

JO-CARROLL ENERGY, INC. (NFP)

August 31, 2022

Board Meeting Minutes Summary

The regular board meeting of Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc. (NFP) was held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

A Safety Moment was provided by Director Joe Mattingley on safety in construction zones, noting that wearing a hard hat in a construction zone is required.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously approve the meeting agenda.

Consent Agenda – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Presentation's – Sara Lechowicz, Communications and Marketing Coordinator, presented highlights from the Youth to Washington Tour recipients. Emma Blaum & Ruby Dickerson were selected to represent JCE. The Youth to Washington Tour was sponsored through the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) and its member cooperatives, which provides high school students an opportunity to learn firsthand about our country's history and our federal government. Jo-Carroll Energy is proud to partner with AIEC in its continuing commitment to community.

Ken Sivertsen, Director of Member Services, presented an update on JCE's Business Continuity Management Program (BC program). Ken emphasized the importance of a BC program in protecting the JCE brand. In addition, Ken highlighted other steps JCE follows if normal business operations were interrupted. In addition, Ken provided an overview of our major commercial and industrial accounts.

Governance Topics & Board Policy Review

Board Policy 103/Director Conflict of Interest – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Board Policy 103/Director Conflict of Interest.

Board Policy 107/Committees of the Board – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Board Policy 107/Committees of the Board.

Board Issues and Action Items

Dairyland Power Load Forecast Resolution Approval – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Dairyland Power Load Forecast Resolution.

Select CFC Voting Delegate/Alternate – CFC Voting Delegates were selected for the CFC meeting that is held in conjunction with the NRECA Region 5&6 Meeting.

Select Voting Delegate for the RESCO Annual Meeting – The voting delegate was selected for the RESCO Annual Meeting that is held in conjunction with the NRECA Region 5&6 Meeting.

Renew Illinois Bank and Trust (IB&T) Line of Credit – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to renew the line of credit with IB&T with a vote of 9-0. Director Mattingley abstained from voting and removed himself from the board room during the discussion and returned after the vote.

Select Attendees for the NRECA CCD Course 2600 – Attendees were selected for the NRECA Course 2600.

NWILED Annual Meeting Discussion – Attendees were selected for the NWILED Annual Meeting.

CEO/Financial Operating Report

CEO Report – President and CEO Casper shared that he has been reappointed to the American Public Gas Association (APGA) Board of Directors for a second 3-year term.

Financial Operating Report – Chuck Woods, Chief Financial Officer provided a summary of the financial operating report for July. Revenue year-to-date (YTD) is approximately \$38.7 million and is in line with July YTD budget of \$38,672,847. Total operations and maintenance expenses YTD were approximately \$1.6 million under budget. Margins are approximately \$2.9 million vs. a budgeted amount of approximately \$524,613. By general consent, the board moved to file the financial operating report with the auditor.

Operations and Regulatory/Legislative Update

Operations Update – Senior V.P. & Chief Operating Officer Buros provided an update on contractors that assist Jo-Carroll Energy with the fiber expansion projects.

Employee/Personnel Update – V.P. of Human Resources Merri Sevey provided an update on new hires, both full-time and part-time and shared current open positions within the cooperative.

Strategic Initiatives Update – V.P. of Member Services, Jennifer Meyer introduced a new dashboard to track initiatives as part of JCE's strategic plan.

Board Update – Executive Assistant, Amy Johnston shared that the REAL ID deadline has been extended to May 2023 for U.S. travelers. The REAL ID is a more secure version of the traditional driver's license and is a new federal requirement to help prevent fraudulent identification.

External Affairs/Legislative Update – None.

Reports/Updates

Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) Report – Director Senn announced that the AIEC Scholarship Program dollar amounts would be increasing.

American Public Gas Association (APGA) Report – Director Carroll discussed various new and proposed regulations affecting the natural gas (NG) industry and noted the proposed residential furnace rule, which would require installed furnaces to have a 95% or greater fuel utilization efficiency rate.

Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) – Director Mattingley had nothing to add outside of the report that was sent in the board packet.

Prairie Power Incorporated (PPI) Report – Director Kuhns provided a summary from the PPI President’s report and the most recent generation numbers.

Executive Session – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to go into executive session at 11:50 A.M.

Out of Executive Session – A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 11:59 A.M.

Action Resulting from Executive Session – None.

Other Business – None.

Adjournment – Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 12:02 P.M.