

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from the Lew Family and Hayward Wesleyan Church were circulated by Brooks.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman Brooks called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 8:55 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; 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. Present virtually was Walter Kruk, District 8.
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 4, Carow presented the safety moment on being careful when talking and walking in current weather.
7. **Consent Agenda.** The October 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. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Jordan Behreandt reported on new services, project in North Hawkins, underground line, project on north circuit Hawkins substation, brushing plans in the Hayward area, ongoing rebuilds, retired services, and maintenance pole project. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by van Doorn to approve the operations report as presented. Unanimously approved.

Behreandt left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Director Weaver, District 7; joined the meeting, virtually at 9:04 a.m.

9. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Davis reviewed operations report and projections. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Schara to move money received from Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) in the amount of \$300,095.00 representing the Nuclear Waste Protection Act (NWPA) proceeds to operating revenues in 2022. Unanimously carried. A motion was made by Amery and seconded by Reich to add a budget of \$60,000 for additional brushing. Unanimously carried.

Davis reviewed the income statement, balance sheet, and supplemental data. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Amery to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously carried.
10. **General Manager Report.** CEO / General Manager Harris reported on no loss time accident record, Christmas party, status of LCO/BIA trespass issue, employee engagement survey, no PCA for November, strategic planning updates, DPC increase of power costs, and manager expenses. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously carried.

11. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC)**

- a. **Board Meeting Summary.** Reich reported on DPC board actions and finances. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by van Doorn to approve the DPC director report as presented. Unanimously carried.

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

- a. **WECA Annual Meeting.** Director van Doorn recapped the WECA Annual Meeting.
- b. **Skill Builder Credits.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve the purchase of 40 skill builder credits for 2023. Unanimously carried.
- c. **BLC 913.1; Cooperative Fundamentals, Legacy, and Economic Impact & BLC 971.1; Governance Challenges of the Evolving Distribution Cooperative.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Carow to approve sending Director Brooks to BLC 913.1 and Director Schara to BLC 971.1. Unanimously carried.

13. **RUS/CFC/CoBank.**

- a. **RUS Form 674.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve adding Finance Manager, Dawn Zahurones to the RUS Form 674. Unanimously carried.
- b. **SFB Banking.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Kruk to approve adding Finance Manager, Dawn Zahurones and Senior Accountant, Sebastian Halmstad to SFB Banking. Unanimously carried.

14. **Unfinished Business.**

- a. **Major Expenditure Budget.** A motion was made by Schara and second by Kruk to approve the Major Expenditures Budget as presented. Unanimously carried.

15. **New Business.**

- a. **Rates.** A motion was made by Amery and seconded by Kruk to approve increasing the residential fixed charge to \$50. With a vote of 5 in favor and 4 opposed, the motion passed.
- b. **Annual Budget.** Harris asked for questions on the proposed annual budget. No action taken.
- c. **2022 Write-Offs.** Write offs for uncollectable accounts were presented. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Amery to approve the 2022 write offs as presented. Unanimously approved.
- d. **Policy Update & Review.**
 - i. **Cooperative Policy No. 104.** Harris reviewed Cooperative Policy No. 104; previously Board Policy No. 10. Direction was given by the Board to revise the policy to present at the December Regular Board Meeting.
 - ii. **Cooperative Policy No. 108.** Harris reviewed proposed changes to Cooperative Policy No. 108; previously Member Policy No. 17. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Lorence to approve the revision to Member Policy No. 108 as presented. Unanimously carried.

- iii. **Cooperative Policy No. 109.** Harris reviewed proposed changes to Cooperative Policy No. 109; previously Member Policy No. 18. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by van Doorn to approve the revision to Member Policy No. 18 as presented. Unanimously carried.
 - iv. **Cooperative Policy No. 110.** Harris reviewed proposed changes to Cooperative Policy No. 110; previously Board Policy No. 19. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Kruk to approve the revision to Member Policy No. 110 as presented. Unanimously carried.
 - e. **Scholarships.** Discussions tabled until the December meeting.
 - f. **December Meeting Date.** Next meeting date set for Tuesday, December 27, 2022.
16. **Executive Session.**

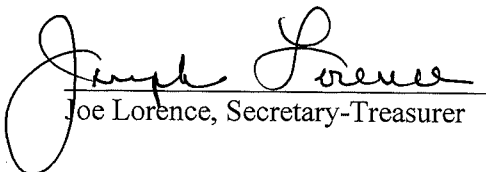
A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Reich to enter into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Shcara to return to Open Session at 1:43 p.m. Unanimously carried. No action taken.

The Board moved back to Item 15. a. Rates.

15. a. **Rates.** An amendment to the original motion was made by Amery and seconded Reich to go to a baseline residential rate service fee of \$47 with a 4% energy fee increase starting January 1, 2023. With a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed the motion carried.

A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Reich to **Adjourn the Meeting at 1:53 p.m.** Unanimously carried.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

01/31/2023
Dated

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