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Call and Notice of Annual Meeting of the Jackson Electric Cooperative, Black River Falls, Wisconsin

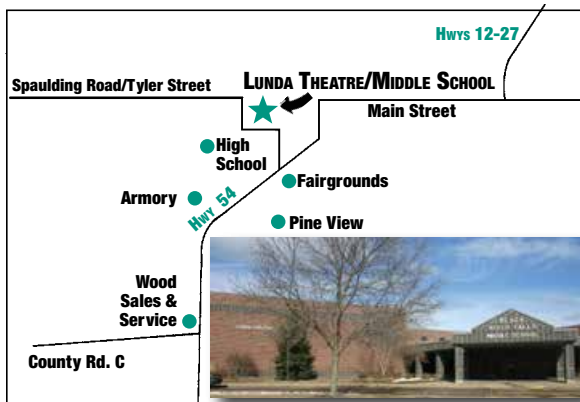
As president of the Jackson Electric Cooperative (hereinafter called the "Cooperative"), I do hereby call and give notice of the Annual Meeting of the members of the Cooperative for the year 2012 to be held at the Lunda Theatre in the City of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting upon the following matters:

1. The reading of the unapproved minutes of the previous meeting of the members of the Cooperative and the taking of necessary action thereon;
2. The reports of officers, directors, employees and committees;
3. Confirmation of the report of the District Elections;
4. Action on the proposed restated Articles of Incorporation and amendments to the Bylaws, as described in this Notice on page 3.
5. Such other further business as may come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated this first day of March 2013.

Gary L. Woods
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The 76th annual meeting will be held at the Lunda Theatre located at 1202 Pierce Street in Black River Falls. The entrance to the Lunda Theatre is shared with the middle school.



GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

It's annual meeting time!

One of the great benefits and responsibilities of being a member-owner of Jackson Electric Cooperative is your participation in the upcoming annual meeting. This is an opportunity to learn about how your cooperative operates, the services and benefits you receive as members, and how the cooperative is involved in your community.



Take time to read through this newsletter to find out more information regarding your annual meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Safety always,

Greg
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OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29. If you experience an outage during this time, please call our toll-free outage only number at 855-222-DARK (3275).

Happy Easter to all of you!



Attend Jackson Electric Cooperative's 76th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Lunda Theatre, Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Registration

You will be signed in when you arrive at the meeting. Each membership in attendance will receive a \$10 energy credit applied to their electric bill. Doors open at 6 p.m. Enjoy refreshments before the meeting.

Entertainment

Members of the Black River Falls High School Jazz Band will entertain us with their musical selections beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Business

Highlights of last year's business as reflected in the annual report; ratification of actions taken at district meetings; and other such business as may come before this meeting.

Scholarship Presentation

The Youth Ambassador scholarship will be presented to one graduating senior who participated in the Youth Ambassador program in 2012-13.

Door Prizes

Big screen television and 15-\$100 cash prizes.

Directors to be Ratified at Annual Meeting

Jackson Electric Cooperative is divided into nine director districts and one director from each district makes up the Cooperative's Board of Directors. District meetings are held in three of the nine districts each year and one director is elected at each district meeting. The newly elected directors begin their three-year term after ratification at the annual meeting. The following three directors were re-elected and will be ratified:

District #1

Director Stanley Gran has been on the board since 2007. Stan currently serves on the Information Technology Committee. He and his wife, Donna, reside in the Northfield area.



Stan Gran

District #6

Director Roger Hansen and his wife, Judy, live in rural Black River Falls. Roger has been on the board of directors since 1996 and is currently serving on the Labor Committee.



Roger Hansen

District #9

Director Gary Woods has served on the board for 30 years. Gary currently serves as the board's President and is our representative to Dairyland Power Cooperative's Board of Directors.



He and his wife, Ginny, live in rural Melrose.

Gary Woods

Right-of-Way Maintenance

Providing Safe and Reliable Electricity

To protect power quality and to prevent power outages by keeping plant growth at a reasonable distance, right-of-way maintenance began in the Shantytown Substation area last month.

Jackson Electric Cooperative's right-of-way maintenance program is completed on a seven-year substation rotation in which brush and trees, that could potentially contact overhead power lines, are removed from the power line area. The program includes the physical removal of brush and trees and controlling the regrowth with the use of an environmentally friendly herbicide. We all enjoy the beauty trees provide us, but the right-of-way maintenance program is a necessity when it comes to providing safe and reliable power to homes and businesses.

Right-of-way maintenance is a contracted service provided by New Age Tree Service. If you have any questions regarding this program, contact our office or go to www.jackelec.com/electric_service/right-of-way_maintenance.



Contracted crews are performing right-of-way maintenance on Hwy. 71, south of Melrose. Clearing of brush and trees that could potentially contact overhead power lines is necessary for system reliability.

Proposed Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amendment to the Bylaws

The following are proposed bylaw amendments that will be brought before Jackson Electric Cooperative membership for approval at the annual meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. To view the entire bylaw manuscript, please refer to www.jackelec.com/your_coop/Bylaws2009.pdf.

RESOLUTION 13-01

AMENDING ARTICLE I, Section 1.05 (b) Membership Classes.

Membership in JEC shall be divided into two classes, voting members and non-voting members, determined as follows:

- a) All members subscribing to receive electric energy shall be voting members, with one vote per membership, as provided herein. In addition, such members shall have the benefit of all rights and privileges as established by these bylaws and the board of directors.
- ~~b) Members subscribing to receive Internet services only shall not be voting members, and the rights and privileges of such members shall be as set forth herein.~~
- b) e) Members subscribing to receive other products or services shall be afforded such membership status as the board of directors may by policy establish.
- c) ~~d)~~ Unless otherwise specified herein, the reference to "member" or "members" shall mean voting members, with regard to all rights, privileges and actions to be taken by members based upon their participation in the decision making process.

AMENDING ARTICLE III, Section 4. District Committees and Meetings.

~~a) Committees. At the meeting held in each district, as hereinbefore provided, there may be elected from the district as follows: a district committee vice chairman, a district committee secretary, and a district committee chairman, all for the term of three years. These officers and the District Director shall constitute the District Committee.~~

b) Duties of the District Committees.

1. To assist the District Director;
2. To assist the District Director in planning and conducting district meetings;
3. To assist the District Director with the legislative program for JEC, and power program of JEC;
4. To assist with information to the members of JEC in their respective district;
5. To take action on matters referred to it by the board of directors;
6. To initiate matters pertaining to their own district which have not come to the attention of the directors or board of directors.

AMENDING ARTICLE IV, Section 3. Notice. Notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting of the board of directors shall be given by written notice, delivered personally, mailed or electronically, to each director at his last known address or e-mail address. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is given electronically, the date of delivery shall be the date of posting/transmitting such notice to the

last known e-mail address of the director. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except in case a director shall attend a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting shall not have been lawfully called or convened.

AMENDING ARTICLE V, Section 5 (b). President.

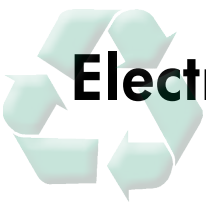
The President shall:

- a) be the principal executive officer of JEC and shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the board of directors; except as otherwise provide by these bylaws.
- b) sign, with the Secretary, ~~certificates of membership~~, the issue of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the board of directors, and may sign any deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust, notes, bonds, contracts, or other instruments authorized by the board of directors to be executed, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the board of directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of JEC, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and
- c) in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors from time to time.

AMENDING ARTICLE V, Section 7 (c,e).

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for:

- a) keeping the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the board in books provided for that purpose;
- b) seeing that all notices are duly given in accordance with these bylaws or as required by law;
- c) the safekeeping of the corporate books and records and the seal of JEC and affixing the seal of JEC to ~~all certificates of membership prior to the issue thereof, and to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of JEC under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.~~
- d) keeping a register of the names and post office addresses of all members;
- ~~e) signing, with the President, certificates of membership, the issue of which shall have been authorized by the board or the members;~~
- e) f) keeping on file at all times a complete copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws of JEC containing all amendments thereto (which copy shall always be open to the inspection of any member) and at the expense of JEC, furnishing a copy of the bylaws and of all amendments thereto to any member upon request; and
- f) ~~g)~~ in general performing all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the board.



Electronics and White Goods Recycling Drive

Monday, April 22 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Jackson Electric Cooperative, N6868 County Road F, Black River Falls

Jackson Electric Cooperative, along with 5R Processors, is once again sponsoring the Electronics and White Goods Recycling Drive in celebration of Earth Day. For more information regarding the Electronics and White Goods Recycling Drive, please contact Dana Duzy at 5R Processors at 715-322-4480 or dduzy@5rltd.com.

No charge for the following items:

- Scanners
- Copy machines
- Phones
- Wire/cabling
- Printer cartridges

- Computer hard drives
- Fax machines
- Typewriters
- Cash registers
- Uninterrupted power supplies
- Laptops
- Printers
- Calculators
- Keyboards/mice
- Docking stations
- VCR/DVD players
- Circuit boards
- Stereo equipment
- Audio visual equipment (cameras, video recorders, etc.)
- Batteries and car batteries
- Residential bulbs

Charges (per unit) for the following:

- Broken glass on monitors or TVs - \$10
- CRT tubes - \$10
- Wooden console TVs - \$10
- Projection TVs - \$10
- Computer monitors - \$5
- Microwaves - \$5
- Plastic TVs - \$10

White goods include ovens, washers, dryers, refrigerators and freezers. There will be a \$5 charge per unit for white goods. Those units with Freon will be charged \$25.

In effort to handle all recyclables, please bring them to the recycling area before 3 p.m.

Youth Ambassadors Give Final Presentation

Jackson Electric Cooperative's Youth Ambassadors presented their "case studies" to the board of directors at their regular February monthly meeting. To encourage full participation with this project, the Ambassadors were split into two groups. One group researched and presented the establishment of a sporting goods cooperative and the other group discussed how they would relate the sig-

nificance of cooperatives in our communities to congressmen and senators.

To learn more about the Youth Ambassador Program, go to www.jackelec.com/public_relations/youth_ambassador or contact our office. Watch for more information in the monthly WEC News, newsletters and Facebook for 2013-14 Youth Ambassador sign-up information.

Through the Youth Ambassador Program area youth had the chance to research the significance of cooperatives in their communities.



This year's Youth Ambassadors are, seated left to right, Remington Stittleburg, Darin Niemi, Bryce Kopp, Tommy Torkelson and Grant Stittleburg. Back row, left to right, Brandi Shramek, Stephanie Pipkin, Zayta Thundercloud, Maria Lee, Beth Pfaff, Sonja Cook, MacKenzie Hoeschele, and Emily Stewart.



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Connections newsletter is published for members and friends of Jackson Electric Cooperative. Questions or comments should be directed to Carol Blaken, Editor, at:

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Your comments and suggestions are welcome.



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