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THE POWER BEHIND YOUR POWER

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11.

You've likely noticed Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough—but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, I thought I'd share some interesting facts about electric lineworkers with you.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000

hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line or work.

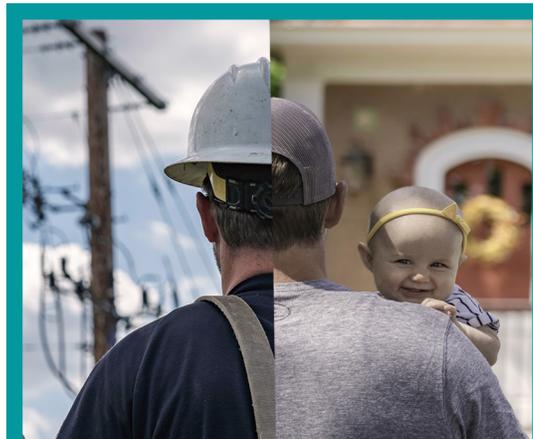
Despite the many challenges,

of the job to the community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. Here in Spicer, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative has 9 lineworkers that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain 1,813 miles of power lines across 4 counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them on April 11, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.



LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

KPC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance

MAKE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION NOW!

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is holding their Annual Meeting April 26th 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 15th if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting. Contact us at 1-800-551-4951 or by email to contactus@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.

YOUR ELECTRICITY IS CLEANER

(and as safe and reliable as ever)

There has been a lot of talk about climate change and emissions targets over the years in places like Paris, Washington D.C., and St. Paul. There has been a lot of action taking place in Spicer, and it's benefiting families and businesses in Kandiyohi County.



Ryan Nelson, CEO

We are on the path to clean energy. We believe Kandiyohi Power Cooperatives' member-owners have the best electric service around, whether you value cost, reliability, environmental responsibility—or all three.

In partnership with our wholesale electricity provider Great River Energy, we will dramatically reduce the energy we receive from coal. Not only will we meet Minnesota's goal to reduce carbon dioxide emissions 80% from 2005 levels, we will get there next year—27 years before the 2050 target.

Our renewable energy portfolio – which already meets Minnesota's renewable energy standard of 25% – will nearly triple in output by 2025.

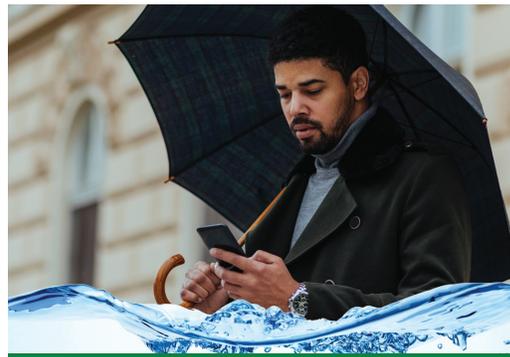
As these changes occur, KPC's wholesale power costs will flatten. As inflation is causing other costs to rise, Great River Energy's wholesale power rate remains well below the average cost of electricity in the region and is projected to remain flat for years to come.

The changes to the way we generate electricity have occurred intentionally for over a decade. We have closed two power plants and recently sold a third. Your elected directors have faced decisions that will have wide-ranging and long-lasting effects. They take into careful consideration the impact their decisions will have on the environment, reliability, community and

the state and local economy. Through it all, they have focused on doing what's best for KPC's member-owners.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and Great River Energy are in the strong position we are today because of the way we do business, as cooperatives. We are an owner of Great River Energy in the same way you are an owner of KPC.

Cooperatives are owned by those we serve, governed by democratically elected directors, and guided by a simple goal: to do what's best for the membership, in every scenario. By continuing to listen to our member-owners and work with partners like Great River Energy, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will remain innovative, nimble and deliver on our promise for generations.



Get warned about water.

MONITORED WATER SENSORS ALERT YOU BEFORE A BACK-UP BECOMES A FLOOD.

As part of a monitored security system, get alerted about potential water issues such as a failing sump pump, drain back-up, or sewer back-up, before costly damage occurs.



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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 virtually on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. 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, March 7, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS


Dale Anderson, Chair


Stanley Wubben, Secretary

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

February 23, 2022

The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. All directors present. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the agenda:

- PCA Discussion
- Special retirement discount rate

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report – discussed monthly activities
 - Annual Meeting update – Director election
 - NISC software training
 - MREA Safety Training
 - On-line training for employees
 - 2021 Audit Review next month
- Finance – Finance Manager, explained discrepancies and variations within the January budget.
 - Unclaimed Capital Credits update
 - Discounted Retirements
 - Cost of Service Study in 2022
 - PCA discussion/Policy updates
 - No Write-offs
- Member Services/Communications
 - COVID – Pandemic Plan for employees updated
 - 2021 water heater sales review
 - MSR retirement in March
 - Received no applicants to participate in Youth Tour
 - Co-Generation Report filed
- Engineering/Operations
 - 2021 Overview
 - Outage Breakdown

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- Minutes of the January 2022 Board Meeting
- Consent Agenda
- CRC Voting Delegates
- GRE Board Representative
- Employee Retirement
- Board Report & Filing Acceptance

Great River Energy (GRE) Director's Report by Chair Anderson

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is March 23, 2022



Enroll in our Auto Pay program to be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$25.00 bill credit. Save time and money!

Must be on Auto Pay to be eligible to win. You can also select email as your only delivery option. You will then receive an email instead of a paper bill when your bill is ready for payment.

Auto Pay Winner: Steven Martens

KPC WOULD LIKE TO WISH JANET HAUGEN A HAPPY AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT!

Thank you for over 14 years of dedicated and loyal service to us and our membership!

In her retirement, Janet is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, 4 children and 13 grandchildren. She said, "The Co-op has been a great place to work, now I will have more time to do gardening, crafting, and relaxing at the lake."

Join us in wishing Janet a happy retirement!



CONGRATULATIONS

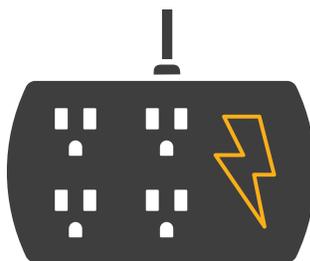
Ryan Erickson and Dale Anderson on earning their Director Education Certificates from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's board members are community-minded individuals with a variety of skill sets. We rely on their many talents to help us make informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Our directors live right here in the co-op's service area, and we consider them the eyes and ears of the community because they provide their perspective on important community issues. They have a passion for the community and a willingness to actively serve and learn.

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric cooperative directors, requiring increased knowledge of changes in the electric



utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. Ultimately, our board is the community pulse for the co-op and helps keep us on the right track. We thank the board for their commitment and dedication to Kandiyohi Power Cooperative.



SURGE PROTECTION

Keep your electronic equipment safe.

A power surge is typically caused by lightning, changes in electrical loads, faulty wiring or damaged power lines.

Install power strips with surge protection to protect sensitive equipment.

- **Easy to use (just plug them in)**
- **Protect electronics plugged into the device**
- **Must be replaced over time or after a major surge event**



REMEMBER:

Not all power strips offer surge protection. Carefully read the packaging labels when purchasing.



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OPERATION ROUND UP

Making a difference, a few pennies at a time

In 2021, Operation Round Up (ORU) awarded a total \$51,179 in grants to local organization and individuals in our community.

Operation Round Up is governed by a group of volunteers called the Kandiyohi Power Charitable Board of Trustees. Every time you pay your electricity bill, you are making a difference for those around you when you are enrolled in Operation Round Up.

As a community-focused organization, we understand your desire to help your neighbors. From supporting individuals in your community who are going through medical hardships, to a local teacher who needs supplies for her classroom, to a local non-profit that could use some infrastructure repairs. The Kandiyohi Power Charitable Trust uses funds from Operation Round Up to give back to the community we serve.

The Kandiyohi County Rescue Squad was awarded a grant at the last quarterly meeting. Al Boonstra, board trustee, presented the grant funds to the entire Rescue Squad. The funds will be used to hold a training on school bus entanglement. One of the skills of the rescue squad is extrication and the ORU grant will allow the squad to hold training on site and provide the training to those that really need it. The Rescue Squad expressed their great appreciation to ORU because without the funding, the training would not have been possible.

In existence since 1948, the 18 member Kandiyohi County Rescue Squad gets paged to all car accidents in Kandiyohi County. They also get involved in search and rescue, medical calls and back up all agencies. They are one of 3 standalone Rescue Squads in the state and are recruiting new members.

Thank you to all member-owners that participate in Operation Round Up! Your change is making a big impact.

Local nonprofit organizations and individuals seeking funding can complete and return an application to the KPC office to be considered for the next round of Operation Round Up disbursements. Applications can be found on our website at <https://www.kpcoop.com/operation-round>.

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