

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at the Ladysmith headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

- A. Myron Brooks called the **meeting to order** at 9:00 a.m.
- B. **Roll Call.** Brooks stated that the following board members were present at the Ladysmith Headquarters: 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, Wally Kruk, District 8; and Sandra Schara; District 9. Also present were James Anderson, Lori Davis, Jennifer Belk, and Guest Mike Shaefer.
- C. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- D. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** Anderson requested a move of Item N. (c) Co-Bank Loan Resolution up in the Agenda to meet shipping deadline. A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by van Doorn to **accept the Agenda** as amended. Unanimously carried.
- E. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
- F. **April Regular Board Meeting Minutes** were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Lorence, and seconded by Schara, to Approve the April Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Unanimously carried.
- G. **Safety Moment** – District – 4. No Safety Report presented by Carow.

The Board moved to Item N. (c) New Business – Co-Bank Resolution.

- H. **Operations Report.** Harris reported on Underwater Crossing Project, Transformers, New Services, Idle Services, and Badger Unified Project. A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by Schara to approve the Operations Report. Unanimously carried.
- I. **General Manager Report.** Anderson Updated the Board on Interim Candidate, Strategic Planning Objectives, Community Cents, and Employee training and job changes. A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by Kruk to send Kurt Harris to Manager Intern Program training at NRECA. Anderson continued to present on Dairyland Power Cooperative Rate Changes, and Manager Expenses. He reviewed Member Applications, Member Refunds, Outages, and Director Expenses. A motion was made by Lorence, and seconded by van Doorn to accept the General Manager's Report as presented. Unanimously carried.
- J. **Financial Report.** Davis reviewed Monthly ACH Money Transfers and reported on the Cooperative's direct deposits 272-286; wire transfers 691, 693-702, 706, 708-710, 712-718, 721 722; check numbers 102528-102625 for the period of 04/6/2021 to 05/5/2021; Operating Report, Form 7 Summary, Supplemental Data, and Investments. Jane Reich, District 1 arrived at the meeting at 9:55am. A motion was made by van Doorn, and seconded by Schara to approve the Financial Report as presented. Unanimously carried.
- K. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) Director Report.** Reich reported on Strategic Planning Updates, 2021 Forecast, Educational Sessions focused on Workplace Conduct and Whistleblower Policies, and the Governance Committee Review Schedule. A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by van Doorn to approve the DPC Director Report. Unanimously carried.
- L. **Director Reports.** Director reports were uploaded to the BoardPaq prior to the meeting.

Brooks circulated Thank You cards from Cassandra Giwojna, Emma Allard, Joe Olson, Huston Dennis, and Our Lady of Sorrows School.

M. **Unfinished Business.**

a. **Manager Resignation Letter.** A motion was made by Schara, and seconded by Lorence to Approve the General Manager Resignation Acceptance Letter. Unanimously carried.

N. **New Business.**

a. **EV Car Purchase.** Anderson presented the options for purchasing an EV car for the Cooperative. A motion was made by Weaver, and seconded by Reich to purchase the four-wheel drive, long-range EV car. With 8 in favor and 1 opposed, the motion was approved.

b. **GM Search Posting.** The Board reviewed the General Manager/CEO Job Description. A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by Weaver to approve the job description as amended. Unanimously carried. A motion was made by Lorence, and seconded by Kruk to post for a General Manager through July 15, 2021. With a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed, the motion carried.

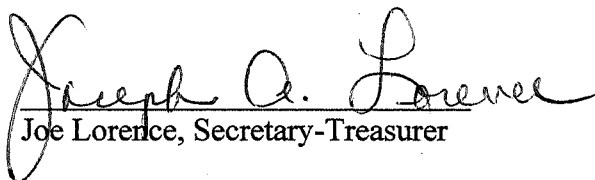
The Board moved to Item O. Executive Session.

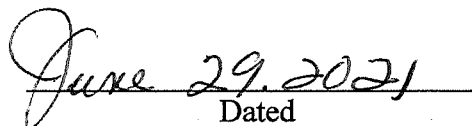
c. **Co-Bank Loan Resolution.** Davis reviewed Co-Bank Loan Resolution. A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by Kruk to sign the Co-Bank Loan Resolution.

The Board moved back to Item H. Operations Report.

O. **Executive Session.** A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by Kruk to enter into Executive Session. Unanimously carried. A motion was made by Reich, and seconded by Lorence to move back into Open Session. Unanimously carried. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Carow, and seconded by Weaver, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45pm. Unanimously carried.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer


Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)



May 2021 Report
District 5
William van Doorn

Summer is here and we just received a much-needed rain. All is green and crops and lawns are growing. I have said multiple times that things are under control, but there are always issues to address as a board member.

We have recently been notified that our General Manager is resigning in the near future for personal reasons. This leaves the board with a post to fill with a qualified replacement, which can be a stressful and serious process. We have started the process already. The board must also retain a temporary replacement, which usually is a retired manager that is willing to help a fellow coop out in a time of need. We must also confirm that all projects and or issues that are in the hopper are understood by the board and all employees that need to be involved are also in the loop.

On a lighter note, I and my wife, Susan, along with fellow board members, Jane and Sandy, represented our coop at the Governor's Fishing Opener dinner Saturday night in Hayward. The dinner was sponsored by JREC and Dairyland Power.

In the national news I'm sure you all have seen what can happen when our infrastructure (pipeline or electric power) is taken off line due to a breach in their cyber security. This is a huge concern in our electric industry. These cyber issues and my concern over green energy not providing all the energy all the time, every time, we need power are issues that you have the same input as myself. We must vote but study the facts first.

I hope that these comments are not taken personally but constructively. I have changed my perspective on many issues in the past after reading conflicting facts (and I emphasize reading). If you have any questions or concerns that I may assist in, please feel free to contact me at 715 415 6077.

Let's keep the lights on as we move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
District 5 Director,
Bill van Doorn

Jump River Electric Cooperative
District 7 Director's report
Jason Weaver

Good day Fellow Co-op Members,

Last Month we had a smaller turn out than expected at our annual meeting. We had enough participation through the mail and online voting to move forward with our board member votes. Bill van Doorn and Jane Reich both retained their seats against some well qualified competition. Willian "Bill" Amery has replaced Jack on the board, and he represents District #6. If you were unable to attend, please check the website and/or Facebook page as we will have some photos and comments that might be of interest. Facebook is a great way to get questions answered fast or to voice any concerns and to thank our great staff!

I have not attended any training this month but have attended some board meetings in May. When we reconvened, we voted for officer positions and there were no changes from the previous board. Myron Brooks is our board Chair, I am the Vice-Chair and Joe Lorence is out Treasurer. Jane Reich will continue to be our delegate to the DairyLand Co-op board on our behalf.

I did attend the Governor's Fishing opener at the Hayward Fishing Hall of Fame. Jump River was well represented in a very public gathering and a few board members were able to attend the meet and greet with the Governor and staff that was hosted at the Seven Winds Casino.

I am thankful to be vaccinated for the covid 19 virus and encourage all our members to seriously consider doing so. I unfortunately lost family members and friends due to the added strain of the virus to their preexisting conditions. While it is great that places are opening again, and Wisconsin is almost 50% vaccinated, please continue to be safe for your loved ones!

Myron Brooks
District 2
Director Report May 2021

Presented scholarships at Gilman High School Wednesday night. Everything went well. Students were qualified candidates and thankful for their scholarships.