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Jacksonville Electric Honors Howard “Bud” Bemis for 55 Years of Service

At its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, The Village of Jacksonville Electric Company honored Howard “Bud” Bemis with its Distinguished Service Award in recognition of more than 55 years of dedicated service on the Jacksonville Electric Board of Trustees.

At 95 years old, Bud has decided to retire from the Board, bringing to a close a remarkable chapter of service to the Village of Jacksonville, the Town of Whitingham, and the public power community of Vermont.

For generations, Bud has been a familiar face in Jacksonville. Throughout his years as a Trustee and President of the Electric Company, he helped guide the utility through countless challenges and improvements while always keeping the best interests of the community at heart.

“Bud has been part of Jacksonville Electric for longer than many of us can imagine,” said General Manager James Weber. “His knowledge, leadership, and dedication have helped shape the utility we have today.”

During the 1970s, Bud played an important role in negotiating service boundaries with Vermont Electric Coop (before they sold to Green Mountain Power) and led the project to locate the main feeder line that serves Jacksonville. Those improvements helped strengthen the electric system and laid the foundation for the reliable service our customers enjoy today.

Over the years, Bud helped Jacksonville Electric weather storms, adapt to changing technology, and continue providing dependable electric service to local homes and businesses. Just as importantly, he shared his experience and wisdom with the many trustees, village leaders, and employees who followed him.

As Jacksonville Electric's first General Manager, I have personally benefited from Bud's guidance and support. Like many others before me, I could always count on his perspective, his common sense, and his commitment to doing what was right for the community.

Fifty-five years of service is an extraordinary accomplishment. Bud's dedication reflects the spirit of small-town public service—neighbors helping neighbors and working together to leave things better than they found them.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, employees, and customers of the Village of Jacksonville Electric Company, we thank Howard “Bud” Bemis for his lifetime of service and congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved recognition.



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