

**JO-CARROLL ENERGY, INC. (NFP)**  
**Board Meeting Minutes Summary**  
**April 19, 2017**

The board met on Wednesday April 19, 2017, at the Jo-Carroll Energy Headquarters. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The Agenda, as amended, and the Consent Agenda were approved.

**Presentation-** Jo-Carroll Energy Lineman Kurt Krohmer, gave a presentation to the board. On March 13, 2017 Krohmer was one of the linemen who joined a group from other Illinois electric cooperatives in support of the NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) international program. The group travelled to Bolivia for a three-week project to electrify small villages, including a school and roughly 64 homes. Krohmer was excited to be a part of this unique experience and give back to those in need. He said it was humbling to see the reactions and gratitude from those who had electricity for the first time.

**Chairman's Report** – Chairman Senn thanked the board and Senior Staff for their input during the strategic planning session that was held recently.

**Dairyland Report** – Director Mattingley stated that due to the timing of Jo-Carroll Energy's Board Meeting, the Dairyland financials were not available. Mattingley noted that Dairyland will begin their strategic planning during the first week in May.

**AIEC Report** – There was no April AIEC Meeting.

**APGA Report** – Director Carroll provided an update on regulatory matters being followed by the APGA. Carroll stressed the importance of public awareness regarding natural gas safety. Carroll also discussed the growing trend in the use of drones for utility operations.

**PPI Report** – Director Hallendorff reported on PPI's most recent generation figures and provided operational highlights from the Prairie State Units 1 and 2 as well as the Alsey generation site. Casper also provided highlights from PPI's Strategic Planning session.

**Monthly Committee Review**

- a. **Policy 108.1-** Policy 108.1 was approved as is.

**CEO's Report** - The CEO reported on the following, in addition to his written report: Casper informed the board that he would be attending the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., along with Chris Allendorf and Chairman Senn.

- a. **Financial Operating Report** – President and CEO Mike Casper reported that the Cooperative's operating margins for the year to date were approximately \$1,270,000 compared to a budgeted amount of approximately \$1,290,000. The current equity of the cooperative is approximately 24.55%, compared to 23.65%

at the end of 2016. By general consent, the board moved to file the financial operating report with the auditor.

- b. **Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager Report-** Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager Buros provided an update on new federal regulations regarding EFVs (excess flow valve) for natural gas, which took effect on April 14. These devices are currently required on new and replacement lines that supply single-family residences. Buros informed the board and staff that notices will be sent to the Members with information regarding the new regulation.

**External Affairs Update**– Chris Allendorf, Vice President and General Counsel, provided an update on state and federal issues, as well as the efforts of TCEDA. Allendorf noted that the state has not passed a budget. On July 1, 2017, which is the beginning of the state’s fiscal year, Illinois will have been without a full budget for 2 years. The state’s backlog of unpaid bills is approximately \$13 billion, with estimates for the year-end as high as \$19 billion. Predictions are already being made that the 2018 Illinois Governor’s race will be the costliest statewide race in U.S. history. Allendorf noted that Neil Gorsuch was sworn in to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Gorsuch will hear arguments for the remaining cases on the court’s docket.

## **Board Issues**

- a. **Discounted Estate Capital Credit Retirements- Discounted Estate Retirements Approval**– A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the discounted estate retirements, as presented.
- b. **Amendment to Extend the IPEA Natural Gas- All Requirements Approval –** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to extend the natural gas all-requirements contract with the Illinois Public Energy Agency.
- c. **CoBank Matching Grant Recommendations –** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the CoBank matching grant requests for the Village of Thomson and the Riverview Center.
- d. **Approve Strategic Goals and Objectives –** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Jo-Carroll Energy’s strategic goals and objectives, as presented by the President and CEO, which was seconded and carried unanimously.
- e. **Annual Meeting Discussion –** Updates on the Jo-Carroll Energy Annual Meeting were provided to the board.

- f. **District 4 Vacancy Update-** An update on the District 4 Vacancy was provided. The Executive Committee will be interviewing candidates and providing a recommendation for the full board's approval at the May meeting.

**Meetings and Training**

- a. Attendees for the AIEC Annual Meeting were selected.
- b. Attendees for Course 961.1 were selected.

**Consideration of Matters discussed in Executive Session – None.**

**Reports**

Reports were heard on: Jo-Carroll Energy Strategic Planning and PPI Strategic Planning.

**Other Business-** None.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 11:47 A.M.