

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Cooperative headquarters building in Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Thank you cards from Sydney Bratanich, Greater Hayward House of Hope, and Connie Stoll were circulated by Chairman van Doorn.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order.** Chairman van Doorn called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 8:59 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, Jordan Behreandt; and Executive Assistant, Virginia Jacobs.
3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to accept the agenda. Unanimously approved.
5. **Open Comment Session.** No one in attendance.
6. **Safety Moment.** Gardner presented on personal wildfire prevention including cleaning up brush piles, down trees, potential fire starters and/or natural wildfire fuel and acknowledged the members' appreciation for the proactive brushing the Cooperative has completed and continues to perform.
7. **April Minutes.** A motion was by Schara and seconded by Beadles to approve the April Board minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
8. **Check Register.** Discussion held. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Schara to approve the April 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. Discussion held. A motion was made by Beadles and seconded by Lorence to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Unanimously approved.
10. **Operations Report.** Operations Manager Behreandt reported on the completion of one 3-phase project and near completion of another, brushing status and locations, start of herbicide treatment, overhead conversion timeline and his departure from the Cooperative. Discussion held. A motion was made by Waeltz and seconded by Gardner 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 April 2025. Discussion held. A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Waeltz to approve the financial report as presented. Unanimously approved.
12. **General Manager Report.** General Manager/CEO Harris reported on Monthly updates - PCA charge from Dairyland for May, commencement of Hannibal solar array construction, OEI grant status, employee culture survey completed and results, Operations Manager position posted, Member Appreciation Days reminder, this

month's GM expenses, completion of surveying lines on LCO and availability of grant funds for another line conversion project. Discussion held. A motion was made by Gardner and seconded by Waeltz to approve the General Manager Report. Unanimously approved.

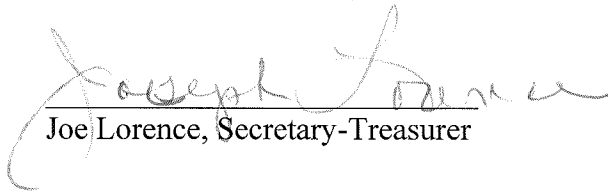
The Board took a break from 10:45 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

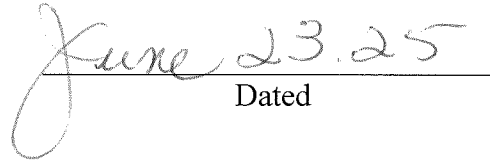
13. **Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC).** Reich reported on leadership model, employee training and acknowledgements, long range financial forecast improvement, upcoming strategic planning, MISO Tranche risk and rewards, cooperative rates comparison, importance of Class A ranking, board performance, important upcoming dates, weekend rates, energy sources, dam safety tour, and PAC information. Discussion held. A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Beadles to approve the DPC Director report as presented. Unanimously approved.
14. **Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).**
 - a. **Education Committee Meeting Update.** Director report from Director Schara was posted to Call of Order for review by the Board. Discussion held.
 - b. **District Meeting – July 9th.** A motion was made by Gardner and seconded by Amery to approve sending Beadles, Lorence, Schara, and Harris to the WECA District Meeting. Unanimously approved. A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Schara to appoint Beadles as Voting Delegate. Unanimously approved.
 - c. **Capital Credits Issues Meeting – August 5th.** A motion was made by Lorence and seconded by Reich to approve sending Beadles and Gardner to 975.1 BLC: Capital Credits Issues Meeting. Unanimously approved.
 - d. **WECA Director's Conference – August 6th.** A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Beadles to approve sending Amery and Kruk to the WECA Director's Conference. Unanimously approved.
 - e. **National Electric Cooperatives Association PAC.** Information on Political Action Committee (PAC) was presented and contribution option forms provided. Discussion held.
15. **New Business.**
 - a. **Form 990.** A motion was made by Amery and seconded by Schara to approve signing of the 2024 Form 990. Unanimously approved.
 - b. **2026 Vehicle Order.** Proposed vehicle order was presented to the Board. Discussion held. A motion was made by Amery and seconded by Gardner to approve the vehicle purchase as presented.
 - c. **2027 Vehicle Order.** Proposed vehicle order was presented to the Board. Discussion held. A motion was made by Beadles and seconded by Schara to approve the vehicle purchase as presented.
 - d. **CFC Voting Delegate.** A motion was made by Beadles and seconded by Reich to appoint Amery as the CFC Voting Delegate. Unanimously approved.
16. **Next Meeting Date.** A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Beadles to have the June board meeting on June 23, 2025. Discussion held. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Schara and seconded by Lorence to **Adjourn the Meeting at**

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12:05 p.m. Unanimously approved.


Joe Lorence, Secretary-Treasurer


Dated

(CORPORATE SEAL)

May District# 3 Directors Report/
Joe Lorence

On May 17th I attended the lake Holcombe High School Graduation held at the High School in Holcombe. There were 20 graduates, and I handed out a \$1,000 scholarship to the graduating Valedictorian Emily Kirkman. She plans on attending the UW of Wisconsin Eau Claire. It was a very nice graduation, and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to represent JREC. Holcombe is interesting for me as I know lots of people from that area. One other presenter of scholarships was one of my old high school teachers, Dick Schimel who taught Ag when I was attending Flambeau. He gives out scholarships from the Lake Holcombe Lake Association. He retired from WITC Chippewa Falls and informed me that he is 87 years old. Jane Reich, Bill van Doorn and myself were all in that class. Great memories and yes he remembers all of us.

Joe Lorence/ Director
District# 3

Sandy Schara
District 9 Director Report
May 2025

I attended the WECA education committee meeting at Black River Falls on May 12, 2025. I really didn't know what to expect, being this was my first time attending. There were close to 30 people there. After a short meeting, we broke up into groups. There were a lot of people that I didn't recognize and later found out that they were some of the employees from different cooperatives. That particular group gathered with Wendy in another area of the building, while the rest of us stayed where we were.

We were given material that covered all of the courses offered along with a list of new ones. We were to pick 5 courses that we thought stood out and two alternates. I have copies of this material so you can all look them over.

I really enjoyed going and participating in this.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Schara