

JO-CARROLL ENERGY, INC. (NFP)
Board Meeting Minutes Summary
August 23, 2017

The board met on Wednesday, August 23, 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.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Senn discussed the solar industry as a whole and the financial circumstances of the State of Illinois, noting that these are “challenging times”. Senn reiterated the importance of keeping our Members informed. Senn also noted that Rock Energy recently presented to the AIEC board regarding their operations and future plans.

Dairyland Report – Director Mattingley discussed the Dairyland Report. Mattingley informed the board that Dairyland had a successful Strategic Planning Session.

AIEC (Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives) Report – Chairman Senn discussed donating to the NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) International Foundation for an upcoming international project. President and CEO Mike Casper discussed Jo-Carroll Energy's safety culture and the importance of safety training. Senn reported that Jo-Carroll Energy received an award from the AIEC for our President's-level participation in the ACRE (Action Committee for Rural Electrification) program.

APGA Report – Director Carroll provided an update on regulatory matters being followed by the American Public Gas Association (APGA), as well as his attendance at the APGA Annual Meeting. Carroll reported on the Whiteside and Carroll County Fairs he recently attended on behalf of Jo-Carroll Energy, noting that he spoke with members about Fiber to the Home and First Call systems.

PPI Report – Director Hallendorff reported on Prairie Power Inc. (PPI's) most recent generation figures and provided operational highlights from Prairie State Units 1 and 2.

Monthly Committee Review

a. **Policy 110 – Approval of Consultants** – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Policy 110 as is.

CEO's Report - President and CEO Mike Casper provided a Fiber update, discussing the contribution in aid of construction required to provide the service. A Member Advisory Council meeting and tour of Elkay's facility is scheduled for September 19th.

- a. **Financial Operating Report** – Casper reported on the Cooperative's operating margins for the year-to-date. The current equity of the cooperative is approximately 24.98%, 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. **Tech Update** - Casper provided information on Solar Energy, focusing on the various types of technologies and design plans for improving panel output.
- c. **Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager Report** – Kyle Buros, Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager, discussed Jo-Carroll Energy’s strategic initiatives and their development, noting each employee will have input in the process.
- d. **External Relations Update** – Chris Allendorf, Vice President of External Relations & General Counsel, provided the board with an overview of matters concerning the State of Illinois, noting that overrides of the Governor’s veto of appropriations and spending bills were enacted. As a result of the bills, all municipalities will receive less of their share of sales tax revenue, due to the state collecting a new administrative fee. Allendorf noted that attention in the General Assembly will now turn to Senate Bill 1, which is a comprehensive reform for primary education funding from the state. Allendorf also discussed a new comprehensive energy bill that is in Congress, along with many appropriations and spending bills that need to be passed before the end of the year. Allendorf updated the board on the Tri-County Economic Development Association’s (TCEDA’s) upcoming events and projects and the hiring of a full-time staff member to assist TCEDA’s Executive Director Lisa McCarthy.

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. **Rate Policy 803**– A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Rate Policy 803 as presented.
- c. **NRECA International Foundation**– A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve a donation amount to the NRECA International Foundation. A second motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the donation amount.
- d. **Renew Line of Credit with Illinois Bank and Trust**- A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to renew the line of credit with Illinois Bank and Trust.
- e. **CFC (Cooperative Finance Corporation) Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate**- Director Holesinger was selected to serve as the CFC voting delegate and Director Stanger as the alternate voting delegate.
- f. **Select Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for the PPI (Prairie Power Inc.) Special Meeting of Members** – No action needed.

Executive Session- A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to go into executive session at 11:28 A.M.

Out of Executive Session- A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 11:57 A.M.

Consideration of Matters discussed in Executive Session – None

Other Business- None.

Adjournment

Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 11:58 A.M.