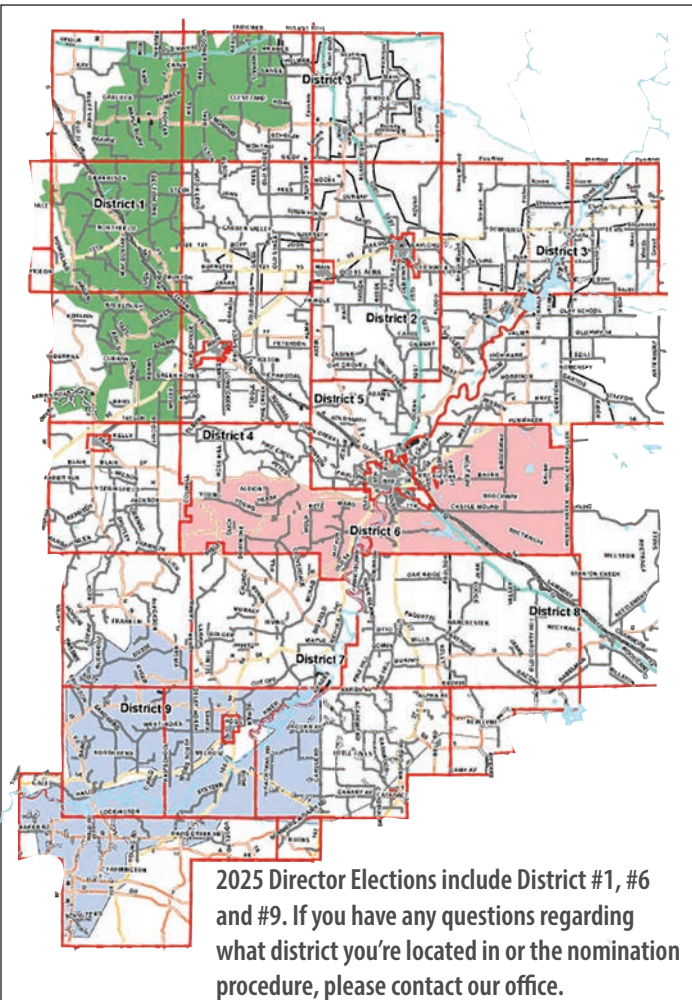


CALL FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

2025 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS INCLUDE DISTRICT #1, #6, AND #9

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 (b) of the Jackson Electric Cooperative Bylaws: “Nominations for candidates for director to represent each district shall be made by petition signed by not less than ten (10) members eligible to vote in the district to be represented by the candidate and delivered to the principal office of JEC at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting. In the event no valid petitions have been delivered to the principal office of JEC by the required date for any district requiring an election, the board of directors shall appoint a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall meet as soon as reasonably practicable after appointment and use reasonable efforts to nominate two or more qualified candidates. Nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting are not permitted.”

Nomination packets can be obtained at Jackson Electric’s office. Candidates are subject to a background check. **The documents included in the nomination packet must be completed in their entirety and received within Jackson Electric’s office (not the drop box) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025.**



District Meetings: Bylaw amendments adopted at the May 14, 2024 annual meeting changed the nomination procedure for candidates. District meetings are no longer held.

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Lunda Theatre, Black River Falls, Wis.

Director Qualifications

Article III, Section 3 (b) of the Bylaws of Jackson Electric Cooperative establishes certain qualifications that must be met in order to become a director.

Qualifications. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in JEC who:

- 1) does not have the capacity to enter into legally binding contracts, or
- 2) is not a bona fide resident in the area served by JEC, and of the particular district which he or she represents, or
- 3) is in any way employed by or financially interested in
 - a) a competing enterprise, or
 - b) a business selling electric energy or supplies to JEC, or
- 4) is an employee of JEC, or
- 5) has any form of pending litigation which is, in any way, adverse to the interest of JEC, had participated in litigation or had some form of adversarial claim against JEC within ten years of nomination, election or appointment, or is likely to have an adversarial interest, claim or litigation against JEC during the term of his or her director position, or
- 6) while serving as a director or at any time within ten years preceding his or her nomination, election, or appointment was an employee of JEC, or
- 7) while serving as a director, or at anytime within 15 years preceding his or her nomination, election or appointment, was convicted, or completed a sentence, probation or parole arising from conviction, of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty or breach of trust.

When a membership is held jointly, either joint member, but not both, shall be eligible to be a director, provided the candidate meets the qualifications set forth in (1) through (7), above, and provided further that the other joint member meets the qualifications in (3) through (7), above. When a membership is held by a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, any one (but not more than one) of the officers, partners, or members shall be eligible, provided the candidate meets the qualifications set forth in (1) through (7), above, and provided further that all the officers, partners, or members meet the qualifications in (3) through (7), above.

Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to preclude any member from serving as a director or from

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THE WAIT IS OVER: A New Payment Option Has Arrived

PREPAID BILLING

What is the concept of Prepaid Billing?

Prepaid billing is like filling up a vehicle's gas tank. Gas is paid for before it is used. Once the gas gauge indicates the level is low, it's time for a refill before it is completely empty and stops running. Prepaid billing for electricity is a similar concept.

How does it work?

A member pays in advance for electricity not yet used. The member will receive a notification if the prepaid balance runs low. This notification will indicate approximately how many days of energy are left. As long as funds are added to the account before the prepaid balance reaches \$0.00, the account will remain connected. Funds can be added to a prepaid account at any time to maintain a positive balance and uninterrupted service. If the funds are depleted, the electric service may turn off until a payment is made and the prepaid balance is at least a \$25.00 credit.

What are the requirements?

- \$25 minimum credit balance to enroll
- Must have a registered SmartHub account to receive notifications

What are the benefits?

- No due dates
- No late fees (up to \$300/year savings)
- No reconnect fees (fees apply for onsite reconnects)
- Control of your budget and energy usage habits

Member Enrollment Now Available

Contact Jackson Electric at 715.284.5385 or submit an inquiry to www.jackelec.com/contact-us to request a Prepaid Billing Enrollment Form.



RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

Did you know heating and cooling typically account for 40-50% of a household's monthly expenses? Stretch your energy dollar with some simple tips to save energy this winter.

1. **Adjust your thermostat:** The recommended thermostat setting for energy savings and comfort is 68°F. Lower the temperature overnight or when no one is home for even more savings. A one degree decrease in heating setpoint can decrease energy consumption by 3-5%.
2. **Change your filter:** If your heating system has a filter, make sure you change it regularly. A dirty filter will cause your system to work harder. When you change your filter, make sure it is facing the correct direction.
3. **Weatherize your home:** Don't let your heat go out the door (or window). Weather strip or caulk around doors and windows to seal air leaks and keep comfort inside your home. Make sure windows are locked during the heating season to provide a tighter seal and more efficiency.
4. **Take advantage of the sun:** Open shades and curtains during the day to let the winter sunlight warm your home. Close them at night to help keep out the cold.
5. **Reverse your ceiling fans:** Operate your ceiling fans in a clockwise rotation at a low speed to force warm air down. While this won't change the room's temperature, it can help keep you more comfortable while occupying the space. Just remember to turn off the fan when no one is in the room.

Sources: Touchstone Energy, US Department of Energy

Nothing says
"peace of mind"
like SmartHub's Usage Alerts

Usage Alert

You have the following usage alerts:

Values are in kilowatt-hours (kWh)

1. Jackson Electric Account 123456 with meter RF123456 had usage of 47.26 at 12/30/2024 12:00 AM - 12/31/2024 12:00 AM
2. Jackson Electric Account 234589 with meter RF123457 had usage of 31.03 at 12/30/2024 12:00 AM - 12/31/2024 12:00 AM

Jackson Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Whether you have a seasonal account or primary residence, enrolling in SmartHub's usage alerts could give you peace of mind.

Set high and low usage thresholds to catch issues before they become problems or figure out a high energy usage culprit in your home.

Go to SmartHub to enroll or contact our office.

2025 ENERGY EFFICIENT REBATES

Jackson Electric offers rebates to members who purchase qualified energy efficient items.

- Qualified items must be purchased, installed, and operating (generating kWhs) on Jackson Electric’s service lines in 2025.
- Active memberships only.
- 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.
- Contact our office for an application form. Application forms can also be completed and submitted through our website at www.jackelec.com

Your rebate application may be rejected if all required documentation is not completed and received within 60 days of the invoice date.

Rebate amounts less than \$500 will be issued as a credit on the member’s billing statement. More than that amount, a check will be issued to the member on record.

Jackson Electric does not participate in the statewide Focus on Energy efficiency incentive program. Because the cooperative is governed by nine directors, it is felt that the money the co-op receives from its members to distribute for rebates and incentives should stay locally and within Jackson Electric’s service territory. The \$1.40 line item on your billing statement is a state-mandated charge where \$0.70 goes to low-income energy assistance programs and \$0.70 to energy efficiency programs. If the co-op participated in Focus on Energy, this money would go to the state to be disbursed statewide rather than locally. The money Jackson Electric collects is given back only to Jackson Electric’s members in the form of energy assistance and/or energy efficiency rebates.

HEAT PUMPS	
Air Source Heat Pump and Mini Split	\$500/ton
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$500/ton
ECM Blower w/New Furnace	\$35/unit

WATER HEATERS	
Residential 100+ Gallon (new)*	\$300
Residential 75-99 Gallon (new)*	\$300
Heat Pump Water Heater	\$300
*Load management receiver must be installed and operating, and energy efficiency standards must be met to receive rebate.	

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER	
Residential Electric Vehicle Chargers	\$800
Must be purchased from Jackson Electric and controlled by Jackson Electric’s energy management program.	

ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES	
Clothes Washer	\$150
Clothes Dryer (must be electric)	\$150
Dishwasher	\$150
Dehumidifier	\$ 50
Inductive Range (requires specific cookware)	\$150
Freezer	\$150
Refrigerator	\$150

AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT	
Exhaust Fan	\$1/inch
Circulation Fan	\$1/inch
Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-Cooler	\$500/unit
Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery, etc.	\$300/unit
Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer	\$50/unit
Scroll Refrigerator Compressor	\$30/HP
VFD	\$30/HP

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 the cost of energy efficiency improvements up to \$500. For specific details on this program, go to www.jackelec.com or contact our office.	Up to \$500

NEW IN 2025

HEAT PUMP AND CENTRAL AC TUNE-UP REBATE

Jackson Electric announces a new rebate to help cover the cost of a tune-up on your heat pump or central A/C unit operating on Jackson Electric’s service lines. Preventative maintenance is the key to maintaining efficient heating and cooling equipment and ensuring your equipment is in good working order.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Tune-up must be completed in 2025 on a heat pump or central A/C unit operating on Jackson Electric Cooperative’s lines. Active memberships only.
- Hire the HVAC service contractor of your choosing. Contractor must complete the Contractor Information section of the rebate form.
- The heat pump or central A/C unit must be in working order. Rebate is for tune-ups only, not the cost of repairs.
- One incentive per location, every other year. (If you receive this rebate in 2025, you cannot receive again until 2027).
- Rebate not to exceed the tune-up cost. Maximum rebate is \$75.
- Submit completed rebate form with copy of paid receipt or invoice showing a tune-up was completed.



PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Michelle Kleppek for being selected as November’s photo contest winner. This beautiful photo, “Early Fall on the Woods”, was taken in the Black River State Forest. Michelle received a \$25 energy credit on her November usage statement.

Director Qualifications

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holding any position of trust in JEC because such member is an incumbent of or candidate for the office of town chairman or supervisors or because such member is also a member or director of any other cooperative from which JEC purchases or may purchase electric energy, supplies or services, not shall anything in this section contained by deemed or construed to affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

If you have any questions regarding what district you’re located in or the nomination procedure, please contact our office.

PHOTO MEMORIES

Right: Jackson Electric Cooperative office building under construction in downtown Black River Falls, WI. November 1949.

Below: Mrs. Hans Morken. February 1951. Does anyone recognize these two girls?



Above: Mr. Schultz demonstrates a new feed grinder. December 1957.



Left: Harvey Gilbertson demonstrates a milk can hoist. December 1952.



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