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A NEWSLETTER FOR JO-CARROLL ENERGY MEMBERS

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Jo-Carroll Energy will hold its 80th Annual Meeting on June 12. Eight decades of serving you, our member-owners, is a special milestone – especially combined with Sand Prairie's 10th year of providing broadband service and our fiber-to-the-premise project.

Details about the 2019 annual meeting can be found inside this newsletter. I encourage you to attend this year's event. We have a lot to celebrate and consider for the future of rural America.

"The Power of Generations," this year's theme, has a special meaning. Prior generations of rural Americans formed the cooperative. They realized the importance of innovation to work smarter, so they could grow their operations to become more competitive.

High-speed broadband service will continue this tradition of growth. It helps expand the possibilities in our rural communities for our next generations. The future is looking brighter for our region.

Last month we shared the importance of developing our local youth. Just as important is continuing to develop and grow our communities so that our youth have jobs and attractions that will keep them here and draw more young people to our area. Maintaining and attracting young people multiplies into more families, stronger school districts, more



CEO'S REPORT by Mike Casper

dollars being spent in our communities and a robust economy.

Providing high-speed broadband service is an important step. I would like to take this opportunity to deliver a BIG shout out to our "Fiber Champions" who are going door-to-door to get the word out, similar to farmers and other business leaders 80 years ago who saw the benefits of electricity.

We are all proud of the communities where we live. Together we can make a difference. One community leader isn't enough, we need multiple leaders in each community stepping up to the plate to continue to grow and transform our rural communities to attract and retain the next generation of community leaders. Now that is powerful stuff, "The Power of Generations."

Reader prize

Each month we print the name of a Jo-Carroll Energy member who is eligible to win a monthly \$25 readership prize. If your name is printed in this month's edition, and not a part of any article, contact Jo-Carroll Energy

For your information

Your Board of Directors:

David Senn
Chairman
District 7

Russell Holesinger
Vice Chairman
District 8

Marcia Stanger
Secretary
District 3

Martin Werner
District 1

Joseph Mattingley
District 2

Dan Tindell
District 4

Patricia Smith
District 5

Thomas Lundy
District 6

Larry Carroll
District 9

Robert Kuhns
Treasurer
District 10

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Savanna
103 Chicago Ave.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Geneseo
1004 S. Chicago St.
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
1:30 to 4 p.m.

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Resume of Minutes

March 27, 2019

The regular board meeting of Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc. (NFP) was held at the cooperative's headquarters in Elizabeth, Ill. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 9 a.m.

A safety moment was provided by director Tom Lundy.

Presentations – The annual meeting theme cover was presented by Peggy Francomb, manager of communications & marketing. Francomb also demonstrated the new Jo-Carroll website that will be presented at the annual meeting on June 12 at the West Carroll Middle School in Mt. Carroll.

Mark Prouhet, BKD CPAs & Advisors provided a summary of the 2018 Audit Report, which included the financial statements and management letter. Prouhet noted that there were no audit adjustments and they issued a clean, unmodified opinion. No deficiencies were noted in the management letter.

Chairman's/AIEC Report – Director Senn discussed the co-op industry as a whole and noted that cooperatives provide approximately 661,000 jobs across rural America. Senn and Jo-Carroll Energy employees also had the opportunity to attend Electric Cooperative Lobby Day in Springfield, Ill., which provided an opportunity to meet with our state legislators to discuss issues affecting rural cooperatives and communities.

APGA Report – Director Carroll provided an update on regulatory matters being followed by the American Public Gas Association (APGA).

Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) Report – Director Mattingley provided highlights from the Dairyland Report.

Prairie Power Inc. (PPI) Report – Director Kuhns provided the PPI generation reports and highlights from the PPI board meeting.

Member Advisory Council (MAC) Meeting Report – Director Tindell discussed the MAC meeting that was held on March 15 at the Jo-Carroll Energy office in Elizabeth.

Board Policy 128 – A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Board Policy 128 "Investments Short-Term," as amended.

Governance Overview Topic – Director Stanger reviewed the roles and responsibilities of a director.

Executive Session – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to go

into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

Action Items as a result of Executive Session – None

CEO's Report – President and CEO Casper discussed the audit summary and noted that he and CFO Woods meet throughout the year to discuss the financial strategy of the cooperative. CFO Woods also works closely with Cooperative Finance Corporation to review financial models.

Financial Operating Report – YTD margins for February were approximately \$2.4 million vs. a budgeted amount of approximately \$2.1 million. The current equity of the cooperative is 24.34 percent compared to 24.87 percent this month last year.

Strategic Objectives – Kyle Buros, senior VP and assistant general manager provided information on Jo-Carroll Energy's strategic objectives, including fostering a culture of safety for members, employees and our communities. Focus on the fiber initiative is to construct fiber infrastructure reaching as many members as possible, while balancing projects between differing population densities.

External Relations Update – Chris Allendorf, vice president of external relations & general counsel, discussed State energy topics in Illinois, and provided an update from the Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) Annual Meeting.

Board Issues and Action Items – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Discounted Estate Capital Credit Retirements.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Administrative Policy 411 Net Metering.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Credentials and Election Committee.

Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.



Members to elect three directors; no contested elections

Three members of the Jo-Carroll Energy board of directors are seeking re-election to the board, all in uncontested elections. Seeking election are incumbents Martin Werner, District 1; Joseph Mattingley, District 2; and Dan Tindell, District 4. The three incumbents were the only candidates to file petitions for nominations. Because all three elections are uncontested, no ballots will be sent to members. Directors will be elected by a vote of acclamation at the annual meeting set for Wednesday, June 12 at the West Carroll Middle School in Mount Carroll. All directors serve three-year terms. Candidate profiles appear below.



District 1

Martin Werner

**361 Sherwood Ave.
East Dubuque, IL 61025**

Martin Werner has been a member of the Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors since 2007.

He lives in East Dubuque with his

wife, Sherrie. They have been married for 47 years. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Werner has lived in this area for the last 72 years. His grandfather, John Werner, was the Marshall of East Dubuque.

Werner formerly worked for John Deere in Dubuque, Iowa for 30 years. He also owned and operated a part-time auto repair business (Marty's Auto Repair) for 25 years.

Werner attended St. Mary's grade school and graduated from East Dubuque High School. He served two years in the United States Army in the Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He also worked in a missile unit in Germany.

Werner served on the Jo Daviess County Board and the East Dubuque Zoning board. He was elected in 2019 as the Ward III alderperson for East Dubuque. He is a retired member of the East Dubuque Volunteer Fire Department.

"I would like to represent District 1 with the knowledge that I have gained from all the years that I have lived in this area," he said. "The fact that I am now retired gives me plenty of time to invest myself in serving the members of the cooperative. I feel that my experience in many different fields should serve well as a director for Jo-Carroll Energy."



District 2

Joseph Mattingley

**292 West Schapville Rd.
Scales Mound, IL 61075**

Joseph Mattingley is from rural Scales Mound and resides in

Guilford township. He has been a member of the co-op since the late 1990s. Currently, he is the chief executive officer of The Galena Territory Association, Inc.

He is a graduate from Scales Mound High School. Post-graduation, Mattingley enlisted in the Navy as a Medical Corpsman. Upon completion of his stint in the Navy, he finished his college degree from Highland Community College and then Columbia College of Freeport.

Since his appointment to the board in May of 2006, he has brought ideas to Jo-Carroll Energy from his member constituents that have helped advance board and administrative policies. The initiatives that have evolved from Mattingley's input range from energy conservation, power supply and national energy policy. He promotes the idea of cooperative communications and has assisted multiple times with member communiqués. Mattingley is a former board chairman.

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District 4

Dan Tindell, incumbent

**13 W. Arrowhead Dr.
Galena, IL 61036**

Dan Tindell was appointed to Jo-Carroll Energy's board of directors in 2017 and was

elected in 2018 to complete the unexpired term.

Tindell, and his wife, Pam, have been members of the cooperative since 1996. He retired in 2017 from the State of Illinois, where he worked for the Department of Human Services as a caseworker. Until 2014, he served in the historic sites division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in Galena and Elizabeth. Tindell is a retired public school teacher.

Tindell says, "I have a better understanding of the struggles of our members making ends meet from my service as a caseworker, and my time as acting site manager allowed me to serve the community of Elizabeth."

He participated in two of the "Gathering of Elizabeths" events.

Tindell is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, where he worked on mainframe computer systems. Tindell noted, "We are anticipating many changes in the future, and decisions that we make in the boardroom. I have always been interested in the role that technology plays in society. It seems that it is always changing and faster."

In that vein, he sees the need to promote faster

internet services for the members, which is now in fiber infrastructure.

His goals as director are to listen to the members, embrace change, and serve our communities. The staff and directors volunteer in their respective communities, and he applauds their efforts. Also, he embraces the safety culture of Jo-Carroll Energy.

Tindell believes in life-long learning and graduated from the University of Maryland (Europe), A.A.; the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, B.A. (Broadcasting); and Illinois State University, B.S. (History Education). Tindell participated in the Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum in 2001. Presently he serves on the Jo-Carroll Energy board in governance, policy and is an alternate director for Dairyland Power Cooperative.

He has served on several boards in the past (Galena/Jo Daviess Historical Society and the Planetary Studies Foundation in Elizabeth), and worked with the Apple River Fort Historic Foundation several years in his capacity as acting site manager. Presently, he serves on the Apple River Fort Foundation Board in Elizabeth. At Galena Bible Church, he chairs the missions team, and also has worked with children in the AWANA program. **Peter Bray**

His spouse teaches preschool at River Ridge CUSD #210, and they have two grown children and two grandchildren. He enjoys outdoor activities, amateur radio and spending time with family.

Connecting our members to the world

Celebrating 10 years of Sand Prairie

We're observing 10 years of serving our co-op members with internet service through our Sand Prairie broadband division.

Working closely with one of our local newspapers, we developed a special information piece that shares testimonies from local business leaders, the technology behind fiber and the many uses of highspeed fiber broadband service.

If you did not receive and would like a copy, you can pick one up at the annual meeting, stop by our offices or call us at 800-858-5522 to receive a copy.



Help us celebrate our 80th Annual Meeting!

The Power of Generations

Make plans to join us for the Jo-Carroll Energy 80th Annual Meeting of Members on Wednesday, June 12. Attending the annual meeting is one way you can be actively involved in your cooperative.

The meeting will be held at West Carroll Middle School in Mount Carroll. Registration begins at 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Members attending will be able to talk with other member-owners, meet the board of directors and cooperative management. We will have displays and information about a variety of co-op programs and services.

During the meeting, the board chairman and management will report on co-op business. Members will vote on bylaw amendments and elect three directors by a vote of acclamation. (See election and candidate information on page 20C.) Jo-Carroll's bylaws provide for election by vote of acclamation at the annual meeting if there is not more than one candidate.

Members attending the annual meeting received a \$10 bill credit (one per

membership). Make sure to bring along the registration card from the Annual Report (mailed in May) to be entered for additional drawings at the conclusion of the business meeting. Bring along your Co-op Connections card or have the app downloaded to receive a special gift at the Co-op Connections booth.

While at the meeting, we're asking members to share an email address with us so we can keep you updated on co-op news, programs and services. Our 2018 member survey indicated that email is the number one way members said they want the co-op to share information with them. Electric members who share their email address will be entered to win a half panel in the South View Solar Farm. Forms will be available at the registration table and can be returned to the renewables or communications booths.

After the meeting, we'll also draw for 10 \$500 Director's Scholarships. High school seniors who submitted applications by May 1 must be in attendance with at least one parent or guardian to be eligible.

Mark your calendars for 2019 Appreciation Days!

Save the date for one of Jo-Carroll Energy's upcoming Member Appreciation Days, set for each of our offices in Elizabeth, Savanna and Geneseo.

Have lunch on us! Your employee team will fire up the grills and be serving pork chop sandwiches and hot dogs along with chips, ice-cold lemonade and a special treat.

We will have games for adults and kids alike. Members can try their hand at a balloon pop game to win bill credits. We will have LED light bulbs to give away.

We invite you to join us for a chance to visit with board members, employees and fellow member-owners. It's our way of thanking you for the opportunity to serve you throughout the year.

Events are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 19 at Geneseo
- June 25 at Elizabeth
- June 27 at Savanna

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

Wednesday, June 19
GENESEO / 1004 S Chicago

Tuesday, June 25
ELIZABETH / 793 US Rt 20 W

Thursday, June 27
SAVANNA / 103 Chicago Ave

11 AM - 1 PM

Jo-Carroll Energy Offices

Join us for **LUNCH / GAMES / PRIZES**
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Showcase your child's artistic talents

Enter our summer coloring contest

Looking for something to keep your kids busy this summer? Why not visit your local library to pick up an entry form for Jo-Carroll Energy's Summer Coloring Contest?

Each year, Jo-Carroll Energy partners with our local public libraries to support the community and to spread the word about a coloring contest for our members' children ages 5-10.

We select three winners of the contest each year, one from each age category. The winners receive a full set of school supplies for the fall school year plus many other fun prizes such as color-change pencils, bendy rulers and more. In addition to the child's prize, we donate five energy-related children's books to the child's community library.

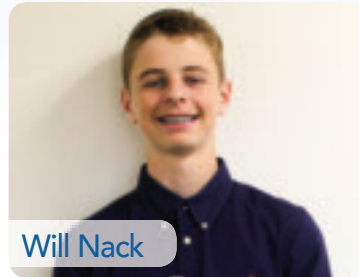
Coloring pages will be collected July 19. Please visit any of the following libraries to pick up a copy of the coloring form along with the contest guidelines.

- East Dubuque District Library
- Galena Public Library
- Elizabeth Township Library
- Hanover Township Library
- Savanna Public Library
- Mt. Carroll Township Library
- York Township Library
- Schmaling Memorial Library
- Albany Public Library
- Erie Public Library
- Geneseo Public Library



Jo-Carroll sends high school students to Washington, D.C.

Will Nack of Galena and Jennah Magill of Savanna will represent Jo-Carroll Energy during the annual “Youth to Washington” tour in June. The event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives, began more than 50 years ago to introduce rural youths to the democratic form of government and cooperatives.



Will Nack



Jennah Magill

Students within Jo-Carroll’s service territory were invited to enter the Youth to Washington contest in which they had to submit entry forms and an essay. The two were selected following interviews with Ashley Graham of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC).

Nack and Magill join other students from across the state and country for the trip.

Correction

Three lines were inadvertently omitted from the board minutes printed in the May Hi-Lines. The minutes should have included the following:

In addition to the October 23rd open board meeting, a second date, June 26th was selected.

Action items as a result of Executive Session – None. Chairman Senn adjourned the meeting at 2:28 P.M



How will you do the SUMMER SHIFT between 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.?

As temperatures rise, so does the demand for electricity. By shifting your energy use before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., you’ll help save energy and help your co-op maintain affordable energy prices.

Take a walk, wait to do laundry, opt for a picnic once or twice a week, work in your garden or just turn up your thermostat a few degrees and you are doing the Summer Shift.

Talk to your trusted energy advisors at Jo-Carroll to learn more about the Summer Shift and how you can help.

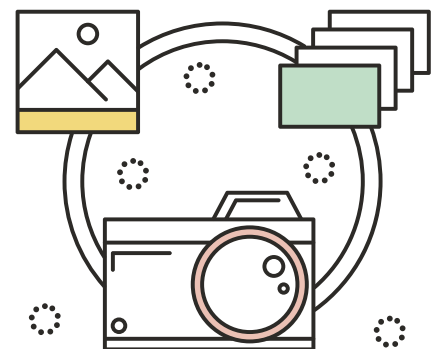
Picture this, your photos in print

Jo-Carroll Energy is looking for entries for its 2019 Photo Contest. Winners will be featured in the 2020 Jo-Carroll Energy Calendar.

The contest is open until June 30. We are looking for images that represent life in our service territory – whether they are action shots or scenic landscapes. Entrants must be Jo-Carroll Energy members. All photos must be the original work of the entrant and must be taken within the co-op’s service territory.

From the member submissions, we choose 12 photos to appear on the calendar pages along with front and back cover photos. Several others are selected as honorable mention.

For complete rules and entry information, visit jocarroll.com or contact Peggy Francomb, manager of communications and marketing, at 800-858-5522, ext. 1218 or pfrancomb@jocarroll.com.





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Sand Prairie neighborhoods

- ▶ EAST DUBUQUE: ED 1 @ Sign-up phase
All other ED neighborhoods @ Interest Phase
- ▶ ELIZABETH: ELZ6 @ Interest phase
All other ELZ neighborhoods, installation available
- ▶ GALENA: G0 Installation available; G8 @ Sign-up; All others @ Interest
- ▶ HIGH RIDGE: G17 Construction expected Fall '19
- ▶ MENOMINEE: MEN1 @ Interest Phase
- ▶ CHESTNUT: CHT1 Construction expected Fall '19
- ▶ THE GALENA TERRITORY: GT10 Construction expected Summer '19
GT5 & GT 6 @ Sign-up phase; All other GT neighborhoods @ Interest Phase
- ▶ APPLE CANYON LAKE: CYN6 - Underground construction
All other CYN neighborhoods @ Interest Phase
- ▶ MT CARROLL: All neighborhoods @ Interest Phase
- ▶ SAVANNA: ALL neighborhoods @ Interest Phase



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