

KILOWATT

MANDATES

ARTICLE BY: SCOTT FROEMMING, CEO



I try not to get into politics too much in these articles, but political decisions have ramifications for all of us in various ways. One issue that is being discussed, in this Minnesota legislative session, is significantly increasing the mandated amount of renewable energy in a utility's generation portfolio. I think this is a bad idea!

First, let's consider that the electric grid is growing greener every day. Reliable and affordable energy is being delivered to homes and businesses with radically lower pollution and diminishing amounts of carbon. This greening of the grid is the result of changing market conditions, which are creating financial incentives to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and increase our use of wind, solar and renewable enabling natural gas.

Despite our rapid adoption of renewable energy resources, some Minnesota legislators are proposing to dramatically increase Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES) which will sabotage current effective market dynamics causing higher renewables prices. If the renewables sellers know you are required to have more, they will hold out for premium prices. In addition, the renewable levels being proposed have never been seriously studied so we don't know how grid

stability may be impacted.

A quick example from the polar vortex in late January. During that time, of dangerous 30+ degree below zero temperatures, the demand for electricity spiked. At that same time the amount of electricity generated by wind turbines plummeted because many wind turbines shut down automatically when it got too cold for them to operate. Uninterrupted electricity was available during the life-threatening freezing cold conditions because of fossil fuel power plants that ran flawlessly and carried the bulk of the electrical load.

The current Minnesota RES is 25% renewables by 2025. Great River Energy, our power supplier, has already reached that level and has pledged to be 50% renewable by 2030. The current voluntary approach provides flexibility to diversify generation portfolios using an "all-of-the-above" approach. We need a balanced "all-of-the-above" generation portfolio approach to maintain the affordability, reliability and sustainability of our Minnesota and national electric grid.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

KPC CLOSED APRIL 19TH

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will be closed on April 19th in celebration of Good Friday.

If you need to contact us for any reason, please call 1-800-551-4951.

MAKE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION NOW!

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is holding their Annual Meeting April 23rd, at the Little Crow Event Center. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp with brunch to follow.

Due to limited space, we ask that you please RSVP NO LATER than April 12th if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting. Contact us at 1-800-551-4951 or by email to rryks@kpcoop.com. We hope that you will be able to join us and take this opportunity to visit with your Board Directors and hear what is happening at your cooperative. As always, we will have a welcome gift and prize drawing.



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BOARD DIRECTOR FILING FOR 2019

The period for filing for election to the Board of Directors closed on February 25th, 2019. Filings were received for the following seats which are up for election:

- District #1 – Dale Anderson (Incumbent) District #2 – Stan Wubben (Incumbent)
District #3 – Jake Vlaminck (Nominee) and Diane Helgeson (Incumbent)

Article IV, Section 4.2 states “In the event that there is only one candidate for election to a Director position, either through filing or by nomination, the single candidate shall be deemed elected by acclamations an unopposed candidate and no voting shall be required for such an uncontested Director election.”

The only voting will be for KPC Members in District #3 because there are two candidates running for election.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

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Source: energy.gov



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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING of the KANDIYOHI POWER COOPERATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative (KPC) will be held at the Little Crow Event Center, 15980 Hwy 23 NE, Spicer, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. The Annual Business Meeting of the Members will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. The following business will be transacted:

- 1) To hear, examine and approve the reports of the officers, directors, and committees.
- 2) To elect three (3) Directors for said Association for the ensuing term.
- 3) For the transaction of such other and further business as may lawfully be brought before the membership of the Association, and as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Association.

DATED: Spicer, Minnesota, February 27th, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS


Dale Anderson, Chair


Stanley Wubben, Secretary

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ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM - 2019

9:00 a.m. - CALL TO ORDER – Dale Anderson, Chairman
INVOCATION – Stanley Wubben, Secretary/Treasurer
APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN – Don Wilcox, Attorney
APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY – Robin Ryks
NATIONAL ANTHEM
REPORT OF QUORUM – Stanley Wubben, Secretary/Treasurer
DECLARATION – FILE REPORT ON QUORUM – Dale Anderson, Chairman
READING OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING – Stanley Wubben, Secretary/Treasurer
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING – Stanley Wubben, Secretary/Treasurer
APPROVAL OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Dale Anderson, Chairman
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Dale Anderson, Chairman
PRESIDENTS COMMENTS – Dale Anderson, Chairman
GUEST SPEAKER – TBA
CEO REPORT – Scott Froemming, Chief Executive Officer
REPORT ON FILING FOR DIRECTOR ELECTIONS (Section 4.3) – Scott Froemming, Chief Executive Officer
INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTORS
Introduction of Nominees by District:

- District 1 – Dale Anderson (Incumbent)
- District 2 – Stan Wubben (Incumbent),
- District 3 – Diane Helgeson (Incumbent), Jake Vlaminck (Nominee)

Introduction of present Board Members:

• Dale Anderson (Incumbent)	District 1
• Rollo Campe	District 1
• Larry Powers	District 1
• Stan Wubben (Incumbent)	District 2
• Dan Pomranke	District 2
• Todd Post	District 2
• Diane Helgeson (Incumbent)	District 3
• Darrell Fostervold (Incumbent)	District 3
• Robbert Stone	District 3

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
QUESTIONS OF THE MEMBERS
REPORTS OF ELECTION RESULTS
MOTION TO ADJOURN
10:00 a.m. DRAWINGS and BRUNCH

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KPC'S KEY ACCOUNT REP, DAN TEPFER, HOSTED TOUR...



On February 5th, Dan hosted a group of around 17 people from Runestone Electric, Alexandria Schools, University of Morris, Great River Energy and others on a tour of local businesses, Simply Shrimp LLC and Lettuce Abound Farms. Simply Shrimp Is owned and operated by Paul Damhof and Lettuce Abound is owned and operated by Kevin Ortenblad.

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The Commitment of an Electric Line worker

Line worker Appreciation Day is April 8.

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric line workers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperatives' line workers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires line workers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

To perform their jobs successfully, line workers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely. Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A line worker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their line worker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be more difficult.

Monday, April 8 is Line worker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's line workers, both on and off the job, please take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you - our members!



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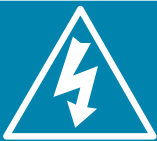
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	District
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Larry Powers- 320-212-7960	1
Dan Pomranke- 320-894-7113	2
Todd Post- 320-212-1119	2
Stan Wubben, Secretary- 320-905-8325	2
Darrell Fostervold, VC- 320-212-4824	3
Diane Helgeson- 320-220-3745	3
Robbert Stone- 320-894-8867	3

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Chicken Alfredo Roll-Ups



Ingredients	4 Tbsp. Butter	1 Tbsp. Freshly Chopped Parsley, plus more for garnish
	2 Cloves Garlic, minced	Sea Salt & Ground Black Pepper
	¼ C. All-purpose Flour	4 C. Shredded Rotisserie Chicken
	2 ½ C. Milk 2% or whole	12 Lasagna Noodles, cooked according to package directions.
	4 Oz. Cream Cheese, softened	
	½ C. Freshly Grated Parmesan	
	1 Lemon, Juiced	

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 min. Whisk in flour and cook 1 minute more. Pour in milk, whisking constantly, and bring mixture to a simmer. Stir in cream cheese and Parmesan and simmer until sauce thickens, 2 to 3 min. Add lemon juice and parsley and season with salt and pepper.

Spoon a thin layer of sauce onto bottom of a baking dish. Spread sauce onto each cooked noodle and top with chicken, then roll up noodle. Place roll-ups in baking dish, seam-side down, and spoon over remaining sauce.

Bake until chicken is warmed through, about 20 minutes.

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Lineworker Appreciation Day

April 8, 2019

