

KILOWATT

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED
ON
LABOR DAY
MONDAY SEPT. 4TH**



STORM RESTORATION

A huge thank you to our line crews and staff who worked to restore power safely to 4,900+ member-owners, after a storm rolled through KPC territory on July 25th. Storm restoration is dangerous work in the best of conditions, and the hot temperatures that followed made the situation even worse. We are proud of how our employees combined their skills and knowledge with new technology to restore power as safely and quickly as possible, to better serve you, our member-owners.

Damage was widespread, with trees causing many downed lines and broken poles. Nearly all townships in the northern and eastern half of our territory were affected, including four substations: Svea, Willmar, Sunburg and Prairie Woods. Shortly after midnight, as power was restored to these four substations, KPC had roughly 663 member-owners still without power



Ryan Nelson,
CEO

due to damage from a confirmed tornado and downbursts containing 80-85 mph winds. The bulk of this restoration took place over the following two days, with the last few outages being cleared on the afternoon of Friday the 28th. KPC linemen were assisted by crews from Highline Construction out of Paynesville, MN.

Thank you to our member-owners as well! During large outage events it can be difficult to estimate restoration times, especially when there is such widespread isolated damage needing extensive repairs. We understand the hardship of being without power for an extended length of time; Thank you for your patience and continued support!

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

It's wonderful to hear that everyone had such a fantastic time at Co-op Night at the Stingers. The event was a wonderful opportunity to bring together fans of baseball and supporters of KPC, all while enjoying great conversation and a delicious meal. The weather was absolutely perfect, making for a truly enjoyable evening at the ballpark.

On the way in the gate, fans were greeted with music by Junkyard Caddy. The music was powered entirely by our Ford F-150 Lightning all-electric pickup. It's always impressive to see the capabilities of electric vehicles being demonstrated in innovative ways like this. We hope that this event has helped to inspire others to consider the benefits of electric vehicles

and the positive impact they can have on our lives. Thank you to everyone who came out to the event and made it such a memorable evening. We're already looking forward to next year's Co-op Night at the Stingers and hope to see you all there again!



TRIMMED TREES = BETTER SERVICE



When you see us trimming trees near power lines, know that we are doing so because:

- **Tree and foliage overgrowth** can interfere with power distribution.
- **Power lines** can give off a spark or arc that may land on a nearby branch and ignite.
- The lights in your house may flicker when tree branches brush power lines during **high winds**.
- **Stormy weather** can cause nearby limbs to break off and land on power lines.
- Unobstructed power lines make it easier and **safer** for lineworkers to **maintain equipment** or **restore power**.

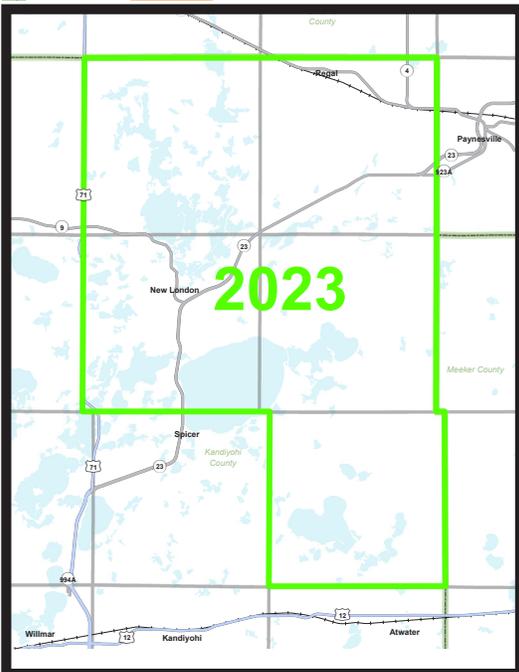


TREE TRIMMING HAS BEGUN.

KPC has contracted with TreeStory to do our trimming and ground clearing. Their trucks are clearly marked with their TreeStory logo. Throughout the rest of the year, they will be working in the townships of Roseville, Irving, Harrison, Burbank and New London.

Prior to trimming, a door hanger is placed on the member's door, notifying them of the work to be done. Maintaining clearances around facilities is critical to providing safe and reliable power to our members.

Thank you for your cooperation!



BUDGET BILLING



Budget amounts are printed on your August bill for the coming year. Interested in signing up for Budget Billing? Call our office for additional information or to sign up at 800-551-4951.

5 Factors to Consider Before Installing Home Solar

Find out your home's energy use

Look at your energy bill(s) to review kWh usage for the past 12 to 24 months and calculate the average monthly usage.

1

Contact your electric utility

Because most residential systems are tied to the power grid, reach out about connection requirements, fees and possible incentives.

2

Location, location, location

Start considering panel location. Assess the age, size and condition of your roof as well as available ground space.

3

Get several quotes

There are costs other than equipment, such as permitting, installation and inspection. Make sure all costs are included in quotes.

4

Do your homework

Ensure the company you are considering has installers who are specially trained and certified to install solar, among other factors.

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To learn more, visit energy.gov and search for "Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar." Use the drop-down titled "How Much Power Can I Generate with Solar" for information on PVWatts, a solar energy production and cost estimator.



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ENHANCING CYBER RESILIENCE IN UTILITIES

Delivering reliable and affordable energy is of utmost importance at Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. But protecting member information is equally as important to strengthen information security and help build resiliency into operations.

KPC is part of a larger network with extensive resources and an ability to ensure member information is secure — even as instances of cyberattacks continue. Great River Energy, wholesale power provider to Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, encourages and facilitates collaboration on topics related to cybersecurity among its 27 member-owner cooperatives. Working together in a technology-driven environment, co-op representatives discuss their successes and opportunities in security practices. This allows participating cooperatives to learn from each other and enhance cyber resilience. By working together and as part of a national effort, cooperatives help keep the grid secure.

Technology is a critical component of any cybersecurity toolbox. Great River Energy complements the efforts of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative to protect the grid and keep the lights on by investing in the most up-to-date technologies for network defense and vulnerability management. Segmenting and filtering information networks ensures only authorized communications are permitted to the most essential transmission and power supply assets. In addition, deliberate and expedient deployment of essential patches and regular scanning for security vulnerabilities ensures reliability and protects technology assets from day-to-day threats.

“We strive to earn the trust of our members by demonstrating the highest ethics in protecting the electric grid. The tools and processes employed by Great River Energy and Kandiyohi Power Cooperative are effective at meeting our stringent security requirements and enhancing cyber resilience,” said Bryan Ashburn, Network Administrator.



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

July 19, 2023

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

Additions made to the regular agenda:
Executive Session

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
 - Prospective New Load
 - GRE Strategy Session
 - MREA Region 3 Meeting
 - Bylaw re-write meeting
- Member Services/Communications
 - Member Appreciation Stingers Game
 - Auto Pay Promotion
 - 7610 Electric Utility Annual Report
 - Youth Tour
- Engineering Report
 - Safety and services update
 - Update on current projects
 - All equipment operational
- Finance Report
 - Review of financials for June

Policy Review

Annual Meeting Date

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

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

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- June Minutes
- July write-offs
- Annual Meeting Date
- APEX Clean Energy Purchase up to 300 MW
- Amend Power Purchase Contract with GRE
- Adjourn meeting

Meeting Adjourned

Next regular board meeting is
August 25, 2023

ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM HAS ENDED FOR 2023

We are no longer accepting rebate submissions.

Thank you for your participation!

We will resume the rebate program in 2024.





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