



MAINTAINING STABILITY WHILE MOVING FORWARD

By James Anderson General Manager/CEO

Staying on top of social distancing and taking many other precautions for weeks and months on end has not been easy. This year's annual meeting was an example of a departure from normalcy in that we were unable to achieve an in-person quorum. While we were able to have an informative meeting, complete with director election results, the minutes of 2019 will have to wait until 2021 to be approved. The most important news discussed: NO rate increases this year!

The board and staff are working hard to keep the JREC rates stable. As we move forward, we are looking at ways to become even more efficient, such as eliminating outsourcing and bringing work back to our employees to complete onsite. Currently we are working out the details of a time-of-use rate which will be an option for you, the members, to use power

during off-peak hours to reduce the cost of your power bill. This new rate will be available in 2021. In order for us to hear your concerns, we will be holding outreach meetings with each district and will provide information on specific topics.

We now have a signed contract with the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe (LCO). We are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to finish up the final details that have been requested. Once these have all been addressed, we will have resolution to this long-standing issue and will move forward together with the LCO.

We have made a lot of changes here at your co-op and will continue to make sure that we are ready for whatever comes our way. JREC will remain proactive in our planning so we can always Keep the Lights On.—*Jim*



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A DIFFERENT VIEW FOR THE 82ND ANNUAL MEETING

The 82nd Annual Meeting of Jump River Electric Cooperative took on a new look this year with the meeting held outdoors at the Ladysmith Lions Club Legacy Amphitheater. The amphitheater allowed us to follow social distancing guidelines and provided for a very nice venue for members attending the Saturday meeting. The warm morning came with a comfortable breeze, making for a nice day to be outdoors.

An in-person quorum was not met. Director elections, which are done at least in part by mail, and voting on proposed

Article and Bylaw Amendments and an Advisory Resolution went on as planned.

Members in attendance heard reports from Board Chairperson Jerry Carow and General Manager/CEO Jim Anderson. Attorney Niles Berman of Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, was the meeting's parliamentarian and read the auditor report that had been prepared by the cooperative's auditor.

Carow encouraged members to sign up for the Community Cents program and reviewed the benefits it provides to our members and the community. He

also spoke on implementing time-of-use billing in the future, holding member focus groups by district, and the potential use of the Community room once the pandemic is over.

Anderson reviewed how the cooperative has been operating through the pandemic, improvements seen through recent changes to software and the new building, stable rates, and an update on the LCO easement situation.

In the board elections, two of the incumbents ran unopposed, resulting in Joe Lorence, District 3, and Jerry Carow, District 4, being re-elected. In the contested race for District 9 director, incumbent Sandy Schara was elected over opponent Jim Strandlund with a vote of 170 to 114. Each director elected will serve a three-year term.

All four Proposed Article and Bylaw Amendments were adopted by large margins. A summary of those amendments are as follows:

#1 - A Bylaw amendment to make sure members understand that an absentee or electronic signed ballot cannot be withdrawn and that an in-person vote at the meeting cannot be substituted for an absentee or electronic signed ballot. Vote: 271 for, 24 against.





#2 – A Bylaw amendment to automatically constitute the elected officers as the Executive Committee of the board without need for further action. Vote: 254 for, 40 against.

#3 – Article and Bylaw amendments to update the titles of the principle officers of the cooperative from board president to chairperson, vice president to vice chairperson, and from manager to CEO. Vote: 248 for adoption, 34 against adoption.

#4 – This amendment would eliminate references to memberships as tenants in common, since all joint memberships are held as joint tenants with right of survivorship. Vote: 258 for, 22 against.

The Advisory Resolution to recommend to the board that a five-year moratorium on spending money on free lunches, gifts, scholarships, and charity failed with a vote of 171 against adoption and 120 for adoption.

All members received a tote that contained a \$10 energy credit coupon, JREC logoed blanket, and a flyswatter. Gary

Purgett, Charlotte Resiner, Steve Jansen, Jackson Reeder, and John Revak were the five members who won a \$100 energy credit, with Zola and Carmen Geisler winning the grand prize of a \$700 energy credit.



Myron Brooks



John (Jack) Cerman



Joe Lorence

A re-organizational meeting took place on the following Tuesday, resulting in two changes to the lineup of the board of officers. Myron Brooks will now serve as your board chairperson and John (Jack) Cerman as the vice chair. Joe Lorence retained his position as the board secretary-treasurer.



EMPLOYEE RECIPE CORNER

We would like to thank our three summer interns for their assistance on a variety of projects, most of which would not have been completed this year without their help. The picture at right shows our interns, Samantha Burroughs, Karis Albrecht, and Jay Anderson, helping us out with our Dairy Days event. All three will be missed as they return to school this fall. Prior to leaving, they were asked to share one of their favorite recipes with you.



Samantha, who has worked the past three summers as an office intern, decided to share the recipe of her favorite dish her mom makes, and she requests almost every birthday. Samantha is a sophomore in college and is working towards a degree in nursing.

Cantonese Dinner

- 1½ lbs pork steak cut into strips
- 1 T oil
- 1 medium onion sliced
- 1 small green pepper cut into strips
- 1 8 oz. can of tomato sauce
- 3 T brown sugar
- 1½ tsp vinegar
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

Directions: Brown pork strips in oil, put pork strips and all remaining ingredients except rice into the slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or high for 4 hours. Serve over rice. Serves 2-3.

Karis joined our office this summer and will be returning to high school as a senior this year. Karis loves strawberries, so she decided to share what she calls “a super sweet refreshing snack.” Feel free to substitute any fruit to make this sandwich one of your favorites.

Japanese Fruit Sandwich

Ingredients:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 T sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 slices of white bread without crust
- 1 cup of strawberries cut into halves
- Plastic Wrap

Directions: Mix first three ingredients together and whisk until fluffy. Spread on white bread. Place desired amount of strawberries (or your fruit of choice) on each piece of bread and then make into a sandwich. Wrap with plastic wrap and freeze for 10 minutes. Remove from freezer and enjoy.

The past two summers, Jay has helped the cooperative by helping with maintenance projects and maintaining the lawn at the headquarters building. Jay is also a high school senior. When asked to share a recipe, he went to one of his “go to” meals that is easy to make and delicious to eat.

Pizza Dogs

Ingredients: Your favorite hot dog, buns, pizza sauce, pepperoni, and mozzarella cheese

Directions:

1. Boil or steam the hot dogs
2. Use pizza sauce to cover the bun
3. Place the hot dog on the bun add more sauce if needed
4. Use a fine grated mozzarella cheese to cover the dog
5. Add pepperoni to the top of the cheese
6. Place on a baking sheet and broil just long enough to make the cheese melt
7. Eat and enjoy!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We would like to recognize all 2020 high school graduates. The following seniors attend schools within our service area and have been awarded a \$500 Jump River Electric Cooperative scholarship.

Monies for these scholarships come from the Federated Youth Foundation, which is funded through unclaimed capital credits. Go to www.jrec.com or see your high school guidance counselor for more information on qualifications and how you can apply for any of these scholarships.

There were no applications from LCO, Rib Lake, or Stanley-Boyd High Schools.



Logan Golubiff
Bruce High School



Zackery Ladwig
Bruce High School



Darren Traczyk
Chetek/Weyerhaeuser



Jayda Moore
Flambeau High School



Christine Dahl
Flambeau High School



Joe Olson
Gilman High School



Grace Grunseth
Gilman High School



Bradley Wells
Hayward High School



Gabriel Martin
Hayward High School



Jenna Brostad
Holcombe High School



Megan Lechleitner
Holcombe High School



Rian Engelhardt
Ladysmith High School



Shannon Isham
Ladysmith High School

MY CO-OP

Reese Kinney received the \$800 Jump River Electric Cooperative-John Hirschfeld Jr. Lineworker Scholarship, which is awarded to a student attending a post-secondary vocational school program that leads to a one-year Electric Power Distribution/Lineworker diploma.



Keshia Chino received the \$500 JREC-Charles Kagigebi Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a student attending the LCO Community College.



At-Large Scholarship Winners



Congratulations also to members who were recently awarded an at-large continuing education scholarship of \$500 each. This year's Jump River Electric Cooperative-Allen Beadles Memorial Scholarship recipients are **McKensey Zimmer** (left), and **Sarah Brandt** (right).



EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Each year we like to recognize those employees who meet certain mile-markers for years of service and having had no lost time accidents. This typically occurs during the annual meeting; however, with the condensed format this year we felt it better to recognize them in this issue of the magazine. Those receiving awards are as follows:



Sam Howard
35 Year Meritorious Award; 76,875.5 Hours of No Lost Time Accidents



Scott Sedivy
30 Year Meritorious Award



Greg Walters
25 Year Meritorious Award; 57,136 Hours of No Lost Time Accidents



Dan Anglemyer
10 Years of service with 22,959 Hours of No Lost Time Accidents



Cory Andrasko
5 Years of service with 11,971 Hours of No Lost Time Accidents



Sebastian Halmsted
5 Years of service with 10,882.5 Hours of No Lost Time Accidents

ARE YOUR OUTLETS TAMPER-RESISTANT?

There are electrical hazards in the home that children need to be aware of—including electrical outlets. You can help keep kids safe by making sure your outlets are tamper resistant.

Tamper resistant outlets or tamper resistant receptacles (TROs or TRRs) have shutters that stay closed unless a plug with two prongs is inserted into the outlet. Both springs on the shutters must be compressed at the same time to allow an object to gain access. If a child attempts to stick an object in the outlet, the shutter prevents the object from entering and no contact with electricity is made.



TEACHING FROM HOME IN 2020

Many of our readers may now find themselves fulfilling a new role in their family. That would be the role of school teacher as many schools are not having their students come back to school at the start of the year or are offering a combination of virtual and in-school teaching.



Let's be honest: This can be stressful for all involved. Maybe you are worried about what to teach, how to teach, and even if you have the right technology needed to get the job done. JREC is here to help you with those possible concerns. Not only do we have teacher resources to help you teach about electricity, electrical safety, and energy conservation, but we also provide Viasat high-speed internet. This coming year will be filled with virtual meetings, and Viasat provides you with speeds of up to 30 Mbps to make those meetings work well from home. Find more at <https://www.jrec.net/viasat-high-speed-internet>.

We seem to forget that as parents, we are one of the best teachers our children have. So regardless if your child is going to school or staying home to learn, one of the highest priorities you have is to protect your child by teaching them on matters that will keep them safe throughout their life. This includes teaching them about how to be safe around electricity in and around your own home. This teaching starts early when you tell your toddlers not to put their fingers in a light socket, and as they grow so does the knowledge they need to have on electrical safety.

One huge benefit we “now teachers” have today, is that there are a lot of great resources online. One of those is SafeElectricity.org. Not only will you love this website as a teacher, but so will your kids. It has teacher guides and lesson plans for all ages, along with a lot of fun activities for your student(s). Your cooperative is also a great resource for similar information. Go to jrec.com and find safety videos, information on energy efficiency, and other great resources under both the Electrical Safety and Energy Efficiency tabs. There is even a designated Kids Zone under both tabs. You will want to check these sites out.

If you have any questions on these resources or Viasat, please give your cooperative a call today.



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