

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the  
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from Flambeau School District, Lac Courte Oreilles School, and Scholarship recipients Elle Nisbit and Emily Dean, as well as Large Business of the Year Award were circulated to the Directors by Brooks.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman Brooks called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 9:01a.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; Walter Kruk, District 8; and Sandra Schara, District 9. Also in attendance were Kurt Harris, General Manager/CEO; Jordan Behreandt; Operations Manager; and Jennifer Belk, Executive Assistant. Jason Weaver, District 7 was not in attendance.
3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Kruk to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
6. **Safety Moment** – District 2. Brooks presented on the need for first responder and fire department scholarships.
7. **Consent Agenda.** The April board meeting minutes, check register, member refunds, new membership applications, outages, check register, April 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 Lorence to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
8. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Jordan Behreandt reported on pole changes, overhead to underground conversions, LCO re-plow to replace faults, receipt of Charter poles and start of project expected the second week of June, completion of the workplan and placement of 2024 materials order, and OCR change outs in Hayward, progress of brushing, and mapping error cleanup with NISC. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Kruk to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.
9. **Financial Report.** Harris reported the Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, and Supplemental Data. A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by van Doorn to approve the financial report as presented.
10. **General Manager Report.** CEO / General Manager Harris reported on scholarships, community business award, 4-year construction workplan, receipt of Wisconsin Energy Management reimbursement, 10-year financial forecast, Charter pole project, LCO solar array, EV pay charger upgrade, Wisconsin Workforce Development grant, upcoming DPC Annual Meeting, member appreciations days in June, April's manager expenses, Energy Sense, & Touchstone Energy marketing. A motion was made by and seconded by to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.
11. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC).** Reich reported on status of Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project, EPA proposals, cybersecurity, JPM offline for 8-weeks for repairs. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Lorence to approve the DPC Director Report as presented. Unanimously carried.

12. **Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).**

- a. **District Meeting.** Selection of attendees was tabled until June Board meeting.

13. **Unfinished Business.**

- a. **Annual Meeting.** Discussion held. No action taken.
- b. **Strategic Plan.** Status update. No action taken.

The Board took a break from 10:45a.m. until 11:00a.m.

14. **New Business.**

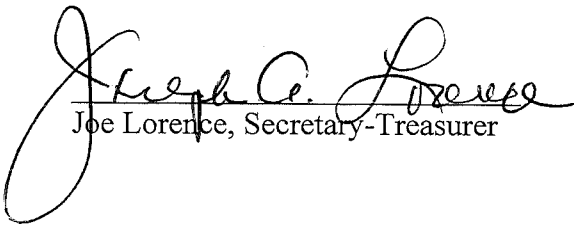
- a. **May Power Cost Adjustment.** A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Schara to retain the May power cost adjustment for future assessment of the financial health of the cooperative. Unanimously carried.
- b. **Policy Revision.**
  - i. **Cooperative Policy No. 118; Scrap Metal.** A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by Reich to approve revision of Cooperative Policy No. 118 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- c. **Policy Review.**
  - i. **Cooperative Policy No. 119; Economic Loan Development Program.** Policy reviewed. No action taken.
  - ii. **Cooperative Policy No. 120; Arbitration.** Policy reviewed. No action taken.
- d. **Election of Officers.**
  - i. **Chairperson.** Nominating ballots for the office of Chairperson were cast by the Directors. Nominations were made for Brooks and Kruk. Kruk declined the nomination. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Lorence to cast a unanimous vote for Brooks as Chairman. Unanimously carried.
  - ii. **Vice-Chairperson.** Nominating ballots for the office of Vice-Chairperson were cast by the Directors. Nominations were made for Weaver, van Doorn, Kruk, & Schara. Votes were cast by the Directors with van Doorn receiving 3 votes, Kruk with 2 votes, and Schara with 3 votes: resulting in a tie. Harris called for a re-vote. With 5 votes for van Doorn and 3 votes for Schara, van Doorn was elected as Vice-Chairperson.
  - iii. **Secretary-Treasurer.** Nominating ballots for the office of Secretary-Treasurer were cast by the Directors. A nomination was made for Lorence. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Waeltz to cast a unanimous vote for Lorence as Secretary-Treasurer. Unanimously carried.
  - iv. **DPC Board Member.** Nominating ballots for the office of DPC Board Member were cast by the Directors. Nominations were made for Reich and Lorence. With 6 votes for Reich and 2 votes for Lorence, Reich was re-elected as the DPC Board Member.
  - v. **Alternate DPC Board Member.** Nominating ballots for the office of Alternate DPC Board Member were cast by the Directors. A nomination was made for Lorence. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Schara to cast a

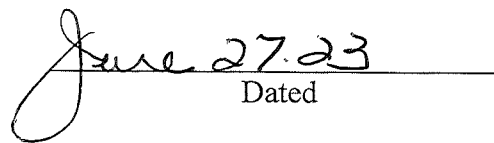
unanimous vote for Lorence as the Alternate DPC Board Member. Unanimously carried.

- e. **Handling of the Ballots.** Harris stated that ballots will be shredded upon completion of the election.

15. **June Meeting Date.** The June meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Reich to **Adjourn the Meeting at 11:32a.m.** Unanimously carried.

  
Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

  
Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Myron Brooks  
District 2

Attended Gilman High School awards ceremony and awarded Ellie Drier and Kirsten Webster each with Jump River Electric Scholarship.

To all:

On May 11th I attended the WECA Education Committee Meeting in Black River Falls. It was a very friendly, easy-going get together with old friends enjoying one another's company. Although it was a relaxed atmosphere, a great deal was accomplished (see minutes, attached).

The main event, for me, was a meeting with other Coop directors to select a slate of educational events for the upcoming year. We looked at previous offerings and their attendance. In addition, there was discussion of current events and trends that might suggest some new content areas (e.g. will Buick's decision to go all-electric in the next couple of years affect the transition toward electric vehicles?). We ended up with a list of meetings that garnered the full support of the group. I made a suggestion that we include meeting feedback and ratings, as well as attendance data, as we go through this process in the future.

Steve Freese gave us a report on his health challenges over the past year. He looked and sounded very good.

Bill Amery  
District 6