

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from Carmen Geisler, Martha Thorpe, Florence Selonke, and Anita and Dave Kroening were circulated by Brooks.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman Brooks called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 8:58a.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; Jason Weaver, District 7; 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 Jennifer Belk, Executive Assistant.
 3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
 4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** Harris requested that Annual Meeting be added to Item 15. New Business. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by van Doorn to amend and approve the Agenda as requested. Unanimously approved.
 5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
 6. **Safety Moment** – District 7, Weaver reminded the board of the need for a vehicle winter kit in your vehicle during the winter.
 7. **Consent Agenda December.** 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 Reich and seconded by Carow to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
 8. **Consent Agenda January.** The December 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 Schara and seconded by Kruk to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
 9. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Jordan Behreandt reported on progress of overhead line rebuild, status on pole change progress in Hawkins, Zielies brushing progress of 40-50% in Hayward with estimation of spring for competition, right-of-way projects, workplan status, and Spectrum request for fiber to the attached to JREC poles. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Schara to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.
- Behreandt left the meeting at 9:09a.m.
10. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Davis reviewed December Storm Damage Expenses with the Board. Harris reviewed new services for 2022. A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by Weaver to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously carried.
 11. **General Manager Report.** General Manager/CEO Harris reported on the retirement in the mechanic position. He reported on discussions from the CEO Close-Up being transformer supply chain issues, member engagement and trust building, behavior of the manager, investment in the team, and update of the latest bargaining unit focus points. Harris reported on LCO

meeting, easements, and 2023-member appreciation days. The Board agreed that Member Appreciation Days could be combined with June Dairy month. He continued to report on the progress of the safety committee updating the safety improvement plan, Power Systems Engineering creating a 4-year construction plan, CFC upcoming equity and KRTA presentation at the February board meeting, growth opportunities with a 2.5 MW bitcoin mining operation, and December manager expenses. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by van Doorn to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.

12. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC).** Director Reich reported on upcoming District Meeting, Annual Meeting, DPC Board Actions, Circle of Excellence Awards, grant opportunities, and RockGen update. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by van Doorn to approve the DPC Director Report as presented. Unanimously carried.

The Board took a break from 10:30-10:45 a.m.

13. **Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).** Education & Lobby Days. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by Weaver to send Brooks, Lorence, van Doorn, Schara, and Harris to the Education & Lobby Days. Unanimously approved.
14. **NRECA.** Power Xchange. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by Kruk to approve sending Weaver to Power Xchange. Unanimously approved. Harris reviewed the change from ACRE to America's Electric Cooperatives PAC.

15. **a. Policy Review.**

- i. Harris reviewed Cooperative Policy 111. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve updating usage of "Board Governance Committee" to "Board Executive Committee" in all policies. Unanimously approved.
- ii. Harris reviewed Cooperative Policy 115. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to make no changes to Policy 115 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- iii. Harris reviewed Cooperative Policy 116. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Reich to make no changes to Policy 116 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- iv. Harris reviewed Cooperative Policy 117. Discussion held. Consensus to table Policy 117 and revise for the February regular board meeting.
- v. Harris reviewed Director Policy 202. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to make no changes to Policy 202 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- vi. Harris reviewed Director Policy 203. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to make no changes to Policy 203 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- vii. Harris reviewed Director Policy 204. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Reich to make no changes to Policy 204 as presented. Unanimously approved.

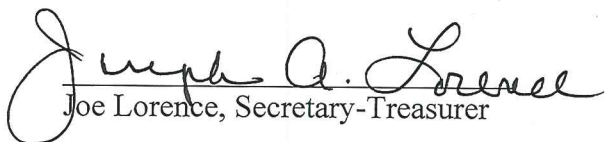
b. Policy Update.

- i. Harris presented Member Policy 309 with revisions. A motion was made by Carow and seconded by Weaver to approve Policy 309 as presented. Unanimously carried.

- ii. Harris presented Member Policy 315 with revisions. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Reich to approve Policy 315 as presented. Unanimously carried.
- c. **Business Ethics Disclosure.** Harris reviewed the yearly business ethics disclosure forms with the board for signatures.
- d. **Public EV Rates.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Lorence to approve the Public EV Rate as presented. Unanimously approved.
- e. **Rules & Resolutions Committee.** A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Lorence to approve the use of the Rules and Resolutions Committee list as presented. Unanimously approved.
- f. **Annual Meeting.** Harris reported that Ladysmith High School is unavailable for holding the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Carow to hold the Annual Meeting at the Jump River Electric Cooperative Ladysmith facility. Unanimously approved.

16. **February Meeting Date.** Next meeting date set for Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

A motion was made by Schara and seconded by van Doorn to **Adjourn the Meeting at 11:57 a.m.** Unanimously carried.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

02/28/23
Dated

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