

Village of Jacksonville Electric Co.
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026

The Jacksonville Trustees held a regular meeting at 6:00pm in the office of the Village of Jacksonville Electric Co. on Tuesday April 14, 2026.

PRESENT: Tyler Colford – Trustee/President; Ken Bernard – Trustee; Laura Allen – Trustee; John Doty – Trustee/Treasurer; Jenepher Burnell – Trustee/Clerk; James Weber – General Manager

ABSENT:

Call to Order

Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Additions or Changes to Agenda

Change the order of the agenda to hold the Draft Audit Presentation first.

Draft Audit Presentation

Bill Keyser joined the meeting via Zoom. He reviewed the Draft Audit, pointing out some suggestions for staff on best practices for journal entry. 2025 showed a revenue increase and transmission was high. There was a reduction in loss of cash flow with 52,000 for 2025 compared to 110,000 for 2024. The Auditors noted a large accounts payable balance, mostly attributable to VPPSA debt. Less reliance on Green Mountain Power with the increase in linemen. Billing for line extensions has improved, showing an increase in revenue. Overall, the auditors are seeing Jacksonville Electric moving in the right direction toward lowering its debt, becoming self-sufficient, and balancing books.

Public Comments

Bud Bemis suggested the Board work with a mediator to help staff work better together. He also pointed out that the Village residents are responsible/liable for the Electric Companies debt. He thinks the Village should not get involved with EV Chargers and stay away from Solar. He asked if there are any grants for improvements, James noted we have been awarded a Grid Grant recently.

Review and approve minutes of March 10, 2026

Review and approve minutes of March 12, 2026

Tyler motioned to table the minutes of March 10, 2026, and March 12, 2026, for a future meeting. Laura seconded. All in favor.

Financial Report

- The Financial Summary Memorandum was reviewed. No action necessary.
- The Payables Warrant was reviewed.
John motioned to approve the payables, Jenepher seconded, all in favor.
- The Payroll Warrant was reviewed.
John motioned to approve the payroll, Jenepher seconded, all in favor.

Managers' Report

The Managers' Memorandum was reviewed. Havreluk Tree Service is expecting to have its whole team in town next week.

Executive Session

James suggested that the Board enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations with Green Mountain Power.

- Tyler moved to enter executive session to include James Weber and Bud Bemis at 8:09, Jenepher seconded the motion, all in favor.
- Tyler moved to leave executive session at 8:30, Laura seconded the motion, all in favor.

Managers' Report cont.

The Department of Public Service came to the office to meet with James and Amanda. They were very impressed with our operation and impressed with utilizing part-time linemen.

Old Business cont.

- Hometown Banners – Riggs Distler will do the installation of the banners.
- APPA Conference – James made a reservation for a hotel, but will look into government rates.
- Trustee Pay – this will now be paid through payroll.
- Sidewalks – It is time for the sidewalks to be cleaned. After a brief discussion, Jenepher motioned to hire Lakeview to clean the sidewalks after the State sweeps the state roads. Laura seconded, all in favor.
- Follow up from last meeting: if needed: Executive session to evaluate an employee under 1 V.S.A. §313(3). – Tyler had some suggestions. It was agreed that Tyler and James would work on the job descriptions together. No action taken.

New Business

- Laura asked if staff could use “Men Working” signs at all times when out directing traffic.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jenepher and seconded by Tyler to adjourn the meeting, all in favor.

Tyler adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jenepher Burnell-Clerk