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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Hastings

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Have you ever wanted to invest in sun power? You may soon have the opportunity to do just that.

Jo-Carroll Energy is in the exploratory stages of developing a community solar garden that would allow members the opportunity to participate in a renewable energy project.

What is community solar? This type of project allows individuals an affordable way to invest in a solar energy system that is built in their local community. Our project would be a community solar garden—or possibly multiple projects depending on member interest—constructed and owned by the cooperative. Members would be able to purchase one or more units and be credited for the energy output from those units.

We have many members who are environmentally conscious. Some have small solar arrays at their homes or farms while a few own small wind turbines. Others contribute to Evergreen, Dairyland Power Cooperative's voluntary program in which members can choose to support Dairyland's renewable energy resources.

Participating in a community solar project would be advantageous for members who can't afford an entire array, don't own property or live in multifamily dwellings. Other members, either residential or business, may not have a good site for solar due to shading, structure limitations or other factors. Some may not want or be able to have a solar array on their roof for other reasons but would like to participate in a renewable energy program.

A community solar project would

make renewable energy available to more members. Community solar is an affordable and accessible way for members to demonstrate a commitment to clean energy, giving them another choice about where their energy comes from.

For Jo-Carroll Energy, a community solar garden is one more way we can work with and help the communities we serve. Making renewable energy sources available to more members supports our mission to enhance the quality of life for our members.

While we expect to continue to rely on coal-fired generation for much of our power supply, the project would increase the amount of our power generated by renewables. Investing in a local renewable energy project could be a hedge against rising fuel costs, helping us build a strong future.

A handful of other cooperatives in the Midwest have started community solar projects. We have been studying these and other examples as well as learning more about different types of systems and panels. The idea of community solar was introduced to the Member Advisory Council at its February meeting. We are seeking input from members about interest in a project and possible locations.

Concepts are being formalized into a business plan, and we expect to have more information about the project this spring.

Community solar is a good opportunity for the cooperative and members to work together for reliable, affordable and renewable energy.

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Resume of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting • January 30, 2014

The board met at the Cooperative headquarters in Elizabeth on Thursday, January 30, 2014. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The Agenda as modified and the Consent Agenda were approved.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Senn discussed the training with Caroline Fisher and the Energy/Power Supply of the Future.

Dairyland Report – Director Stadel stated that Dairyland had a good year. The units worked well for the year and the activated carbon system was discussed.

AIEC Report – Director Senn reported on the December and January Meetings. He reported no dues increase from NRECA.

APGA Report – Director Carroll reported that direct use of natural gas and the formation of a task force was discussed at the recent APGA Meeting. The recreational use of marijuana and the policy on alcohol and drug abuse were also discussed at the APGA Meeting.

PPI Report – President and CEO Hastings reported on the shortage of natural gas due to the recent cold snaps. An article will be put in the *IL Country Living* to start a campaign of information to members on the gas shortages.

Monthly Committee Review

a. **Policy** – Board Policy 127: Purchase or Sale by Director or President and CEO was approved without revisions.

b. **Policy Committee** – The Policy Committee discussed and approved new Board Policy 144 with the addition of wording "All Directors and Director Candidates shall read and acknowledge this code of ethics." New Board Policy 145 – Open Meetings was discussed and approved. Bylaw Article IV, Section 4(b), Bylaw Amendment was approved with the addition of paragraph 10 and 11 which identifies training requirements for a director to complete to serve on the board. General Counsel, Cox reported that the committee discussed the new Board Policy 130A: Early Retirement of Patronage Capital Discount Rate Policy, which will be presented during the Board Items portion of the meeting.

CEO's Report – The CEO reported on the following in addition to his written report:

a. **Financial Operating Report** – Hastings reported that the Cooperative had an unaudited margin of approximately \$484,000 in December, with just under a \$3 million margin, year to date. The Board accepted the December Financial Operating Report for filing by general consent.

b. **CFO Report** – CFO Heidenreich informed the board that the year-end audit is in process. She also reported that the Capital Credit 1099s were mailed for the Geneseo members.

c. **Assistant General Manager Report** – Assistant General Manager Buros reported to the board that the natural gas peaking units have been ordered. He also reported that the Rentech load has stabilized. Buros reported that there would be an outage in East Dubuque on Monday at 4:00 PM and there would be radio announcements all weekend to notify members. Community solar was discussed.

d. **Culture of Excellence and Communications** – Vice-President of Human Resources Sevey reported the Culture week training at Jo-Carroll Energy went very well. She reported that work is being done on the Natural Gas Marketing Program.

e. **Member Services** – Vice-President of Member Services Skien reported that the department is working with high bills due to the temperatures setting records, kids home from school and the longer winter nights. Skien reported that an unbundling meeting is scheduled, work is being done on the Linux conversion and mobile apps update.

f. **External Affairs** – Cox reported that TCEDA is going well, the Annual Meeting is March 20, 2014. He reported there is encouragement for the Thompson Prison, as dollars have been included in the 2015 budget.

Board Issues

a. **Capital Credit Discount Rate: Board Policy 130A – Early Retirement of Patronage Capital Discount Rate Policy** – The policy was reviewed and approved.

b. **Broadband Rates** – Assistant General Manager Buros provided the board with the proposed new rates for Broadband and explained the rates/speeds. The Board approved the new rates.

c. **Board Approval of Resolution waiving Policy 127.1 for the sale of real property located next to the West Campus owned by Jo-Carroll Energy** – Resolution to waive the requirements of Board Policy 127.1 was approved.

d. **Ratification of renewal of Line of Credit with CoBank** – Line of Credit with CoBank was approved in the amount of four million.

e. **2014 Open Board Meeting Dates** – The proposed dates of June 25th and October 29th were approved for open Board meetings at the Jo-Carroll Energy headquarters building.

f. **Dairyland District Meeting** – Those attending were identified.

g. **Approve Names of Nominees for the Election Committee** – The list of names for the Election Committee from Districts 3, 6 and 9 were approved.

h. **PPI Annual Meeting** – Those attending were identified.

i. **Prairie Power, Inc. 2014 Annual Meeting Delegate and Alternate Delegate** – Director Darby is the Delegate and Director Lundy is the alternate director for the annual meeting.

j. **Prairie Power, Inc. 2014 Director(s) and Alternate Director** – President and CEO Hastings was chosen as the Manager Director, Director Darby was chosen as the Director Director and Director Hallendorff was chosen as the Alternate Director Director.

k. **NRECA Course 230.1 Strategic Planning** – Those attending were identified.

l. **Jo-Carroll Energy 2014 Annual Meeting Theme and Report Cover** – Two options were presented to the Board for the Annual Meeting Theme and Report cover. The Board left the theme and report cover to the Manager of Communications and Media Relations discretion.

m. **Culture of Compliance Information** – Report was provided by Director of Engineering, Shekleton and Director of Regulatory Compliance and Key Accounts, Sivertsen.

Reports

Reports were heard on: NRECA Course 2620.1, Board Roles and Relationships and the Caroline Fisher Training.

Adjournment – Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Capital credits allocations approved

The Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors approved capital credit allocations for 2013 in late February.

The 2013 allocation notice appeared on current Jo-Carroll Energy members' billing statements in March. Former members received a notification letter.

One of the benefits of being a member-owner of a cooperative is sharing in the margins in the form of capital credits. Revenues in excess of the cost of doing business are returned to Jo-Carroll Energy's members as capital credits.

Allocated capital credits appear as an entry on the permanent finan-

cial records of the cooperative and reflect your equity or ownership in Jo-Carroll Energy. When capital credits are retired, a check is issued to the member and their equity is reduced. Currently, capital credit checks are generally issued 25 years after the year in which the margins were earned.

Cold temps fuel higher energy use

The year started by ushering in a polar vortex that produced temperatures well below zero and sustained periods of sub-freezing weather. Jo-Carroll Energy reminds members that those conditions affect energy use.

Nadine Nieland "Everyone uses more energy during cold snaps like the ones we experienced this winter," said Michael Hastings, Jo-Carroll Energy president and CEO. "Weather matters and we want our members to be aware that with the extreme cold comes increased energy use that could mean higher than normal energy bills."

Average high temperatures for both December 2013 and January were lower than the previous years. Seventeen days in January saw sub-zero lows, according to preliminary data from the National Weather Service. There were none in January 2013. The average low temperature during January was -2, and that average was 13 degrees colder than it was in January 2013.

Cold temps = more energy use

Along with extreme temperatures comes a need for energy to keep homes and businesses safe and comfortable.

"During the winter months we often receive calls from members concerned because their bills are higher than usual," Hastings noted. "Several factors can lead to higher energy bills during the winter. Furnaces and heaters are running

more; we are all inside more; the lights, TVs and computers are on longer."

In many cases, the severe winter weather forced multiple days with school closings, and that meant more family members at home and using energy.

Jo-Carroll Energy has a number of tools to help members manage their energy bills. Budget billing or leveled billing can help spread

annual energy costs out more evenly over a 12-month period.

Energy assistance programs such as LIHEAP, operated by area agencies, and the cooperative's own Neighbor to Neighbor fund are available for income-eligible members.

Jo-Carroll Energy also offers a variety of energy efficiency programs to help members improve the efficiency of their homes and energy use habits, Hastings noted.

Polar vortex-style winter spurs new records for load and sales

One of Jo-Carroll Energy's wholesale power suppliers, Dairyland Power Cooperative, set a new winter peak energy load record in January. The new winter peak of 956.5 MW was set on Jan. 27, during one of the bitterly cold weather systems characteristic of the season this year. Notably, the record was set on a day that Dairyland implemented load management for economic reasons, controlling water heater and dairy water heater loads.

Dairyland's previous winter peak of 917 MW was set in January 2013. Dairyland's all-time system peak stands at 1,061 MW, set in July 2012.

Sales also at record level during January

The various "polar vortex" experiences in January also led to record energy sales for Dairyland's 25 member cooperatives, of which we are one. Dairyland's new record for sales is 505 GWh, for the month of January 2014. This record quickly squashed one set the previous month, 481 GWh in December 2013. Prior to that, the record had stood at 480 GWh since January 2009.

What is a GWh? Gigawatt hours (GWh) is a unit of energy representing one billion watt hours, and is equivalent to one million kilowatt hours (kWh). The kWh is a unit of energy equivalent to 1 kW of power expended for one hour.



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Meet your 2014 director candidates

The election for directors from District 6 will be conducted through the mail. Only members who reside in the districts in which there are two candidates for election will receive ballots. Members in those districts should carefully review the material and promptly return their completed ballots to Jo-Carroll Energy by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014. Ballots will be counted by the Credentials and Elections Committee. In districts with only one candidate, election will be by a motion of acclamation at the annual meeting.

DISTRICT 3, INCUMBENT:
Marcia "Marcy" Stanger
13A17 Rawhide Ct., Apple River, IL

Marcy Stanger and her husband, Bob have been Jo-Carroll Energy members since 1992 when they moved from Fox River Grove, IL to Apple Canyon Lake. The Stangers have always been interested in community endeavors and want to "give back" to the community for all the friendship that has been shown them.

Stanger has been a Jo-Carroll Energy Director since 2005. She is currently Board Secretary and serves on the Executive and Policy Committees. To keep abreast of current energy issues, she attends



regional and national conferences. She has earned her Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certifications. She believes this is time well spent as a way to keep abreast of energy issues and how it will affect our members.

Stanger is an advocate for board openness and transparency. To her, membership in a cooperative is a "family-thing. Members are our most important concern and we value their support. Further, we recognize our employees are the core to delivering safe, affordable service."

She supports the Jo-Carroll Energy Mission Statement: Jo-Carroll Energy exists to enhance the quality of life for our members". Further, there is accompanying set of values that enhance that Mission Statement.

Stanger believes the role of "Director" is a balance in that she feels she needs to understand member concerns. The main emphasis is on keeping rates affordable for services rendered, reliability and safety. Yet, the company needs to be fiscally responsible. That has taken us in the areas of offering broadband, entering the natural gas business and the Farmers Mutual Electric Company (Geneseo) merger to name a few.

The Stangers have lived in small semi-rural communities all their lives, namely 15 years each in Country Club Hills and Fox River

Grove, IL. They are proud of their four children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She has served as a member with the local PTAs, Jaycees, Lionesses groups. She was elected to the Fox River Grove Village Board and Apple Canyon Lake Property Association Board, each, for 6 year terms. She participated in the "Most Elizabeth" events, Galena Country Fair, and is a member of Holy Trinity Church, Scales Mound. She hopes to become more active in participating in community activities throughout her next term as a Jo-Carroll Energy director.

DISTRICT 6, INCUMBENT:
Tom Lundy
17861 Airhart Road, Savanna, IL 61074

Tom Lundy of rural Savanna has served on the Jo-Carroll Energy board for 24 years. Completing his eighth term on the Jo-Carroll Energy board of directors, he was first elected March 10, 1990.

A farmer by trade, Lundy grew up on a farm north of Savanna. After graduating from Savanna High School in 1955, he attended Cornell College located in Mount Vernon, IA, where he received a degree in chemistry. Following college graduation, he served in the Marine Corps, stationed just 36 miles from



Washington, D.C., at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia.

After his service with the marines, Lundy returned home and started farming. His introduction to the co-op business model came through agriculture as a member of the Carroll Service Company. He has been a member of Jo-Carroll Energy since 1972.

Today, Lundy continues to farm, raising corn, soybeans and beef cattle. He was involved with the Farm Bureau for several years.

Lundy stressed the value of Jo-Carroll Energy as a local cooperative and a local business. He described Jo-Carroll Energy as a growth company, reflecting on the many things the cooperative did in preparation for the acquisition of the former Alliant Energy territory.

"One of the things I am very proud of is the cooperative having the Savanna office open," Lundy said. "It is a great thing for the cooperative and for our members to have the local presence. It is a definite asset to Savanna and the surrounding community."

Lundy added that Jo-Carroll Energy has accomplished much work in the Savanna area on both the natural gas and electric systems with rebuilding and system enhancements. He also noted the addition of broadband Internet service as another example of the cooperative's impact on the community. The Farmers Mutual Electric Company merger also was a positive addition to the Jo-Carroll Energy cooperative family.

Lundy also noted the education programs that directors undertake. He has completed several education courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), and has completed requirements for both the Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates.

Tom and his wife, Priscilla, operate a grain and beef cattle farm in rural Savanna. They are the parents of four grown children and have 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Tom enjoys fishing, and has a

small pond on the farm. But his real passion is the farm which keeps both he and Priscilla busy and active.

DISTRICT 6: Scott Sullivan

1 Valley View Drive, Savanna, IL 61074

Scott Sullivan has been a member of Jo-Carroll Energy since February 2007.



He is a graduate of Savanna High School and the University of Dubuque with a B.S. degree in Aviation Technology, Aviation Management and Business Administration.

He is owner/president of J.B. Sullivan, Inc.

Sullivan owns and operates 14 Sullivan's Food Supermarkets, with another store breaking ground in Spring Valley this spring; six gas stations, several shopping centers and strip centers all located in northern Illinois. In addition, he owns and operates two hotels, the Super 8 in Savanna and a new Hampton Inn in Beloit, Wis. A new Hampton Inn & Suites is currently under construction in Franklin, Wis.

Sullivan has been a member of the Central Grocers Cooperative, based in Joliet, since 1997, and a member of the Ace Hardware Cooperative since 2007.

Sullivan has board experience serving on several Savanna Chamber of Commerce boards, and is a member of the Tri-Township Airport Board of Directors.

Sullivan said he is seeking election to the Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors "to ensure that the future of the area remains a viable and competitive energy market for its members."

"I have spent most of my life in northern Illinois trying to improve the local area by directly investing and developing in our local communities, while simultaneously encouraging other people and companies to also invest in the area," Sullivan stated. "I believe that today, the infrastructure, how energy is used and transmitted, and the cost of energy is extremely important to

the future of our area. It affects the schools, manufacturing, and future potential jobs of northwest Illinois.

"I feel that my background with development and business gives me and understanding of what is needed for growth and stability in this area. Being a long term member of the cooperative and the local area, has given me the tools and knowledge to do great job for the members of Jo-Carroll Energy."

Sullivan and his wife, Jeanie, have three sons, Joe, Josh and James. He has been actively involved with coaching and/or assisting with multiple youth sports programs for the last 17 years.

DISTRICT 9, INCUMBENT: Larry Carroll

1104 Locust St., Thomson, IL 61285

Larry Carroll is seeking re-election on the Jo-Carroll Energy board as the representative from District 9. He has been a member of Jo-Carroll Energy since 2007.



Carroll is a member of the board of the directors of the American Public Gas Association. A graduate of Thomson High School and Morrison School of Drafting and Design, Carroll has also completed numerous law enforcement courses and Illinois Certification for Fire Protection District Trustees.

Now retired he worked for Interstate Power/Alliant Energy for 36 years as well as the Thomson Police Department, serving 28 years as Chief of Police.

While with Interstate Power he was a member of the Work Safety Council. He also served on the Alliant Energy foreman selection committee. He is currently a trustee for the Thomson Fire Protection District and secretary of the York Community Church board.

He and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of sons Brennan, Bradlee, Jamie, Wesley and Rush. He enjoys detailing vehicles, fishing, yard work and "light-housing" around the Great Lakes and spending time with his family.

Is your name on our Unclaimed Capital Credits list?

As a Jo-Carroll Energy member, you have a share in your cooperative. Because we are a cooperative, Jo-Carroll Energy does not technically earn profits. Any revenues over and above the cost of doing business are considered

“margins”. Sharing in margins in the form of capital credits is one of the benefits of being a co-op member-owner.

Below is a list of names of former Farmers Mutual Electric Company members for whom we have

unclaimed capital credits. If you find your name on the list, please call 800-858-5522 or email info@jocarroll.com. A complete list can be found on our website at www.jocarroll.com.

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SCHUCK JEROME	GENESEO IL	PETERSON GLENN F	GENESEO IL
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HENDERSON ROBERT J	GENESEO IL	VANDEMORE JOSEPH AND HELEN	GENESEO IL
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DICKENS CONCRETE CONST INC	GENESEO IL	WHITAKER DALE	GENESEO IL
RESCHKE BROTHERS	GENESEO IL	MARX JEROME	GENESEO IL
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TAM RIC CONSTRUCTION	GENESEO IL	DEMONT WALTER	GENESEO IL
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HANSEN HERMAN	GENESEO IL	RHODEN ROY	GENESEO IL
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RISTAU PAT	GENESEO IL	LEONARD DANIEL	GENESEO IL
MORRISSEY DAN	GENESEO IL	KENEDY AND GOODRICH	GENESEO IL
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JOHNSON 1910 FARM	GENESEO IL	ALLEN E CLIFTON	GENESEO IL
HOWLETT GEORGE	GENESEO IL	SUBO PHIL	GENESEO IL
HART JERRY SR	GENESEO IL	WIRE TED	GENESEO IL
HART DONALD	GENESEO IL	WILSON DONALD	GENESEO IL
HAPPEL ROBERT	GENESEO IL	NORDLING KEITH	GENESEO IL

Jo-Carroll Energy mourns loss of board director

Thomas H. Zwica of Geneseo passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014. Zwica was a member of the Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors, representing District 10 in the Geneseo area.

Zwica became a member of the Jo-Carroll Energy board last year following the merger with Farmers Mutual Electric Company. He was elected to the FMEC board in March of 2001, serving as chairman of the FMEC board from November of 2008 until the time of the merger.

"We are deeply saddened

by Tom's death," said Michael Hastings, president and CEO of Jo-Carroll Energy. "His leadership and work in support of the cooperative will not be forgotten. On behalf of all our employees and the board of directors, I extend our sincere sympathy to his family."

Zwica was a 1961 graduate of St. Bede Academy in Peru, and graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in one of the first ever graduating classes of computer science. He married Julie Flaherty on Sept. 3, 1966. His working

career included The Boeing Company in Seattle, WA, Associate Professor at Blackhawk College, Moline, and Numeridex Inc., Wheeling. In 1986 he started his own company, Interactive Design Consultants.

He was very active in his community, serving on many boards including the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce, Gen-Air, Inc., GEEE, Wells Fargo, Inc., TLC, GIFT as well as FMEC, Jo-Carroll Energy and Prairie Power, Inc.



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Conner and Gwen Galloway of Clinton, Iowa have a well-insulated home. Rightfully so, as Conner is the owner of CGI Insulation, LLC, a self-started business looking to grow.

"A contractor gave me the idea to start an insulation business," Galloway explained. The need was there and he took the opportunity. This small idea has turned into a successful business five years standing.

Galloway specializes in blown cellulose insulation, including dense-pack wall insulation. "It is a good product," he stated. "Some people cheat on their insulation, but getting the right R-value in the walls is more important than a home's kitchen."

According to Galloway, the most rewarding part of the job is satisfying the homeowner. "They tell me, 'It works', and 'My bill went down'." Before Galloway leaves the job site, he always allows the homeowners an opportunity to inspect his work. He also prides himself in leaving the home looking neat and free of dust.

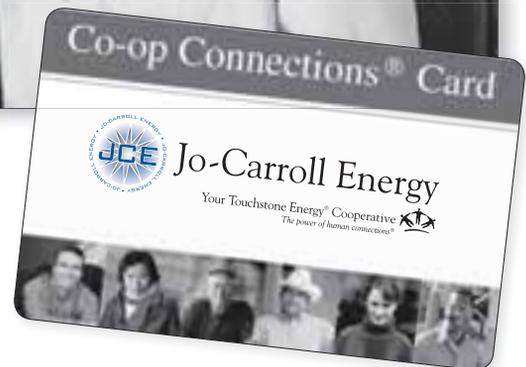
"If a customer calls me today, I will try to get there today. I will be honest and upfront with customers,"



stated the entrepreneur and father of five.

Galloway does not always work alone. His boys help out when he needs them, and when their oldest daughter lived at home, she loved helping her dad.

In March, 2014, Galloway attended the Better Builders Conference in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., on a scholarship through Jo-Carroll Energy. He plans to attend future trainings, and says that every day he is learning something new.



CGI Insulation serves Carroll and Whiteside counties in Illinois and nearby counties in Iowa. Call Galloway for a quote at 563-357-4014. Remember to ask about your Co-op Connections Card discount at CGI Insulation: \$80.00 off insulation removal or insulation.

Call The Energy Detective

When was the last time you assessed your home or business insulation needs? Did you know the amount of insulation in the attic and walls of your home or business building greatly affect your summer and winter energy costs? Jo-Carroll Energy's certified Energy Detective can help.

To know exactly where your home or business needs insulation, talk to John Scott, the Energy Detective at Jo-Carroll Energy, about scheduling an energy assessment or audit. By using a blower door test and infrared imaging, he will show you where you can increase efficiency and STOP losing money.

And remember, energy assessments are now **FREE** to members. Call us at 800-858-5522 and ask for the Energy Detective.

