

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

January 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at the Ladysmith headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

- A. President Jerry Carow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- B. **Roll Call.** Carow stated that Johh Cerman, District 6 was absent; with all other board members present, being as follows: Jane Reich, District 1; Myron Brooks, District 2; Joe Lorence, District 3; Jerry Carow, District 4; William van Doorn, District 5; Lori Taguma, District 7; Walter Kruk, District 8; and Sandra Schara, District 9. Also present were General Manager / CEO James Anderson, Finance Manager Lori Davis, and Executive Assistant Tammy Bloomer.
- C. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- D. Carow added Annual Meeting to the Agenda as Item N – 8. A motion was made by Brooks, and seconded by Schara, to **accept the Agenda** as amended. Unanimously carried.
- E. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
- F. **Safety Moment – Joe.** Lorence’s safety tip for the month: “Facebook Safety”.

Cerman entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

- G. **November Regular Board Meeting Minutes** were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Reich, and seconded by Kruk, to approve the November Regular Board Minutes as presented. Unanimously carried.

The Board moved to Item I – Operations Report.

- H. **Financial Report.** Davis reviewed the Monthly ACH Money Transfer and the Cooperative’s check numbers 84410, 84467 – 84459, 84563 – 84571, and 84580 - 84630 for the period 11-06-18 through 12-5-18. Due to the Government shut down, Davis was unable to provide the November 2018 Financial Reports. Davis did report on November 2018 Supplemental Data, pointing out the following: Service Data, Services & Miles of Line, Operating Statistics, Due on Energy Accounts, Transportation Cost, Number of Dusk to Dawn Lights, and Member Counts by District. A motion was made by van Doorn and seconded by Kruk to approve sending the financial report to the Cooperative Auditors. Unanimously carried.

The Board recessed for break at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:39 a.m. and went back into Financials.

Davis updated the Board on CFC investments. Davis also stated that the IRS mileage rate has increased by 3.5 cents. Motion made by Schara, seconded by Brooks to approve the additional information provided by Davis. Unanimously carried.

Anderson and Davis reported on the proposed budget for 2019. A copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit J was presented and reviewed. A motion made by Reich, seconded by Schara to approve the proposed budget as presented with the contingency of Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) and or Rural Utilities Services (RUS) ruling that may allow for modification of the 2019 budget. Unanimously carried. Discussion held.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:17 p.m. and went back into proposed 2019 budget.

The Board moved to Item 7 – Executive Session.

- I. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager, Sam Howard entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m. and reviewed the Operations Report, highlighting the following: Working on 2019 Budget, Badger Unified has completed their brushing in Hayward and is now working in Ladysmith – they are doing a very good job, Hayward is brushing and still working on the RF project, All work orders are in and completed for 2018, Both areas will be doing inventory, and Ladysmith /

Hannibal will be working on rejected pole replacements, retirement of idle services, line patrol and OCR maintenance. Motion made by Reich, and seconded by van Doorn, to approve the Operations Report. Unanimously carried. Howard left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

The Board moved back to Item H – Financial Report.

J. **General Manager Report.** Anderson reviewed NISC, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Budget, and Meeting Dates, Board of Director Reports, Hayward Building, Member Policies, LCO, ACRE, River Valley Architects, Community Cents Update, and DPC. Anderson continued to review the Membership Refund List, Membership Application List, Director Expenses, Employee Safety & Activity Report, and the Outage Report for November. van Doorn made a motion, and seconded by Schara, to accept the Manager Report. Unanimously carried.

K. **DPC Director Report.** Reich was at DPC in December and reported on the following: self-assessment, Christmas party, budget was approved, 2019 strategic planning, wholesale power rate study, electronic voting, solar updates, all GE fly ash has been sold as ag-line, by-law changes, and transparency. Motion made by Brooks to approve the DPC Director Report. Seconded by Schara. Unanimously carried.

L. **Director Reports.** Director Reports were uploaded to the Board-Paq prior to the meeting. Carow circulated Thank you cards from Dave and Anita Kroening, Laura and Doug Johnson, Western Taylor County Public Library, Linda Powers of River Valley Architects, Team Rubicon, and City of Ladysmith and Greater Area Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce.

M. **Unfinished Business.** Nothing to report.

N. **New Business.**

1. **2019 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting.** Voting delegates and Alternates were reviewed.
 - National Rural Telecommunications Council (NRTC). Discussion held.

A copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit I was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Lorence to nominate Taguma as the voting delegate and Kruk as the alternate, seconded by Brooks. Unanimously carried. The NRTC voting delegate registration form was signed by Carow and Lorence.

2. **Credentialed Cooperative Director Course: Understanding the Electric Business,** to be held March 9, 2019 in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the NRECA Annual Meeting. Those interested in attending are: Kruk.

A copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit E was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Schara, to send Kruk to the Understanding the Electric Business Course. Seconded by Reich. Unanimously carried.

3. **2019 Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) Committee Appointments** was reviewed with current assignments being as follows: Kruk – Education Committee; and Brooks – Legislative & Regulatory Committee.

A copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit G was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Reich, to keep assignments as is, seconded by van Dorn. Unanimously carried.

4. **2019 Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE) Contributions.** Anderson discussed this during his General Manager report.

5. **Lobby Days Discussion. Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) Education and Lobby Days,** to be held March 26-27, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin. Those interested in attending are: Carow, Cerman, Taguma, Brooks.

A copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit F was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by van Doorn, to send those interested in attending

the WECA Education and Lobby Days. Seconded by Lorence. Unanimously carried.


6. **2019 Scholarships.** Discussion was held on scholarships. Anderson asked the Board to approve the Scholarships that we currently have in place. Board consensus was to approve the 2019 Scholarships as is. Anderson suggested to the Board that Bloomer come up with a proposal for next year and present at the next board meeting.
7. **Executive Session.** A motion was made by Kruk to go into Executive Session to discuss approval of Executive Minutes, Board Governance, Employee Matters, GM / CEO Compensation, Land Issues, and Legal Matters at 12:57 p.m. Seconded by Cerman. Unanimously carried. Davis and Bloomer left the meeting at 12:57 p.m. A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by van Doorn to move out of Closed Session at 3:49 p.m. Unanimously carried. No Action was taken. Davis and Bloomer re-entered the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The Board moved back to Item J – General Manager Report.

8. **Annual Meeting.** This item was discussed under Item K – DPC Director Report.

A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by van Doorn, to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m. Unanimously carried.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer


~~Jan~~ 5, 2019
Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)

We as a board had no meetings in the month of December. Moving ahead I see Transparency/The Cure. We at Jump River Electric all are focused on just that. Wishing all a very happy New Year.

District 1
Jane Reich

Attended legislative meeting at Jackson Electric December 5th.

A topic discussed was ROPE. Discussed how to implement state disaster funds and changes electric coops would like in the program.

Also a topic of discussion was, operation round-up. A motion was voted on and passed to make round up a program similar to Federated Youth. All programs would be combined into one and apply for one 501C federal tax-exempt application. JREC will not join this group and will continue its own community cents program.

Discussed the 2018 election results and the new governor.

Beata Wiergba is leaving WECA and the legislative committee after 15 years of service.

District 2
Myron Brooks

JUMP RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES-DECEMBER 2018

DISTRICT FOUR BOARD MEMBER JERRY CAROW

No education classes were attended this month and no meetings were scheduled because of the Christmas Season and the projected out of town absence of the management staff. The December meeting will occur on January 3rd.

The annual employee/Board Christmas Party was held in Jump River with a remembrance of the forethought of those who organized the Cooperative eighty years ago and placed the first headquarters in the Village of Jump River. A nice get-together!

This Director continued to be thanked by member/owners for both Capital Credit check dispersals, the rarity of outages and the quick response when they do happen.

Two different member/owners from District Four contacted this Director concerning tree cutting along the right-of-way on their properties. Both were directed to the Headquarters office for help and their concerns were managed.

Several visits were made to the Headquarters by this Director to deal with signatures, questions about the Headquarters building from Ladysmith representatives, the Board agenda for the January 3rd and 10th meetings, rental of a portion of the Hayward Outpost office and easement negotiations.

On December 21st, this Director was scheduled to participate in a phone conference with General Manager Jim Anderson and Attorney Niles Berman about an unknown topic.

District 5
Dec. 2018 Report
Bill van Doorn

The only scheduled activity for December was the Christmas get together at the Jump River Community Center. The gathering was very nice in that we as board members have the opportunity to visit with employees and other board members in a none official atmosphere. I only regret that I did not take the time to visit with more individuals and talk about family and personal activities.

The month was slow for JREC business but I took the time to do some snooping in past reports and business activities. I do have a concern that should possibly be discussed in the monthly meeting. This issue concerns wholesale power rates charged to Our Coop verses rates charged to other Coops and municipalities. I understand that our rates are determined by our peak power demands however there appears to be a discrepancy between ours, Joe Carrol Cooperative and other municipalities that are supplied power from Dairyland Power Cooperative. I am sure there is an explanation that Jane, Jim or Lori can clarify.

The relationship between coops and their G&T suppliers is changing due to generation and distribution technologies. This raises questions on how we should approach our long term contracts with our power suppliers(G&Ts). I am aware that is to late to change contracts but we should discuss and understand the issues. This is all complicated by the advent of renewable power.

These above issues may be out of a local boards realm but if they are it would still be important to understand so we can react appropriately.

I hope all had a joyful Christmas season and are ready to move on in a cooperative way.

Respectfully Submitted,
William van Doorn

Nothing to Report.

Jack Cerman

District 6

Lori Taguma
Jump River Electric Cooperative
Board Report
District 7
December 2018
Hayward, WI 54843

During December 2018, the Jump River Board did not meet.

The Jump River Electric 2018 Christmas party for Staff and Board members, was held in Dec., which I sadly missed.

The regular December 2018, JR Electric Board meeting took place January 3, 2018, at the Ladysmith Jump River office.

There was one interruption in Jump River Electric Service during December 2018. It was due to a faulty elbow in the transmission line and was repaired within a few hours.

Happy New Year!

Regards,

Lori J. Taguma

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