

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday October 26, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at the Ladysmith headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from Blue Hills Trail, Fishing Has No Boundaries, and Boys and Girls Club of Lac Courte Oreilles were circulated by Brooks.

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

Chairman Brooks stated that all Board Members were present: 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; and Sandra Schara; District 9. Also present were Mike Schaefer, Interim CEO; Lori Davis, Finance Manager; Elizabeth Reesie; DPC and Jennifer Belk, Executive Assistant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by Reich to **Accept the Agenda** as presented. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by Kruk to enter into **Executive Session** at 9:05am. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Kruk, and seconded by Carow to leave **Executive Session and return to Open Session** at 10:37am. Unanimously carried.

Operations Manager, Kurt Harris entered the meeting.

District 9 Director, Schara presented the **Safety Report** on fire alarms and carbon monoxide safety.

The September Board Meeting Minutes, Member Refunds, New Membership Applications, Director Expenses, Director Reports, Check Register, Outage Report, Form 219 Construction Report, and the 2020 Distributive Generation Solar and Wind Recap Report were posted to Boardpaq prior to the meeting for review by the Board. A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by Reich to **Approve the Consent Agenda** as presented. Unanimously approved.

Harris reported on the pole replacement project and Badger Unified Brushing project update.

Engineer, Jim McCabe entered the Board Meeting at 10:55a.m.

Harris continued to report on A1 underground project and current meter replacement project with Landis & Gyr. McCabe presented SCADA-Losses-CVR Report.

McCabe left the meeting at 11:35am.

A motion was made by van Doorn, and seconded by Schara to **Approve the Operations Report** as presented. Unanimously carried.

Davis reviewed Financial Reports Form 7, Operating Report Summary, Part D, Capital & Major Expenses, and 2021 Year to Date Projected Margins. Schaefer reviewed the 2020 IRS Form 990. A motion was made by Kruk, and seconded by van Doorn to **Approve the Financial Report** as presented. Unanimously carried.

The Board took a break for lunch from 12:09-12:47pm.

Interim CEO, Mike Schaefer reported on broadband feasibility study update, lineman work hours change, member issue, LCO survey update, Community Cents, employee strategic planning,

Schaefer reviewed the GM expense report and timesheet, covid-19 policy, Hayward office hour changes, and Federated Insurance optional coverage. A motion was made by van Doorn, and seconded by Schara to **Approve the General Manager Report** as presented. Unanimously approved.

DPC Director, Jane Reich reported on DPC board action taken on depreciation rate study, JP Madgett rebuild project, generator interconnection agreement, agreement between MISO North Hills Wind and DPC, rate changes, 2022 energy cost estimates, and excess margins. A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by van Doorn to **Approve the DPC Director Report** as presented. Unanimously carried.

Schaefer reviewed time of use and flat energy rate costs. A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by van Doorn to **Approve Retaining Flat Energy Rates**. Unanimously carried.

Schaefer reviewed WECA Annual Meeting Agenda and NRECA Director Election Notice. A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by Carow to **Appoint Lorence as the NRECA Voting Member and Brooks as Alternate**. Unanimously carried. A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by Carow to **Appoint Brooks as the Voting Delegate and Lorence as Alternate** for the WECA meeting voting delegates. Unanimously carried.

Schaefer reviewed Board Policy 10: Federated Youth Foundation Scholarships. A motion was made by Weaver, and seconded by Carow to **Approve the Proposed Edits to Board Policy 10** as presented. Unanimously carried.

Schaefer reviewed the Bad Debt Write-Offs. A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by van Doorn to **Approve the 2021 Write-Offs** as presented. Unanimously carried.

Schaefer presented current scholarship awards. A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by Weaver to **Increase Scholarship Awards to \$1000 each for the 2021-22 School Year**. Unanimously carried.

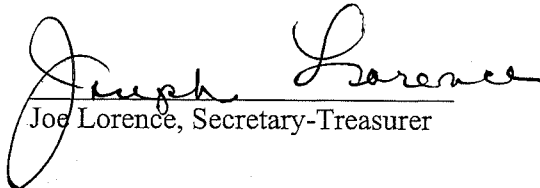
A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by Reich to **Enter into Executive Session** at 1:51pm. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by Lorence to **Return to Open Session** at 3:04pm. Unanimously carried. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by van Doorn to **Approve holding the 2022 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2022**. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by van Doorn to **Approve holding the November Regular Board Meeting on December 9, 2021**. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lorence, and seconded by van Doorn to **Adjourn the Meeting** at 3:05pm. Unanimously carried.



Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

12/9/2021

Dated

Attended WECA annual meeting in Stevens Point.

I received JREC's Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program award for 2021.

Tim Clay and Larry Hallett received the Herman C Potthast Award.

David Pauder, Sheldon Peterson and Byron Wolde received Ally of Cooperative Electrification (ACE) Award.

Looked into the future of electric power: wind, solar and nuclear seem to be the main sources.

Myron Brooks
District 3

November 2021 Report
District 5 Director
William van Doorn

November is done and gone and has been uneventful concerning deer season. However, I did have the honor of helping cut and rap a muzzle loader trophy of my brother's. I also had quality time with children that we as parents never see often enough.

Our coop is never uneventful. Business will always have its day to day duties and challenges. Having been in business myself, I realize that you must cherish a day that does not have a challenge.

Moving forward, I believe it is ok for me to announce that we have hired Kurt Harris as assistant manager and will move into the position of our CEO-general manager. He is young and grew up locally which is a very good indication he will be here for the long term.

Locally we have had planned outages in the northern area due to work by DairyLand Power. Planned or not, an outage always creates issues for our membership. Hopefully not too bad. Locally our linemen are updating infrastructure to lower line loss and increase dependability for our members.

My family wishes the membership a Merry Christmas season as we celebrate ours and hope that your families are blessed as our coop moves forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
District 5 Director
Bill van Doorn

District 7 Directors Report

Jason Weaver

Happy Holidays!!!

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather we have been experiencing. I was happy to get a few projects around the house and yard finished before the snow started this year.

We had a scheduled outage in November in District 7 that lasted a bit longer than expected. Dairyland Power was doing some line replacement and as Murphy's Law predicts, if something can go wrong it will! There were no big issues or damage that I am aware of but it made it hard to get ready for work or make a pot of coffee, which can start a day in a bad way. The Tribe has some delayed starts and some of our local businesses were closed in the morning but we were back into the full swing of things in the early morning. The staff at JREC did a good job of answering and returning calls from our members reporting the outage and making basic inquiries. Please read the operations report for more information, I am sure Kurt has a better explanation on the issues for the outage.

Speaking of Kurt, Congratulations and good luck in your new role as the Assistant Manager! I have full faith in his ability and goals for our cooperative. We are lucky to have such a qualified and dedicated employee that is willing to step up into the management ranks.

I hope everyone has their vehicle prepped and stocked for winter driving conditions. We have been very lucky with nice weather but we all know what is coming. Having supplies in your car can prevent you from having a tragedy if you get stranded or stuck. Be prepared and talk to your young drivers about the hazards of winter driving and what to do if they are stuck or stranded. My youngest son is a driver now and there is so much that I think he should know that he hasn't learned or heard about yet.

Also don't leave unopened soda in your car overnight. I forgot a 12 pack in the back seat and it looked like stalactites growing down from my ceiling!

Enjoy the holidays and be safe. Go Pack Go!!