

**M.J.M. ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the “Cooperative”, was held in person and via video conference at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by W. Kay Schultz, Chairman, who chaired the meeting and William Heyen served as Secretary.

**Roll Call**

Upon roll call, Director Schultz reported the following Board Directors to be present: William Heyen, W. Kay Schultz, Louis Johnson, Robert Lehmann, Dennis Stewart, James Niemann, Marcie Tonsor, Paul Bartlett, and Robert Moore. Also present at the meeting were Lee J. Plummer, Attorney, Laura Cutler, President/CEO, Jen Peterson, Executive Administrator, and Jeremy Pattillo, Director of Finance and Accounting.

**Agenda**

Upon motion properly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the February agenda was approved as presented.

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion properly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the January 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved and included one modification.

**Treasurer’s Report**

A list of checks issued during January was reviewed. Cash disbursements for January were discussed as well as the cash position and requirements. The January purchased power breakdown was also reviewed. In addition, the February 1, 2021 receipts, and disbursements, up to a point of time in February were reviewed. Upon a motion properly made, second and carried unanimously, the Treasurer’s report was approved.

**CFC**

CEO Cutler reported on current interest rates and future repricing data was reviewed.

**Operating Report**

CEO Cutler presented her report which included the Financial and Statistical Report.

An opportunity was given to discuss MJM business activities which are reported to the Board at various times during the month. Information pertaining to outages, work orders, new services, and equipment changeouts were also provided for review.

Joe Heyen, Director of Engineering and Operations and Brooke Gross, Communication and Member Services Coordinator joined the meeting.

Executive Administrator Jen Peterson gave an overview of non-paid service disconnections in February. The front office is continuing to work with Members who request extensions. In addition, she reported \$3,688.76 was collected during the first month of the Operation Round Up program.

Brooke Gross provided an update on her activities. A MAC meeting was held via zoom and she learned more about the upcoming Smart Thermostat rebate that will be made available to MJM Members later in the year.

Director of Finance and Accounting Jeremy Pattillo reported that the annual audit took place this week.

Joe Heyen gave an update on numerous projects being worked on by his department including numerous pole change outs. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to pre-order an Altec Digger Derrick truck for \$316,999. Delivery of the new unit will take place in 2022.

Joe Heyen discussed Section III, Policy 29 - Single Phase Line Extension. Further discussion will take place at the next policy meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to reschedule the policy meeting date to March 16, 2021 at 8AM.

CEO Cutler discussed the Butler substation rebuild project. After some time had passed, a motion was made to move forward with the project in 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Heyen left the meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the 2021 Elections and Credentials Committee. A motion was made to appoint the presented list of MJM Member names, which is attached hereto. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. In addition, a Director made a motion, which was seconded and passed by all, to designate the 2021 Elections and Credentials Committee Meeting date to be held at 7 P.M. on March 29, 2021 at MJM's headquarters in Carlinville. The Directives for the Annual Meeting and Recommendation of Elections will be discussed at a future meeting.

A small ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on July 22, 2021 for MJM's new facility.

After discussions concluded, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt the proposed Operation Round Up policy as Section III, Policy 11 which is attached hereto.

The Board then reviewed an MJM Community Pollinator Garden plan.

Brooke Gross left the meeting.

Chris Franzen, IT Administrator, joined the meeting to provide statistical IT results from the previous month and discussed technological topics with the Board. He also provided additional iPad training for the group. Afterwards, he left the meeting.

At this time, a Director made a motion to approve the Operating Report which was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Job Training and Safety**

Jen Peterson reported that the scheduled February safety meeting was postponed due to severe weather. The next all employee safety meeting will be held virtually March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **AIEC**

Director Bartlett reported on the monthly AIEC meeting.

By a motion properly made, Director Niemann was appointed as the AIEC Director representative for the remainder of Director Bartlett's term. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Wabash Valley Power Association**

Director Lehmann reported on the monthly WVPA meeting.

By a motion, Director Lehmann was named the WVPA voting delegate and Director Stewart was named the alternate, CEO Cutler was appointed as the Member System Representative, Director Lehmann was appointed as the WVPA Director, and Director Stewart was the proxy appointment. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

### **NRECA**

Nothing for discussion.

### **Old Business**

Nothing for discussion.

### **New Business**

Nothing for discussion.

### **Next Month's Board Meeting**

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 8am.

Jen Peterson and Jeremy Pattillo left the meeting.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, for the meeting to go into Executive Session. After the discussions concluded, there was a motion and second, which passed, to come out of Executive Session.

Director Paul Bartlett submitted his resignation as a Director of MJM Cooperative after 34 years of service. There was then a motion and second to accept Paul Bartlett's resignation with regret and to commend him on his service.

### **Adjournment**

After further discussions took place, a motion was properly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned. Upon a voice vote, that motion passed.