

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Thursday, January 29, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards and letters from Boy Scouts of America – Chippewa Valley Council, Happily Evie After, Sheldon Food Pantry, and Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity were circulated by Chairman van Doorn.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman van Doorn called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Chairman van Doorn stated that the following Board Members were in person at the start of the meeting: Jane Reich, District 1; Christine Beadles, District 2; Joe Lorence, District 3; Jay Waeltz, District 4; Bill van Doorn, District 5; Bill Amery, District 6; Mike Gardner, District 7; Walter Kruk, District 8; and Sandy Schara, District 9. Also present in person was General Manager/CEO, Kurt Harris; Finance Manager, Dawn Zahurones; Operations Manager, Ben Modl; and Executive Assistant, Virginia Jacobs.
3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Gardner and seconded by Schara to accept the agenda. Unanimously approved.
5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
6. **Safety Moment.** Amery presented on the board's role for supporting and emphasizing safety from top to bottom. Discussion held.
7. **December Minutes.** A motion was made by Beadles and seconded by Gardner to approve the December Board minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
8. **Check Register.** December check register was posted to Call to Order prior to the meeting for review by the board. Discussion held.
9. **Consent Agenda.** Member applications, member refunds, outages, and director expense reports were posted to Call to Order prior to the meeting for review by the Board. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Kruk to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Unanimously approved.
10. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Modl reported on pole change outs, brushing status, new service totals for the month and year and a live demonstration in NISC of data acquisition, preventative maintenance and equipment tracking. Discussion held. A motion was made by Waeltz and seconded by Kruk to approve the Operations Report as presented. Unanimously approved.
11. **General Manager Report.** General Manager/CEO Harris reported on Monthly updates – ongoing OEI grant reporting progress, employee retirement, Dairyland Power's rate-structure change to the A6 & A7 market-based rates, load growth updates, GM expenses this month, announced RESCO's President & CEO, as this year's Annual Meeting guest speaker, Lobby Days attendance, strategic plan updates including formation of an internal team to improve our outage notification process. Discussion held. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Gardner to approve the General Manager Report. Unanimously approved.

The Board took a break from 10:25 a.m. to 10:33 a.m.

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

- a. **Board Meeting Summary.** Reich reported on implementation of their new software system, continued focus on safety throughout the organization, as job injuries and incidents decreased the past year, upcoming district meetings, finances including debt levels, past and future PCAs, A6 & A7 transmission peak rate determination, and effects of JPM coal plant being offline. General Manager/CEO Harris presented MISO Overview and Transmission 101. Discussion held. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Gardner to approve the DPC Director report as presented. Unanimously approved.
- b. **District Meeting.** Discussion held. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Lorence to approve the attendance of Beadles, Lorence, van Doorn, Kruk, Schara, and Harris at the district meeting at The Florian Gardens in Eau Claire on February 9th and for Amery to attend virtually on February 11th. Unanimously approved.

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

- a. **Education and Lobby Days Summary.** Director reports from Director Beadles, Director Lorence and Director Schara were presented. Discussion held.

14. **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).**

- a. **NRECA Power Xchange.** Discussion held. A motion was made by Beadles and seconded by Reich to approve Amery's attendance instead of Chairman van Doorn's at the 2026 NRECA Power Xchange. Unanimously approved.
- b. **NRECA Voting Delegate.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Kruk to approve Amery as the NRECA Voting Delegate. Unanimously approved.

van Doorn exited the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Vice Chairman Kruk assumed chairman duties.

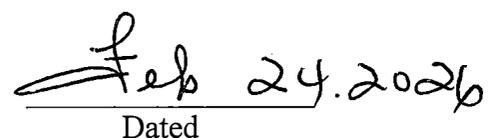
15. **New Business.**

- a. **December PCA.** A PCA rate calculation report was presented. Discussion held. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to not pass on the December power cost adjustment charge from Dairyland on to the membership. Unanimously approved.
- b. **Rules and Resolutions Committee.** Harris reviewed a list of past committee members. Discussion held. A motion was made by Waeltz and seconded by Schara to reach out to past committee members to form the committee this year.
- c. **Member Appreciation Day.** Harris proposed the following days: June 24th (Jump River), June 25th (Hayward) and June 26th (Ladysmith). A motion was made by Waeltz and seconded by Gardner to hold a single Member Appreciation Day with the location rotating annually among three sites. Discussion held. Roll call vote on the motion was requested by Director Waeltz. Roll Call Vote taken with Waeltz in favor and Lorence, Amery, Reich, Gardner, Kruk, Beadles, and Schara against. Director van Doorn was absent. Motion failed. A motion was made by Beadles and seconded by Lorence to keep three Member Appreciation Days to be held on June 24th-26th in Jump River, Hayward and Ladysmith. Motion carried.

16. **Next Meeting Date.** The February board meeting date was scheduled for February 24, 2026.

Board consensus to **Adjourn the Meeting at 11:53 a.m.**


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer
(CORPORATE SEAL)


Dated

Education Session/Meeting Report Form



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Director Name Christine Beadles **Date** 1/27/2026

Education Session/Meeting Description 2026 Education and Lobby Days

Name of Presenter WECA

What are some highlights of the topic(s) covered?

There were a variety of topics presented at this event, such as: Legislative Issues, Insurance, Youth Foundation, History of Cooperatives, Legislative Perspectives, Cooperative Finance Corporation, Data Centers, Statewide Magazines, and Community Solar.

What are the key take-aways that may help benefit your responsibilities or other JREC directors?

My two main take-aways were the history of cooperatives presented by Ted Case and Energy, Data Centers & the Regulatory Landscape presented by Delanie Breuer. In 1935, legislation was passed under President Franklin D. Roosevelt which started the whole cooperative idea out of a need to provide energy to rural America. The Texas Hill Country was the last to receive the benefit of power due to the REA needing at least 3 persons per mile to get a loan. Under the direction of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, they were able to negotiate loans to also become "live". Lyndon B. Johnson was also instrumental in starting the "Youth Tour" because he felt it was important to get young people involved. Legislative issues up for discussion were Community Solar, Net Metering for Rooftop Solar Systems, Grid Reliability Through Nuclear Energy, and Utility Locating.

Other comments:

There definitely was value in all of the sessions, but I didn't get as excited about the things I learned this year as I did last year. It was educational and I am becoming more familiar with how important legislation is to our cooperatives, but last year there was Right of First Refusal legislation and much more talk about nuclear energy which really interested me.

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Director Name Joe Lorence **Date** 1/27/2026

Education Session/Meeting Description WECA Education and Lobby Days Annual Meeting
held at the Madison Concourse Hotel

Name of Presenter Rep. Karen Desanto, Rep Duke Tucker, Delanie Breuer, Amanda Barth

What are some highlights of the topic(s) covered?

General Political Views about the current state of affairs in Wisconsin. Legislative Recap/
Future energy needs, Data Centers/ The value of statewide magazines connecting with members
in a changing media world.

What are the key take-aways that may help benefit your responsibilities or other JREC directors?

Legislators are almost done with this session and not much will be accomplished due to the Fall
Election.

Other comments:

Overall it was a good event. We did not go to the Capital on Tuesday as most of the bills we
were in favor of were proposing were either not going anywhere or were almost passed, and it
was too cold. There was a lot of good networking. The auction raised \$22,000.00

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Director Name Sandy Schara **Date** 1/27/2026

Education Session/Meeting Description History of President Roosevelt and his start of rural electricity

Name of Presenter Ted Case

What are some highlights of the topic(s) covered?

Roosevelt started his push for rural electricity in 1935 in rural Georgia. He said he wouldn't stop until the last farm was electrified.

The Texas Hill Country had to have at least 3 people per mile. Lyndon Johnson started this co-op and today it is the largest co-op in the U.S. Also--President Johnson was the one who created the youth tour to D.C.

What are the key take-aways that may help benefit your responsibilities or other JREC directors?

Hearing more of the history behind the electric co-ops is very interesting to me. It would be interesting to hear how many people were electrified when the first phase of Jump River went into service.

Other comments:

We also heard from 2 freshman legislators of their perspectives of being new legislators. Two brothers from Taylor Electric talked about their experiences in the youth leadership program and how it has helped them both come out of their comfort zone. The State of Our State, Political Analysis seems to be a staple at Lobby Days. I really look forward to that part of the program. It's refreshing to see two people on different sides of the aisle telling their views and you can see the respect they have for one another.