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# LEARNING THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

Adhering to the seven cooperative principles is what makes cooperatives different. I have spent the last two months reviewing the first five principles and would like to finish off this series of articles reviewing Principle #6 – Cooperation Among Cooperatives and Principle #7 – Concern for Community.

## Principle #6 – Cooperation Among Cooperatives

The 6th principle focuses on how cooperatives can serve their members most effectively by working together with local, national, regional, and international structures. This also includes working with other cooperatives. Jump River Electric Cooperative has assisted our neighboring cooperatives when they need more manpower to help restore power to their members. They also send help when we request assistance as well.

Touchstone Energy Cooperative, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association are just a few of the cooperatives that we work closely with to address electrical matters that impact you, the member-owner. The teamwork that exists amongst cooperatives is quite amazing and plays a key part in continuing to offer safe, reliable, and affordable power to you.

## Principle #7 – Concern for Community

Focusing on the community and member-owner needs has always been a priority at Jump River Electric Cooperative. Policies and programs are set with this in mind.

How do we show our concern for community? Each year we offer post-secondary scholarships; electrical safety demonstrations to area schools, community, and local organizations; and youth are sponsored to the Youth Leadership Congress where leadership skills and cooperative education is provided. Money is raised for donations to various community organizations through a jeans fund, where employees donate money when they wear jeans. The cooperative also donates to various community events and organizations.

Please see the full list of cooperative principles to your right. I hope you have enjoyed learning more about your cooperative and the foundation in which it was built on.



JREC is active in the community. Here, linemen throw candy out to waiting children while driving a co-op truck in the July 4 parade.



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### VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

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### DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

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### MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefitting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

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### AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

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### EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

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### COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

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### CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

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MY CO-OP



## RIGHT-OF-WAY BRUSH CONTROL

To ensure reliable continuity of electric service to our members, Jump River Electric must from time to time clear the right-of-way of tree problems to prevent outages and blinking lights. Trees in the power lines pose a threat to continued service as well as a hazard for anyone who might climb a tree or cut/trim trees that are growing into the wire.

The cooperative will be beginning the individual treatment of the brush in the right-of-way again this summer. We are planning to use a selective herbicide to treat the brush and wood vegetation only. This will allow the grass to flourish.

The spraying will be completed by our contractor, 4Control. Their employees have been trained, certified, and licensed in the proper application of the herbicide treatment. They will take great care not to treat near yards, gardens, orchards, or streams. Shrubbery and

low-growing species that will not reach the power lines will not be treated.

4Control will be working in the following townships this summer: Atlanta, Aurora, Big Falls, Cleveland, Colburn, Dewey, Flambeau, Ford, Grant, Grover, Hubbard, Pershing, Roosevelt, Ruby, Taft, and Thornapple.

Additional information will be mailed to members in these areas prior to the brush control work being performed. If you have any questions, please call our office at 715-532-5524.

Dear Member-Owners,

Jump River Electric Cooperative and the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians are working together along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs toward a mutually beneficial solution relating to easements for JREC's lines and electric service within the LCO Reservation. The solution envisioned by both JREC and the LCO Tribe includes the following:

- Settlement of the current trespass claim including payment by JREC of trespass damages to LCO property owners for facilities in place without a current easement.
- Agreement by the LCO Tribe to grant new easement to JREC with only nominal (\$1) payment by JREC.
- Approval by the LCO Tribe and the BIA for all renewed easements for nominal compensation (\$1).
- Term of easements will be between 25 and 50 years.
- Release by the LCO Tribe of any further trespass claims against JREC.
- Annual property tax payment of \$1000 by JREC to LCO tribe.
- JREC to grant to the LCO Tribe the option to purchase all JREC facilities within the exterior boundaries of the LCO reservation:
  - At least five years before possible transition. LCO might choose to never exercise and purchase.
  - Upon purchase of the facilities, the LCO tribe would purchase power from JREC to distribute to locations within the reservation boundary.
  - This would include all meters within the exterior LCO Reservation boundary (LCO members and non-members alike).
  - The purchase may include a maintenance contract to provide for ongoing maintenance by JREC.

While important details still need to be worked out and agreed upon between the parties we anticipate final resolution within the next few months.

Sincerely yours, Jim

James "Jim" Anderson

General Manager/ CEO



## WHAT'S UP WITH THESE POLES?

You may not pay much attention to the utility poles that line the roads of our territory, but these tall structures are the backbone of our electric distribution. Strong and sturdy utility poles help to ensure a reliable electric system, which is why we do annual pole testing. This allows us to resolve problems that may be existing with the pole.

Jump River Electric Cooperative has a total of 19,720 poles within our service territory, and this year will be testing approximately 1,855 of these poles. The cooperative contracts with Osmose to conduct the inspection program. Osmose will be working in the townships of Atlanta, Big Falls, Dewey, Flambeau, Grant, Hubbard, and Thornapple this fall. The testing is part of our overall preventative maintenance program; it eliminates poles that are no longer safe or have little life left. The lifespan of a pole is typically 30 to 40 years. Other reasons for pole replacements include

strong weather, auto accidents, power line relocation, and upgrades.

When poles are found and rejected, they get replaced. The first step in replacing the bad poles is to frame the new ones. The new poles are fitted with insulators and ground wires, components for delivering safe and reliable electricity. Then the hole for the new pole is dug, which is generally next to the pole that needs to be replaced. The last step of the process is to detach the power lines from the old pole. The new pole is then raised and guided into position, and the lines are attached.

Another safety factor to remember when it comes to power poles is to never hang signs, birdhouses, tree stands, or any other object on a pole. You might not realize it, but this creates hazards for Jump River Electric Cooperative lineworkers. While linemen frequently operate from a bucket truck, they also often must climb poles.



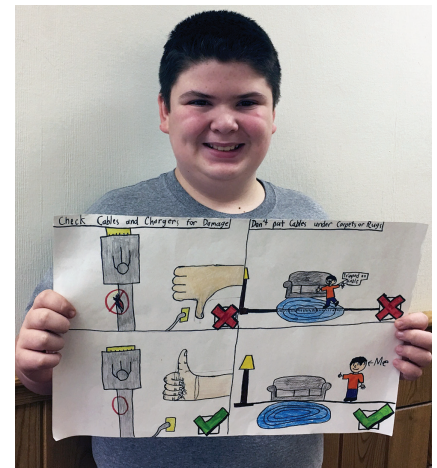
The next time you're driving down the highway, take a minute to recognize the number of poles it takes to carry electricity to each home. We try our best to maintain quality equipment on the lines, so you get reliable power each and every day.



Board President Jerry Carow recently presented District 1 Director Jane Reich with a certificate of completion of the Director Gold Credential Program. Director Gold credential recognizes directors committed to continuing their education beyond the Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership Certificate programs and who desire a tangible credential that demonstrates their ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

## CONGRATULATIONS, SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

2018 marked the 16th year Jump River Electric Cooperative has held an annual electrical safety poster contest. We received a lot of great entries again this year. The contest was separated into three age categories: 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14. A \$50 cash prize was awarded to each of the winners. Thank you to all who participated.



Matthew W., Ladysmith, 11-14



Chloe C., Hayward, 5-7



Brenna E., Winter, 8-10



Camping is a popular activity in our part of the state. As with all summer fun, safety needs to be a priority. Jump River Electric wants you to stay safe; here are some electrical safety tips to take along on any trip that involves RV camping.

Tragically, in the summer of 2014, a 3-year-old boy was electrocuted as a result of faulty wiring that electrified the family's camper. The child was touching a door handle of the camper while standing on wet ground.

Such a situation in which an RV frame is electrically charged is often referred to as "hot skin." Improper wiring or connection, no grounding, reversed polarity, and loose or worn outlets are just some of the potential causes. If a hot skin hazard exists, simply opening the door or coming into contact with the hitch can cause shock or electrocution.

To help prevent hot skin, your RV's electrical system needs to be regularly tested and maintained. A professional electrician can help you make sure the wiring in your RV is safe.

Perform a visual inspection of cords, plugs, and outlets. If there are cracked or frayed cords or broken or discolored plugs or outlets, do not use them. Have them replaced or repaired. Make sure RVs are equipped with fire extinguishers as well as carbon-monoxide and fire detectors. Here are a few other safety tips:

- Always use electrical cords rated for the use they will get. To plug your RV

into a campground power pedestal, use a heavy-duty, four-wire cord with a grounding wire, not an extension cord.

- Know the amperage your RV draws and the amperage available. If you try to draw more amperage than is available, you can cause serious damage to the electrical source and your RV. You could even start a fire. Also make sure you know where your electrical panel and major switches are.
- Before using a campground hookup, do a visual inspection of the area. If a campground hook-up appears to be damaged, put safety first and request another spot. Making the campground aware of the damage will also help future campers at that site. In addition, never plug more than one RV into a single hook-up. As with a generator, plug your RV in before turning appliances on. (Source: Allamakee Clayton Electric Cooperative)

## A LOOK BACK IN TIME...

Jump River Electric Cooperative will be celebrating 80 years of service to our member-owners in November. As we look back, we are asking members who remember what life was like before electricity, or the first years with electricity, to share their stories with us. Please call Denise at 715-532-5524.

## JREC MAY BE STOPPING BY

If you see a Jump River Electric Cooperative truck in your driveway at some point throughout the year, don't be alarmed! It could be our linemen checking our meters or our member services gentlemen stopping by to test your dual fuel receiver. The receiver is the gray or brown box that is, more than likely, on the outside of your house.

## NOTICE

to all dual fuel members who are submetered

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