



CALL FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS



Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 (c) 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 thirty (30) days prior to the district meeting. Nominations from the floor at the district meetings will not be permitted unless there is no qualified nominee by petition who is able and willing to serve as a director.”

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 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024.**

In-person district meetings will be held in Districts 4, 5, and 7. Meeting notices will be mailed through the USPS in March 2024 to members in each of those districts. The newly elected

directors begin their terms following ratification at the annual meeting.

- District #4 Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Time TBD
- District #5 Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, Time TBD
- District #7 Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, Time TBD
- Annual Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Time TBD, Lunda Theatre, Black River Falls

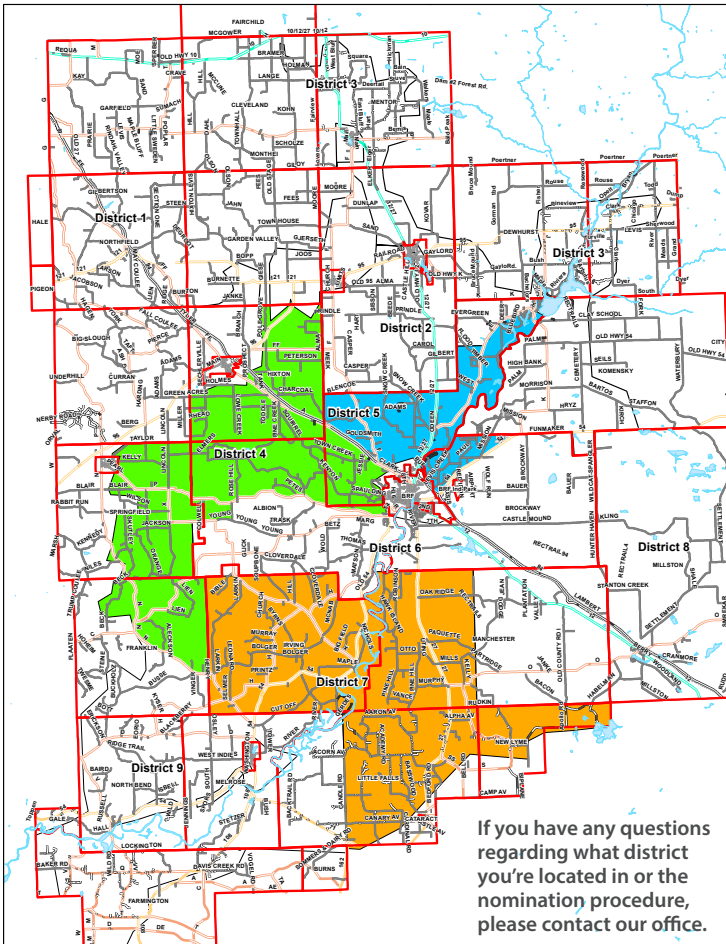
Director Qualifications

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.



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GET TO KNOW JACKSON ELECTRIC'S YOUTH AMBASSADORS

This month we're introducing the first-year juniors who decided to join the youth ambassador program because of the great things they heard from their peers.

Ben Ross

School attending:
Lincoln High School
(Alma Center)

Grade in school:
Junior

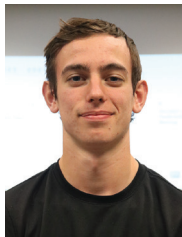
Why did you join the youth ambassador program? "My friend mentioned how much fun he had during the program last year."

Future plans: Pursue a degree in business management.

Extracurricular activities:
Basketball, football, baseball, student council, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Hobbies/part-time work: Sports, video games, hanging with friends

What three items would you bring with you on a deserted island? Cheez-its, Dr. Pepper, Yoshi (my dog)



Laryssa Peters

School attending:
Black River Falls
High School

Grade in school:
Junior

Why did you join the youth ambassador program? "To get out of my comfort zone and to participate in activities outside of school."

Future plans: "I see being a paralegal in my future. I also have interest in being a veterinarian technician, police officer/detective, or joining the National Guard."

Extracurricular activities:
Volleyball, softball

Hobbies/part-time work: Walks with my dogs, Disney, bowling, job at Wal-Mart

What three items would you bring with you on a deserted island?
Toothbrush, knife, sword



Isabella Libke

School attending:
Melrose-Mindoro

Grade in school:
Junior

Why did you join the youth ambassador program? "I heard good things and decided to apply because it would be good to get involved with the opportunities this program provides."

Future plans: Become a game warden.

Extracurricular activities: Track and field, student council, National Honor Society (NHS), FFA (Future Farmers of America), mock trial

Hobbies/part-time work:
Babysitting, fishing, hunting, pole vaulting, reading

What three items would you bring with you on a deserted island?
Clothing, matches, water filter



WATCH FOR YOUR RETIREMENT CHECK/CREDIT

Jackson Electric's board of directors recently approved the retirement of \$398,783.45 in allocated capital credits for the year 2005. Members who purchased electricity from Jackson Electric during the year 2005 have capital credits allocated to their account and those capital credits will now be retired or paid out.

Capital Credits Retirement Notice

- Jackson Electric shall not retire and pay capital credits in an amount less than \$25.
- Jackson Electric shall apply retired capital credits in the amount between \$25 and \$50 to active member's billing account. Credits will be applied to the December billing statement.
- Accounts with retired capital credits of more than \$50 will receive a check to the patron's most current address on file at Jackson Electric. Retirement checks are slated to be mailed on December 8, 2023.
- Retired capital credits check not cashed within 90 days from assignment will become null and void. There is a \$25 administrative fee to reissue that check.

Capital Credits Account Reminders

If you move from Jackson Electric's service lines, please be sure to contact our office with your new address. Even though you will no longer receive a capital credits allocation, the balance in your account will remain until it is retired in full. It's important to keep your contact information current so we can send to you any capital credits retirement you are eligible to receive.

When a member passes away, the capital credits account is available for estate retirement. The representative of the estate should contact our office or go to www.jackelec.com/capital-credits to complete the required documentation.

Director Nominations

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Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to preclude any member from serving as a director or from 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, nor shall anything in this section contained be 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.



WHAT IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

Far too often we use words and acronyms in the energy industry that can be a bit confusing, which can lead to misunderstandings. In the past, we've received member calls stating, "If my electric heat is 100% energy efficient then why is my electric bill so much higher when I use my electric heat?"

That's a good question, and if you read on, we're going to explain the meaning of energy efficiency.

Energy efficiency are two words often used in the energy sector. According to the U.S Department of Energy, "Energy efficiency is the use of less energy to perform the same task or produce the same result." Considering that 43% of an average household's electrical usage is contributed to space heating, it makes sense to explore how to make your household's heating energy consumption more efficient (Touchstone Energy).

How can you use less energy and still heat your home?

The first thing to consider is your home's overall energy envelope. Proper insulation and sealing of drafty windows and doors will reduce the operating costs of your existing heating system. If you're in need of a new heating system, making improvements to your home may also reduce the size of system needed. (Touchstone Energy). Additionally, routine maintenance check-ups and changing your system's filter, if applicable, will optimize your system's performance and energy efficiency.

How does electric heat compare to propane?

You've probably heard at one time or another that electric heat is expensive. While it is true that those who primarily heat their home with electricity have a higher winter electric bill, it is important to understand how that cost compares to heating the same home with propane. The electric bill is more notable because you see the monthly statement and dollar amount, while you may only see the price of your LP when you sign a contract or when you pay for a fill-up a few times per year.

Electric Heating Options

A heat pump is the most efficient form of electric heat because no energy is consumed to produce heat. The only electricity consumed is in the process of extracting air and transferring it inside your home.

Geothermal Heat Pump: This is the most efficient form of electric heat, up to 400% efficient. This means that your unit has the potential to put out four times more heat energy than what it is using in electricity. Geothermal systems use the constant temperature of the earth to transfer heat to your home through a network of underground coils. These systems have the highest upfront costs for installation, but they can

potentially cover 100% of your heating and cooling needs.

Air Source Heat Pump: These systems are up to 250% energy efficient. These units have the potential to put out up to 2-1/2 times more heat energy than what they use in electricity. These units will provide the most energy efficiency on days when the outside temperature is above 30 degrees. When the outside temperature drops below this set point, your supplemental heat kicks in.

Electric Resistance Heat: All electric resistance heating systems are 100% efficient, which can be misleading. This does not necessarily mean that consumers will have a lower electric bill. In the simplest terms, 100% efficient means that all the energy consumed is converted to heat, as opposed to fossil fuel counterparts that can never reach 100% efficiency due to heat loss through the ductwork or vents.

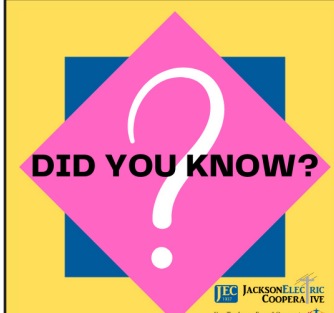
Electric resistance heating options are baseboards, boilers, radiant floor heating systems, cove heat, plenum heaters, electric thermal storage (ETS) units, and portable space heaters.

Comparing Electric Heat to LP

The average liquid propane (LP) price per gallon in Wisconsin in 2023 as of the second week of October was \$2.14 per gallon (eia.gov). Even at a contracted or prepaid price for LP, it is hard for propane to compete with the operating costs of heat pumps. However, electric resistance heating savings is going to largely depend on the propane market and whether you purchased LP at a contract price. Propane prices are volatile, while your electric rate is consistent throughout the year. Remember when LP was over \$3 per gallon and even reached \$4.49 per gallon in 2014?

Heat pumps are cost competitive with fossil fuel furnaces because of their rated energy efficiency. Some LP furnaces are up to 95% energy efficient. You would have to purchase LP at \$0.75/gallon to compare operating a geothermal heat pump at \$0.1188/kWh. If you have an air source heat pump on Jackson Electric's dual fuel rate, LP will need to be purchased at \$0.84/gallon.

If you have any questions on electric heating options, please contact our office, or go to www.jackelec.com/electric-heat-options.



Jackson Electric has donated the use of its facilities for the past eight years to Project Christmas. Community volunteers gather at Jackson Electric to continue Project Christmas' mission to provide gifts to local families who are less fortunate.

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REMINDERS



Holiday Hours

Jackson Electric's office will be closed:
December 25, 2023
January 1, 2024

Power outages can be reported to 855.222.3275. Bill payments can be made at 844.759.3984 or through any of our online payment services.

Rebate Applications Due December 27

2023 energy efficiency rebate applications are due December 27, 2023. Forms can be downloaded from www.jackelec.com/rebates-and-incentives.

Energy Assistance is Available

Energy assistance is available to those who meet assistance guidelines. Please contact your county's Department of Health and Human Services to learn more.

WELCOME, ANTHONY

Jackson Electric recently welcomed Anthony Borgstrom as the new IT systems administrator. Originally from Brooklyn Park, Minn., college brought Anthony to Eau Claire, Wis., where he earned his Information Technology

Service Specialist degree at Chippewa Valley Technical College and remained on the President's List throughout the program. "At my previous employer, I worked with cooperatives as a support team member. I was looking for an opportunity closer to my current residence, and that's when I found Jackson Electric," Anthony shares.

On a daily basis, you'll find Anthony overseeing the information technology needs at Jackson Electric from monitoring the network to providing IT support. He looks forward to the learning opportunities, providing support, and being a team player in his new role. "I have already learned more about cooperatives and the business model," he shares.

When Anthony's not at work, you may still find him working with computers as a hobby or hanging out with his goldendoodle, Oliver. Asked what songs are the soundtrack of his life, Anthony says, "I'm kind of an old soul. I listen to anything and everything: jazz, blues, anything considered oldies."



GET YOUR CAMERAS OUT: JACKSON ELECTRIC'S PHOTO CONTEST IS BACK

We cover lots of territory with our camera, but now we want to see how you view our service territory through your lens. We are looking for fresh, creative, high-quality photos in the places where our members live, work, and volunteer in our service territory.

Each month from January through December, members can submit up to two photos into our monthly photo contest for a chance to win a \$25 energy credit. Photos should be current and original.

Contest entries can be submitted through the webform at www.jackelec.com. Emailed or in-person submissions will not be accepted. The contest runs January 1 through December 31, 2024.

For questions, please email bsframek@jackelec.com or call 715.284.5385, press 5 for Member Relations.



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