

MINUTES
JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY COOPERATIVE
November 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative was conducted on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was conducted at the offices of Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative.

The following directors participated in the meeting:

Josh Barnes, Lee Bearden, Kevin Bell, David Brown, Wayne Elliott, Erick Harris, Jack Marshall, and Terry Teitloff

Also present and participating were Greg Grissom, President & CEO; Ward Morgan, Vice-President of Operations and Technical Services; Travis Spiceland, Vice-President of Engineering; Meredith Kendall, Vice-President of Finance and Accounting; Mark Lindsey, Vice-President of Member Services, Communications & Human Resources; Amy Vick, Administrative Assistant; and Richard L. Walter, general counsel.

OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Harris.

The invocation was offered by Josh Barnes.

A safety moment was presented by Ward Morgan. Ward's safety moment had special emphasis on the holiday season. In all of your activities, you should slow down and pay special attention during this time when we are all easily distracted. Also, at the time of our meeting, a cold snap was forecasted. A general reminder was to dress in layers of clothing and be sure your vehicle has emergency supplies.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Board. Motion was made by Wayne Elliott and seconded by Josh Barnes to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Finance and Accounting:

Meredith Kendall presented the Finance and Accounting Report. A full and complete copy of Meredith's report was contained within the Board packet.

Meredith indicated that September, typically referred to as a "shoulder" month, our revenue decreased. September being a mild month generally, was expected to be one with decreased revenues. Meredith also projects that we will have a

small loss in October but revenue projection with the upcoming cold snap should be on the increase.

Meredith also reported on the hopeful finalization of all documents with RUS. We have 7.5 million to draw from the work plan. Finally, Meredith advised the Board that JPEC has recently billed three co-ops in Aikens, SC; Clark Electric in Winchester, KY; and Bluegrass in Nicholasville, KY for disaster relief work that we helped with. Total invoices were in excess of \$340,000. We expect payment before the end of 2024.

At the conclusion of her report, Meredith was available to the Board for questions any member may have.

Engineering:

Travis Spiceland provided the Engineering report. His complete report was made available to the Board of Directors in the Board packet.

Travis advised the Board on the AMI project. He indicated we have one collector and five meters in the field providing information relative to the initial integration of equipment. He also stated we have signed contracts with Aclara and Brownstown Electric Supply relative to this project.

At the conclusion of his report, Travis was available for any questions the Board may have.

Operations and Technical Services:

Ward Morgan provided the Board with the Operations and Technical Services Report. A complete copy of the Report prepared by Ward was made available to the Board and contained within the Board packet.

Ward did provide the Board with a right-of-way update. He stated the year end goal for right-of-way mileage had been achieved and was on budget. He is presently sending out requests for additional circuits for 2025. He will update the Board on these requests.

At the conclusion of his report, Ward was available for any questions the Board may have.

Member Services, Communications & Human Resources:

Mark Lindsey provided the Member Services, Communications and Human Resources report. A full and complete copy of his report was made available to the Board and contained within the Board work packet.

Mark reported to the Board on the open enrollment for the employees of JPEC. He also reported on community wide events to include the fact that Livingston County Middle School brought students in for a tour of our facility as well as safety demonstrations in the warehouse. The event with Livingston County Middle School was well received by all.

Mark reported that as of September, through and including the November Board meeting, we had 68 employees.

Finally, Mark reported that the cycle one bills which total 4,800, did not make it to the customers timely. The problem is associated with the United States Postal Service. It has been determined that as this was through no fault of Jackson Purchase members we will likely waive any late fees on these bills.

At the conclusion of his report, Mark was available to the Board for any questions it may have.

General Counsel:

General Counsel Richard L. Walter provided the Board his monthly report for October. He commented on the ongoing work with RUS to complete the loan packet. RUS has recently required additional information on the title opinion letter which has now been redelivered to RUS for approval.

General Counsel was available to the Board for any questions they may have.

CEO Report:

Greg Grissom provided his report to the Board. His complete report was made available to the Board in the Board packet.

Greg reported on safety. He provided a summary of the incidents year-to-date as a good explanation as to what has happened throughout the year. He indicated there were three report only incidents; three recordables; five fleet incidents with a VAR of 1.64. He also indicated to the Board there was a safety infraction recently when a driver was stopped and was not wearing a seat belt. Appropriate discipline has been provided.

Greg also reported that it is time to once again consider shopping for a bank for JPEC. More information will follow at the upcoming workshop.

Finally, Greg advised that during the week of December 2, 2024, JPEC witnesses will be prepared for the upcoming PSC hearing on the rate request. That hearing is in mid-December.

Greg was available to the Board members for comments or questions at the conclusion of his report.

ASSOCIATION / MEETING REPORTS

KAEC

KAEC had no meeting in November.

Big Rivers Report:

Wayne Elliott provided the report on Big Rivers. Wayne addressed questions from the Board. He also provided issues about more safety issues than usual being reported. There were no serious safety violations as all issues were deemed to be minor. It was unknown whether this is simply a new effort to report even minor issues or an increase in actual safety issues.

As always, at the conclusion of his report, Wayne was available to the Board for any questions they may have.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

September 2024 RUS Form 7

The Board received a presentation from Meredith Kendall on the September 2024 Form 7. She encouraged any questions or comments.

A motion was made by Wayne Elliott to approve the September Form 7. The motion was seconded by Kevin Bell. The motion unanimously passed.

2025 Budget

Meredith Kendall presented the 2025 budget which had been discussed by the Board at the November workshop. Meredith was available for questions. A motion was made by Kevin Bell and seconded by Josh Barnes that the 2025 budget be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Travel Expenses to NRECA Annual meeting

The Board was advised that the NRECA annual meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA from March 9 – 12, 2025. Lee Bearden made a motion that the travel expenses incurred by any Board member be paid for appropriate travel and lodging. Jack Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Bonus

A motion was made by Wayne Elliott to approve a budget presented by Greg Grissom for the employee annual Christmas bonuses. The motion was seconded by Kevin Bell. The motion unanimously passed.

Executive Session


There was a motion for the Board to meet in Executive Session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

After discussions were held in Executive Session, a motion was made to return to Regular Session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

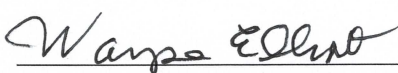
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by David Brown and seconded by Josh Barnes to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

Dated this 30th day of December 2024.



Chair



Secretary/Treasurer