

## DISTRICT MEETINGS TO BE HELD

Jackson Electric Cooperative is divided into nine director districts; 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 a director is elected at each district meeting. The newly elected directors begin their terms following ratification at the annual meeting. This year's district meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

### District #2

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Alma Town Hall at 7 p.m. Junior Jacobson has opted not to run for re-election.



### District #3

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at the Mentor Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.; incumbent is Jerry Huber.



### District #8

Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Town of Millston Community Center at 6:30 p.m.; incumbent is Dan Smrekar.



If you have a meter in one of these districts, you should have received a meeting notice that was mailed on January 23, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the district meetings or what district you're located in, please contact our office.

## Obligations of the Board of Directors

The board of directors provides leadership and guidance to Jackson Electric Cooperative's management. Their primary responsibility is the establishment of long-term, broad objectives, purposes, and visions for the cooperative. The directors, as stated in Jackson Electric Cooperative's Policy 202:

- Ensure the operations are consistent with the articles and bylaws, understand the corporate philosophy, act in good faith in handling the affairs of the cooperative, avoid conflicts of interest, and represent the best interests of the members.
- Have or acquire the minimum knowledge and skills necessary to direct the affairs of the cooperative.
- Make every effort to attend all meetings of the board and to study materials that are sent prior to each board meeting.

Excerpt from Article III, Section 2. Election of District Directors... "Nominations for director to represent the district shall be made from the floor at the district meeting, and in addition to the other qualifications required by these bylaws, the prospective director must be a resident of the district he or she is to represent. Election shall be made by secret written ballot."

Bylaws can be viewed at [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com).



## YOUTH AMBASSADORS HELP WITH PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Jackson Electric's youth ambassadors helped the Project Christmas organization get ready for boxing non-perishable items during this annual event in December. Project Christmas delivers gifts and non-perishable food items to less fortunate

Jackson County families. Project Christmas was headquartered at Jackson Electric Cooperative during the week of December 12. Gifts and food items were delivered before the Christmas holiday.



## FFA COOPERATIVE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Federation Cooperative's precision ag. technician, Mike Mathison, discussed the use of precision ag. technology in production agriculture at the Black River Falls FFA Test Plot Cooperative's fifth annual meeting. This meeting was held on Tuesday, December 27, at Jackson Electric Cooperative.



Mathison touched on drone technology and how it can be successfully used for crop scouting. Drone technology was demonstrated during several of the summer meetings of the test plot cooperative.



## ELECTRIC WATER HEATER PROGRAM

Jackson Electric offers to its members FREE parts and service during work hours on their water heater if they participate in the electric water heater program. To participate in this program, a load management receiver must be installed to interrupt the water heater during periods of peak energy demand. These periods are issued by our power supplier, Dairyland Power.

### Water Heater Repairs

Water heaters with a load management receiver qualify for free parts and service during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on regular working days. Repairs done after-hours and on cooperative-recognized holidays are charged a \$150 service fee.

### Load Management Hours

Generally, water heaters are interrupted on the coldest and hottest days of the year. If Dairyland Power experiences a grid emergency or if market prices are high, the water heater may also be interrupted. These periods are normally limited to six hours.

Water Heaters Available from Jackson Electric and Costs		
	50 Gallon	105 Gallon
<b>Diameter</b>	20-3/8"	30-1/4"
<b>Height</b>	58-5/8"	70-3/4"
<b>Tank</b>	Metal	Polyethylene
<b>Brand</b>	Rheem	Marathon
<b>Warranty</b>	6 years; \$50 + tax for water heater that fails before warranty period expires	Lifetime limited warranty after completed online registration
<b>Cost</b>	\$400 + tax	\$1,100 + tax (\$400 rebate available at time of purchase; load management receiver required)

For more information on the electric water heater program, go to [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com) or contact our office.

## SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS

Members continue to submit photos to Jackson Electric's photo contest. December's photo of the month winner is Judy Puffer of Millston. This photo was taken near Millston on Hwy. 12. Judy received a \$25 energy credit and this photo was on display throughout the month of January in Jackson Electric's lobby. Stop by our office to see this photo, and the many others, that adorn the cooperative's walls.



Let us see your favorite monthly photo for your chance to win a \$25 energy credit, and bragging rights after you see your photo at Jackson Electric. Photos for the respective month can be submitted until June 30, 2017.

Go to [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com), Jackson Electric's Facebook page, or contact our office for photo contest rules and release for photo use.

## RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

These rules are set in accordance with Jackson Electric Cooperative Bylaws, Article II, Section 7. Jackson Electric Cooperative's annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Lunda Theatre in Black River Falls.

1. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised edition.
2. Any speaker must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
3. Only members and duly registered guests will be recognized by the Chair; each person so recognized must give his or her name.
4. Unless otherwise approved by the Chair, those recognized are to limit their questions and comments to three minutes, with any rebuttal limited to two minutes.
5. Questions and comments from members and duly registered guests will be in order during old and new business sessions, and at the conclusion of the officer reports, if invited.
6. No resolution affecting Jackson Electric Cooperative may be submitted by any member, unless written copies have been received by Jackson Electric Cooperative by February 13, 2017. This will permit time for review by the Jackson Electric Cooperative Board of Directors to make its recommendation to the meeting as to approval or rejection.
7. No signs or handouts will be permitted within the building of the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting. No handouts made available outside of the building will use the name of the Cooperative, its letterhead or logo to imply that the Cooperative supports or opposes any resolution.
8. No demonstrations shall be held within the building of the place of the meeting.

### Annual Meeting Voting Procedures

1. Voting may be by voice vote (one vote per membership)

### Jackson Electric Cooperative's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

Business meeting at 7 p.m.

Lunda Theatre in Black River Falls

*Your annual report will be included with the March WECN issue.*

# Purchase for Energy Efficiency – GET A REBATE

Jackson Electric Cooperative offers rebates to members who purchase qualified Energy Star lighting, appliances, and energy efficient electric heat pumps. To receive your rebate, contact our office for an application form or go to [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com) to download a form. **Please submit to our office your completed and signed rebate application within 60 days following your invoice date with the Energy Star label (if applicable) and paid receipt.**

## Audit Recommended Improvements

Incentives are available for energy efficiency improvements completed to an existing home or farm. Energy efficiency improvements must be recommendations from an audit arranged by Jackson Electric Cooperative or a cooperative-approved partner. Rebate not to exceed 50 percent of the cost of energy efficiency improvements up to \$500. For specific details on this program, go to [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com) or contact our office.

ENERGY STAR LIGHTING	
LED Fixture (capped at 50% of cost)	\$1/400 lumens
LED Bulb (capped at 50% of cost)	\$2/bulb
Occupancy Sensor	\$5
T5 Fixture	\$6/bulb in fixture
T8 Fixture (replacement only)	\$4/bulb in fixture
Please contact our office for information on commercial lighting rebates.	

ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES	
Clothes Washer	\$100
Clothes Dryer (electric)	\$100
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer	\$50
Dishwasher	\$100
Dehumidifier	\$100
Refrigerator (≥ 10 cu. ft.)	\$100

AG., COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRESCRIPTIVE Contact the office or go to <a href="http://www.jackelec.com">www.jackelec.com</a> for qualification requirements.	
Exhaust Fan	\$1/inch
Circulation Fan	\$1/inch
Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-Cooler	\$500/unit
Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery with Electric Backup	\$300/unit
Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer	\$50/unit
Scroll Refrigerator Compressor	\$30/HP
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	\$30/HP
Commercial Vending Machine Controls	\$25 each

ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS	
105-gallon Marathon (purchased from Jackson Electric)	\$400*
100+ gallon (purchased from outside retailer)	\$200*
Heat Pump Water Heater (integrated unit; EF 2.00+)	\$300
* Load management receiver must be installed and energy efficiency standards must be met to receive rebate	

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC HEAT PUMPS	
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$750 per ton
Air Source Heat Pump and Mini Split	\$750 per ton SEER rating must be 14 or greater, HSPF 8.2 or greater, or EER 11.5 or greater.
New ECM Blower Motor	\$35/unit; new furnace *Contact our office for efficiency requirements

ELECTRIC THERMAL STORAGE (ETS)		
Room Units		
Model #	Size (kW)	Rebate/Unit
2102	3.0	\$300
2103	4.5	\$450
2104	6.0	\$600
2105	7.5	\$750
2106	9.0	\$900
Comfort Plus (central ETS furnace)		
3120	14.0/17.5/21.6	\$1,120
4120	19.2/24.8	\$1,240
4130	28.8/37.2	\$1,350
4140	38.4/45.6	\$1,500
5120	19.2/24.8	\$1,300
5130	28.8/37.2	\$1,550
5140	38.4	\$1,650

MY CO-OP

**ENERGYGUIDE**

U.S. Government Federal law prohibits removal of this label before consumer purchase

Refrigerator-Freezer  
 • Automatic Defrost  
 • Side-Mounted Freezer  
 • Through-the-Door Ice

X12 Corporation Model ABC Capacity: 23 Cubic Feet

Lists key features of the appliance you're looking at and the similar models that make up the cost range below.

The maker, model, and size tell you exactly what product this label describes.

Estimated Yearly Operating Cost

**\$67**

Cost Range of Similar Models: \$17 to \$14

The cost range helps you compare the use of different models by showing you the range of operating costs for models with similar features.

Estimated Yearly Electricity Use

**630 kWh**

Your cost will depend on your utility rates and use.

What you might pay to run the appliance for a year, based on its electricity use and the national average cost of energy. The cost appears on labels for all models and brands, so you can compare energy use just like you would price or other features.

An estimate of how much electricity the appliance uses in a year based on typical use. Multiply this by your local electricity rate on your utility bill to better judge what your actual operating cost might be.

If you see the ENERGY STAR logo, it means the product is better for the environment because it uses less energy than standard models.

• Cost range based only on models of similar capacity with automatic defrost, side-mounted freezer, and through-the-door ice  
 • Estimated operating cost based on a 2007 national average electricity cost: 13.5¢/kWh per kWh  
 • For more information, visit [www.fic.gov/energy](http://www.fic.gov/energy)

ENERGY STAR



## Please Take Note.....

If you plan to upgrade your electric heating and/or cooling system or add additional electric heating and/or cooling load to your residence, please contact Jackson Electric. Additional loads, as such, may require a transformer upgrade.

## NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) E-mail: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS

Uncertainty of winter temperatures is part of living in Wisconsin. Because February has the potential to be a cold month, some of you may be thinking of using a portable electric space heater to warm your home.

Jackson Electric reminds you that even though electric space heaters are 100 percent efficient, they still use a significant amount of electricity. Electric space heaters will increase your electric bill if used regularly. If you must, use an electric space heater for supplemental heat in a small area. They are not designed to heat your entire home.

Remember, a watt is a watt. A 1,500-watt milkhouse heater will generate the same amount of heat as a 1,500-watt infrared heater with a decorative cabinet.

Looking for ways to lower your heating bill? Contact Jackson Electric and ask about electric heating options and the dual fuel program.

## Need Electric Service?

## MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW

If you're planning to build a house or an additional structure on your property that will need electric service installed, please contact Jackson Electric Cooperative to schedule an appointment to discuss your electric service needs.

We can also help you with electric heating and cooling options and Energy Star rebates and incentives.


### Power Outages Can Occur at Any Time— Be Prepared.

Jackson Electric is now working with Home Backup Systems, specializing in residential and small business Generac standby generators.



Call Jackson Electric for more information.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Customer Service 715.284.5385  
800.370.4607

Outage Reporting 855.222.DARK (3275)  
Diggers Hotline 800.242.8511

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