Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Tuesday, December 27, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from the Hayward Community Food Shelf, scholarship recipient Ava Gunderson, and Laura Johnson 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 in person 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, General Manager/CEO; Lori Davis, Finance Manager; Dawn Zahurones, Finance Manager; Jordan Behreandt, Operations Manager; and Tammy Bloomer, Billing Clerk. Present virtually was 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 Lorence to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
- 6. **Safety Moment** District 5, van Doorn presented the safety moment on high-line and tree safety leave the clean-up to the professionals.
- 7. **Consent Agenda.** The November board meeting 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 van Doorn and seconded by Schara to table the approval of the consent agenda as presented until next month. Unanimously carried.
- 8. **Operations Report**. Operations Manager Jordan Behreandt reported on new services, three phase on Flambeau Avenue finished, OCR'S in Hayward delayed due to the storm, all easements on Bell School Road to Hwy 8 secured, pole changes, and December storm. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Kruk to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.

Behreandt left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- 9. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Davis reviewed the income statement, balance sheet, and supplemental data. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously carried.
- 10. **General Manager Report.** CEO / General Manager Harris reported on Christmas Wish Meeting with Taylor Electric, Community Cents, no PCA for December, Capital Credits, Disaster Recovery Grant Program, updated Media on outages / storm damage and a huge thank you to all employees and contractor crews involved, strategic plan objectives and manager expenses. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by van Doorn to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.

The board recessed for break at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

- 11. Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC)
 - a. Board Meeting Summary.

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- b. **Board Meeting Highlights.** Reich reported on DPC board actions and finances. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Schara to approve the DPC director report as presented. Unanimously carried.
- c. **DPC District Meeting.** Those Directors interested in attending the DPC District meeting held on February 14th in the Jump River Electric Cooperative Community Room are: Schara, Brooks, Lorence, van Doorn, Amery and possibly Reich.

12. Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).

- a. BLC 977.1; Equity Management and Boardroom Decision-Making.
- b. **2023 WECA Financial Web Series.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Carow to approve sending Directors Amery and Brooks to the 2023 WECA Financial Web Series. Unanimously carried.

13. NRECA.

- a. **2023 Power Exchange (NRECA) Annual Meeting.** Directors Lorence and Schara will be attending the NRECA Annual Meeting scheduled March 5-8, 2023 in Nashville, TN.
- b. **NRECA Voting Delegate.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Carow to appoint Lorence as the Voting Delegate and Schara as the Alternate. Unanimously carried.

14. RUS/CFC/Co-Bank.

a. **Co-Bank Incumbency Certificate.** A motion was made by Carow and second by Reich to approve the removal of Davis and the addition of Zahurones to the Co-Bank Incumbency Certificate. Unanimously carried.

15. Unfinished Business.

- a. **Rates.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve the rate schedule as presented. Unanimously carried.
- b. **Annual Budget.** Discussion held. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by Kruk to approve the projected budget as presented. Unanimously caried.
- c. Cooperative Policy No 104. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve Cooperative Policy No 104 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- d. Scholarships. Discussion held. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by van Doorn to approve the 2023 Scholarship recommendation as presented with the following revisions: increase Hayward, Flambeau and LCO area schools from two (2) to three (3) recipients each. A limit of \$10,000.00 was set for charitable non-scholarship and educational entities to be given at Manager's discretion. Unanimously carried.

16. New Business.

- a. Federated Youth Funds. A motion was made by Schara seconded by Reich to approve the Resolution declaring funds forfeited. Unanimously carried.
- b. **NRTC Voting Delegate.** A motion was made by Reich seconded by Kruk to appoint Weaver as the Voting Delegate and Lorence as the Alternate. Unanimously carried.

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- c. **2023 WECA Committee Appointments.** A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by Carow to appoint Amery to the Education Committee. Unanimously carried. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to appoint Brooks to the Legislative and Regulatory Committee. Unanimously carried.
- 17. **Next Meeting Date.** Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Carow and seconded by van Doorn to **Adjourn the Meeting at 11:56 a.m.** Unanimously carried.

Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

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