

JO-CARROLL ENERGY, INC. (NFP)

June 24, 2020

Board Meeting Minutes Summary

The regular board meeting of Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc. (NFP) was held via video phone conference on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

A Safety Moment was provided by Director Russ Holesinger.

AIEC Report – Chairman Senn discussed the most recent AIEC meeting he attended and noted the challenges related to the Covid-19 pandemic and its effect on cooperatives. Senn noted the voting delegates will participate in the AIEC Annual Meeting, to be held virtually on July 23rd. Senn also remarked that Illinois State Representative Tony McCombie will be receiving a public service award.

American Public Gas Association (APGA) Report – Director Carroll discussed the latest topics within the gas industry, including biomass and the renewable industry.

Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) Report – Director Mattingley announced that Brent Ridge will be the new CEO for Dairyland Power Cooperative and provided an overview of his extensive background. Mattingley also commented on the accomplishments of outgoing CEO, Barbara Nick. Mattingley discussed the early retirement of DPC Capital Credits and strategies that will support Jo-Carroll Energy’s fiber initiatives.

Prairie Power Incorporated (PPI) Report – Director Kuhns provided a summary of the most recent generation numbers. President and CEO Casper discussed the PPI “Virtual Annual Meeting” and noted that Jo-Carroll Energy Directors Bob Kuhns and Marcy Stanger will remain to serve as Director and Alternate Director on the PPI board.

Policy 137.1 – A Motion to approve Policy 137.1 (Identity Theft Prevention – Red Flags) was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

Financial Operating Report – CFO Woods provided a summary of the financial operating report. Total Operations and Maintenance costs were approximately \$21,226,786 million, compared to a budget of \$21,828,610 million. May YTD revenue is \$23,139,845 compared to a budgeted amount of approximately of \$25,367,383 million. YTD margins are approximately \$(1.7 million) vs a budgeted amount of \$(400,000). By general consent, the board moved to file the financial operating report with the auditor.

Jennifer Meyer, V.P. of Member Services, discussed the arrears process for outstanding balances and the funds that may be available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help those accounts. Meyer noted that disconnect dates may begin with the start of the Governor’s IL Phase IV of the re-entry plan, after the 30-day grace period.

Casper provided comments on nine Jo-Carroll Energy academic scholarships that were awarded to local high school seniors, noting that each winner has been contacted. The Director Scholarships that are normally given during the annual meeting will take place in a virtual format this year, most likely via Zoom.

Merri Sevey, V.P. of Human Resources provided an update on employees returning to the Jo-Carroll Energy offices. A safety and orientation procedure will be provided to each employee upon returning to the office that will coincide with the *Illinois Return to Work Policy*.

Board Issues and Action Items

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve a \$1,000 donation to go towards the Illinois Electric Cooperatives' Memorial Scholarship fund.

Selection of the Region 5 & 6 Attendees was tabled until the July board meeting.

Operations and Regulatory Update

Operations Update - Kyle Buros, Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager provided an operations update and discussed substation upgrades that are being performed. Buros noted that the Burns Rd. natural gas line expansion is ongoing and provided an update on fiber.

Regulatory Update - Chris Allendorf, V.P. of External Relations and General Counsel noted that no additional petitions were received from members for director elections. The elections will be by acclamation at the annual meeting.

Executive Session – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:26 A.M.

Out of Executive Session – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 10:48 A.M.

Action Resulting from Executive Session – None.

Other Business – None.

Adjournment

Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 10:49 A.M.