policy as presented. Unanimously carried.

Member Policy 12. Disconnection/Reconnection. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Kruk to approve the revised policy as presented. Carried by consensus.

- b. Member Policy 11. A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Kruk to revise Member Policy 11 to state that kWhs will be banked month to month and settled at the end of the year at the average annual avoided cost. Carried by consensus.
- c. RESCO/ERMCO. Capital credit policy change reviewed.
- d. State of Wisconsin Community Cents Annual Form. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by Weaver to sign the form as presented. Unanimously approved.
- e. Next Regular Board Meeting. A date was set for Tuesday, August 30.

A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by Schara to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:08p.m. Unanimously carried.

e Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

(CORPORATE SEAL)

July 2022 Report District 5 Director William van Doorn

July is here and some folks are not appreciating the warmth, which is not out of the norms. However it is dry in my area. The Midwest has not experienced any outages of power due to extreme temperatures thus far.

I and some other board members attended a WECA District 3 meeting that was held in our Ladysmith facility on the 20th of this month. It started out pretty boring at first, but when the last speaker (Rob Richards) took over interesting information was shared.

During a break period I spoke with a fellow director from Barron Electric. He informed me and others that there is good news. Apparently, there is a huge lithium deposit found in Wyoming. With the fast moving political push to instantly go green, this is huge. Hopefully, we as a country are allowed to mine our own natural resources rather than being dependent on foreign countries that don't even like us. Keeping in mind that North America has a past record of mining and refining its natural resources much cleaner than the rest of the world.

As your Director, I believe it is my duty to be forward looking but also be ever so cautious as we move forward in this Cooperative business

Respectfully Submitted District 5 Director Bill van Doorn