

KILOWATT

TIME IS A PRECIOUS AND PRICELESS RESOURCE

Ryan Nelson, CEO



It's one thing you can't get back, so finding ways to use it efficiently is key. That's where electricity, and all that it powers, can help.

Electricity saves us time through the devices it powers but one of its first noteworthy benefits, lighting, can give us more productive time in the day. Lighting allows us to connect with family and friends, catch up on chores and complete other tasks outside of daylight hours. Switching to LEDs throughout your home will also save you time since you won't need to buy and replace them as often as standard incandescent bulbs. The longevity of an LED light bulb is anywhere from 25,000 to 50,000 hours compared to the 750 to 2,000 hours of light provided by incandescent bulbs. They also use far less electricity than incandescent or fluorescent bulbs.

Electric-powered appliances can notably cut down time in the kitchen. Electric pressure cookers reduce cooking time by up to 90%. Air fryers speedily pre-heat to cook food faster, and crispier, than an oven. A bonus feature of these items, along with slow cookers, is their ability to "set and forget." You can let dinner cook while using time efficiently to take care of other items.

Induction cooktops are an emerging technology that speeds up cooking time as well. This type of heat uses electromagnetic radiation in which a current of electricity heats cookware. Around 90% of the electricity consumed by an induction stove is used for cooking food which means there's no energy escaping, giving you instant heat and controlled temperature.

Ever find yourself running late, hop in the car and turn it on only to realize your gas tank is on "E"? Imagine waking up to a full tank every morning even if there were only a few miles remaining when you parked it the night before. This is the reality for most electric vehicle (EV) owners.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, 80% of EV charging happens at home — and almost always overnight. That means you wake up to a "full tank" every day. EV owners also save time on maintenance appointments as you have no oil to change, and regenerative braking can extend the life of brake pads.

Equipment manufacturers are developing electric farm implements with the potential to require far less energy and maintenance. The global market for electric tractors is expected to grow rapidly in the next decade.

Robotic technology is being applied to many kinds of machines, such as robotic milking operations, to automate processes. These devices help farmers reduce labor demands while increasing efficiency — freeing up time to work on other duties. Since the robotic milking machines are optimized to work efficiently, they produce more milk per cow and create more rest time for the animals.

The value of electricity extends beyond just its affordability, especially when it comes to all the ways it saves us time. How can you use electricity to save you time?

KPC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

SAVE THE DATE

GET STUNG WITH THE FUN!

Member Appreciation Stingers Game July 12th



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BUDGET BILLING



To help members control fluctuating monthly bills, KPC offers a Budget Billing payment plan. The plan allows you to pay in equal monthly installments. Monthly payments will be equal to 1/12 plus a minimum of 10% of your estimated annual billings based on your usage history. July is catch-up month, where the balance of budget accounts are billed, due August 1st.

After 12 months on the plan, your account must be paid current (catch-up month) and a new budget amount will be calculated using your previous 12 months usage. The new budget amounts are shown on your July bill.

Budget Billing participants are required to pay their budget amount in full every month or we may remove them from Budget Billing. Outside of catch-up month we look at your Budget Billing account, about every six months, to see whether we need to adjust your monthly installment. Your monthly installment will then be adjusted automatically as needed.

To learn more about Budget Billing and find out if you are eligible for the plan, call 800-551-4951 or email contactus@kpcoop.com today!

STAY SAFE AFTER A STORM



Clean up with care

Once the storm has passed, it is tempting to go straight into yard clean-up mode. However, take time for safety.

Do not go outside if there is a power outage. There could be a downed power line, which could cause electrocution. Sometimes, downed lines can be covered by branches, storm debris, water, snow or ice.

Keep these additional safety tips in mind:

- Do not trim trees/branches within 10 feet of a power line.
- Read all instructions and be familiar with equipment you intend to use.
- Do not use a chainsaw for the first time during cleanup.
- Follow all safety recommendations when using power tools.
- Carry a ladder horizontally instead of vertically.
- Look for overhead power lines before carrying a ladder.
- Always look up for overhead power lines before removing debris from gutters.
- Take your time. Rushing can result in serious injury.
- Wear proper shoes and clothing when using ladders and power tools.
- Call your electric utility to report branches in power lines; never try to remove them yourself.



 Remember, wait until an outage is restored before going outside to assess the damage.



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Air source heat pumps are a high efficiency heating system. By switching to air source heat pumps, you can reduce your energy bills as you'll be using the outside air for your heating and cooling needs. If you are considering installing an air source heat pump, take advantage of these rebates!

Equipment must be purchased and installed in May, June, July or August 2023.

Ducted ASHP	Promotional Rebate
≥ HSPF 8.2 / HSPF ₂ 7	\$750.00
≥ HSPF 9 / HSPF ₂ 7.7	\$1,250.00
*Quality installation required	

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Delivered Fuels	\$450.00
Electric Heat	\$750.00
Efficiency Requirements: ≥ 14.5 SEER/SEER2; ≥ 8.2 HSPF/7.9 HSPF2	

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.



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FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

To be entered into the drawing for Stinger's tickets, you must be currently enrolled in AutoPay or sign up by July 21st.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT?

Online: Get started by enrolling online through SmartHub. Visit www.kpcoop.com.

By Phone: Call (800) 551-4951 enroll in automatic payment using a savings or checking account.

May's \$25 Auto Pay Winner: Scott and Amber Erickson

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

May 24, 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:

- CEO Review and Director Retirement Gift

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
 - IJJA Consortium Grant
 - Heartland Security Services Update
 - Awarded Leroy Vanderpool Safety Award
 - Annual visits: Federated Insurance & CFC
 - Fuller Creative bylaw revision proposal
- Member Services/Communications
 - CURE update
 - DER Summit recap
 - Annual Meeting on Website/YouTube
 - Stinger's Member Event Game- July 12th
 - Load controller exchange update
 - Auto Pay promo starts in June
 - Insights, analytics, and autopay metrics
- Engineering Report
 - Safety and services update
 - Update on current projects
 - All equipment operational
- Finance Report
 - Review of financials for April
 - Welcomed new accounting team member
 - NRECA Benefit Plan Testing Complete
 - Form 990 & 990-T
 - GRE update
- IS/Maintenance
 - Office 2-way radio
 - FirstNet cell service trial
 - New fire system
 - Adopt-A-Highway Ditch Cleanup
 - Old headquarters building update

Policy Review

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

CFC Voting Delegates

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

CEO Review

Director Retirement Gift

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- April & Special Meeting Minutes
- Proceed with bylaw revision project
- Approval of policies:

Policy 302 (Disaster Recovery Plan)

Policy 303 (Neutral to Earth Voltage – Stray Voltage) with revisions

Policy 501 (Equal Employment Opportunity)

Policy 504 (Harassment and Offensive Behavior Policy) with revisions

Policy 507 (Alcohol and Controlled Substances)

- Approval for Secretary Wubben to attend

MREA Regional Meeting

- Approval for Director Powers to attend

CoBank Energy Directors Conference

- CFC Voting Delegates
- Adjourn meeting

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is June 28, 2023



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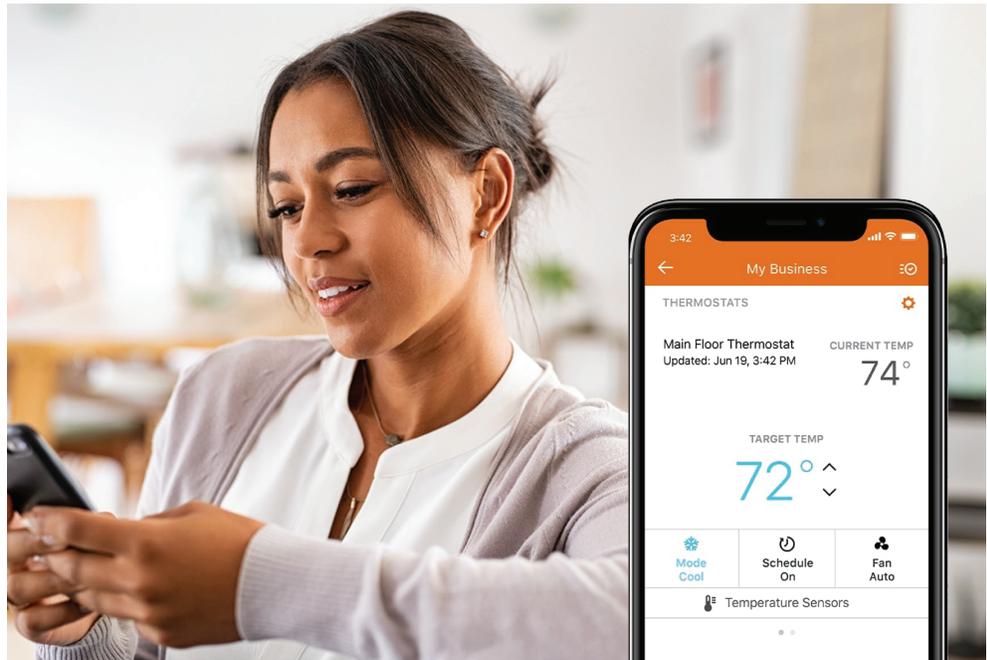
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