## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Tuesday, April 30, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from School District of Flambeau and Rusk Area Arts Alliance were circulated by acting Chairman van Doorn.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order. Acting Chairman van Doorn called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 9:00a.m.
- 2. Roll Call. Acting Chairman van Doorn stated that the following Board Members were in person at the start of the meeting: District 1, Jane Reich; District 3, Joe Lorence; District 4, Jay Waeltz; District 5, Bill van Doorn; District 6, Bill Amery; District 7, Jason Weaver; District 8, Wally Kruk; and District 9, Sandy Schara. Also present in person was General Manager/CEO, Kurt Harris; Finance Manager, Dawn Zahurones; Operations Manager, Jordan Behreandt; and Executive Assistant Jennifer Belk.
- 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Lorence to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 5. **Open Comment Session.** No one present.
- 6. Safety Moment. Lorence presented on teen car crash fatality rates.
- 7. **March Minutes.** A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Waeltz to approve the March Board minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 8. **Check Register.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Amery to approve the March Check Register as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 9. **Consent Agenda.** Member refunds, membership applications, outages, 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 Weaver and seconded by Schara to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 10. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Behreandt reported on ROPE event, brushing, safety demo, OCR project and sectionalizing study. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Weaver to approve the Operations Report as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 11. **Financial Report.** Finance Manager Zahurones reported on the income statement comparison, monthly margins, year-to-date margins, tier/o-tier, year-to-date balance sheet summary, equity, year-to-date highlights, monthly kilowatts sold, year-to-date kilowatts sold, and operating statement, balance sheet, supplemental data for March 2024. A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Waeltz to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 12. **General Manager Report.** General Manager/CEO Harris reported on grant submission status, WECA and DPC visits, DMA meeting highlights, DG interconnection, wholesale rate study task force, manager expenses, and safety. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Schara to approve the General Manager report as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 13. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC).** DPC Director report was posted to Call to Order prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Kruk and by seconded by Weaver to approve the DPC Director report. Unanimously approved.

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Consensus to send Amery to DPC Annual Meeting in place of Chairman Brooks.

## 14. Old Business.

a. **Audit Report**. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Amery to approve the 2022-2023 Audit Report as presented. Unanimously approved.

The board took a break from 10:30-10:38am

## 15. New Business.

a. **Scholarship Presentation**. Board consensus to send the following Directors and staff to present scholarships:

Flambeau – Kurt Harris Stanley-Boyd – Staff Hayward – Bill Amery Lake Holcombe – Joe Lorence Ladysmith – Denise Zimmer Bruce – Bill van Doorn Gilman – Jordan Behreandt LCO University – Jason Weaver

- b. **PCA and RVA Adjustments**. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to take no action on the April PCA and RVA adjustments until the October 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Unanimously approved.
- Cooperative Audit Firm. A motion was made by Kruk to retain CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP as the Cooperative's auditing firm with a three-year contract. Waeltz amended the motion to approve retention of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP for an additional three-year contract provided that Harris is able to negotiate a more favorable cost structure for the multi-year contract, otherwise retain them on a year-by-year basis. Lorence seconded the amended motion. Unanimously approved.
- d. Cooperative Legal Council. A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Reich to approve retaining council as recommended by Harris. Unanimously approved.
- e. **Director Vacancy**. Harris presented a draft letter to the board to fill the vacancy in District 2. Board consensus to send the letter as presented.

## f. Election of Officers.

- i. Chairperson. van Doorn called for nominations. Nominations were made for Lorence and van Doorn as Board Chairperson. Electing ballots were cast. Ballots were collected by Harris and Behreandt and counted by Harris. No candidate received a majority on either the first or second ballots. A third electing ballot was cast. Ballots were collected by Behreandt and Harris and counted by Harris, with van Doorn receiving five votes and Lorence receiving three, Harris declared van Doorn elected as Chairperson of the Board.
- ii. Vice-Chairperson. van Doorn called for nominations. Nominations were made for Waeltz and Kruk for Vice-Chairperson. Waeltz withdrew his name from consideration. Board consensus was to elect Kruk as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.
- iii. Secretary-Treasurer. van Doorn called for nominations. A nomination was made for Lorence for Secretary-Treasurer. Being that no other nominations were made, Board consensus was to elect Lorence as Secretary-Treasurer.

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- iv. **DPC Board Member**. van Doorn called for nominations. A nomination was made for Reich. Being that no other nominations were made, van Board consensus was to elect Reich as DPC Board Member.
- v. DPC Alternate Board Member. van Doorn called for nominations.

  Nominations were made for Lorence and Amery as DPC Alternate Board Member. Ballots were collected by Behreandt and Harris and counted by Harris, with Lorence receiving five votes and Amery receiving three, Board consensus was to elect Lorence as DPC Alternate Board Member.
- g. **Handling of ballots**. A motion was made by Kruk and seconded by Schara to destroy ballots. Unanimously approved.
- 16. **Next Meeting Date.** The date for the regular May Board Meeting was set as Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Schara to Adjourn the Meeting at 11:33 a.m. Unanimously carried.

Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer

May 28,24

Dated

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