

# KILOWATT

## NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS FOR MINNESOTA

Ryan Nelson, CEO



As the leader of a rural electric distribution cooperative in Minnesota, I care deeply about providing reliable, affordable, and clean electricity to our members. That is why I support nuclear power as a vital part of our energy mix.

Nuclear energy is often misunderstood or misrepresented as an unsafe form of generation, but the facts are clear: nuclear energy is reliable, affordable, and clean. It is also one of the safest forms of electricity production and it is a tool that could help us meet the challenges of climate change and the recent legislation passed in Minnesota that requires carbon-free electricity by 2040.

**Nuclear energy is clean.**

Unlike fossil fuels, nuclear energy does not emit any greenhouse gases or air pollutants that contribute to climate change or harm human health. It is also more efficient and less wasteful than fossil fuels, as it uses less land and water resources.

**Nuclear energy is reliable.**

Unlike renewables, nuclear energy does not depend on weather conditions or geograph-

ic location. Nuclear plants can operate 24/7, providing a constant supply of baseload electricity.

**Nuclear energy is affordable.**

Despite the high upfront costs of building a plant, the operating and maintenance costs of nuclear energy are lower and more stable than fossil fuels, as nuclear fuel is cheap and abundant. Plants also have a long lifespan, as nuclear plants can operate for more than 60 years with proper maintenance and upgrades.

In Minnesota, there has been a moratorium on new nuclear power plants since 1994. We are the only state with a complete ban on new facilities. This is a missed opportunity that could have serious consequences for our economy, environment, and access to affordable electricity.

Nuclear energy matters for Minnesotans because of the recent legislation that requires our state to achieve 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040. This is an ambitious goal that cannot be achieved with renewables alone. Nuclear energy is complementary and compatible with

renewables, as it can provide clean and constant power when renewables cannot. Renewables are intermittent and variable, and they do not provide the baseload and dispatchable power that we need to ensure a reliable and resilient grid.

This is why KPC supports removing the nuclear moratorium in the state of Minnesota. We need to reduce the unnecessary costs and delays that discourage investment and innovation in nuclear energy. We need to foster innovation and collaboration, to develop and deploy the next generation of nuclear technologies across the country, such as small modular reactors (SMRs) that are safer, cheaper, and more versatile than the current ones.

Nuclear energy is not a problem, it is a solution. It is not a threat, it is an opportunity. It is not a relic of the past but is a key to the future. We need to reshape our nuclear policy and embrace the opportunities that nuclear energy offers for Minnesota. Please let our local legislators know how important it is to Minnesota's energy future to lift the moratorium on new nuclear power.

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## MEMBERS ONLY AUCTION

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is conducting sealed bid auctions of the items listed below. You must appear in person at our office at 8605 47th St NE, Spicer MN, 56288 by noon on Friday, July 26, 2024. Items will be available for viewing starting at 10am on Friday, July 26, 2024.

• **July 22 from 9am to 12pm** • **July 23 from 1pm to 3pm**

Please call the office to schedule an appointment for inspection and to receive a bid sheet. The winning bid will be sealed and/or without a current account number will not be accepted. All items sold as is, no warranty.



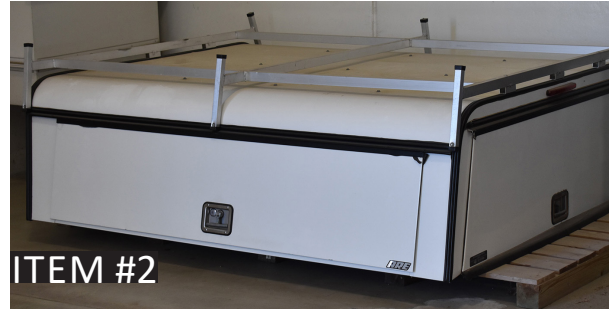
**ITEM #1**

### 2016 FORD F150 CREW CAB PICKUP

VIN: 1FTEX1EP6GFA86192

• Mileage: 153,000 • Engine: 2.7L • Drivetrain: 4X4

**MINIMUM BID: \$10,000.00**



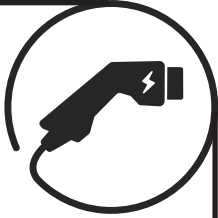
**ITEM #2**

### CONTRACTOR PICKUP TOPPER

2014 ARE topper with built in tool boxes. Fits a 6.5 foot bed.

**MINIMUM BID: \$750.00**

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE TIME OF USE RATE



### Are you aware of our Electric Vehicle

(EV) Time of Use (TOU) Pilot program? This voluntary TOU rate is designed to incentivize EV owners to charge their vehicles during times of lower electricity demand. Participants will be charged \$0.074 per kWh during off-peak hours and \$0.334 per kWh during peak hours.

For those interested in discovering more about the EV TOU pilot, including program details and how to enroll, please reach out to us at 800-551-4951 or via email at [contactus@kpcoop.com](mailto:contactus@kpcoop.com).



## BUDGET BILLING

July is catch up month for accounts enrolled in Budget Billing. The balance of your account is billed, due August 1st. Interested in signing up for Budget Billing? Now is the time! Call our office for additional information or to sign up at 800-551-4951.

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be a current KPC member to be eligible to bid. Sealed bids must be received at Kandiyohi  
e available for inspection at the following times:

ning bidders will be notified by phone on or before Monday, July 29. Bids received un-  
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### 2008 FORD F450 – DUMP TRUCK

VIN: 1FDFX47R88ED99680

- Mileage: 143,000
- Engine: Power Stroke V8
- Drivetrain: 4X4

**MINIMUM BID: \$5,000.00**

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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

June 26, 2024

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:

- Meeting compensation and CFC Forum report from Stan.
- CEO Report
  - IJIA Consortium, Topic 3 Update.
  - Davis Bacon Act & Federal projects explanation.
  - BSE business review recap.
  - Mid-year reviews with staff.
  - GRE MMG updates.
  - MREA hosted Board Meeting at KPC.
  - Heartland Security presentation to board.
  - KPC building hail damage update.
- Member Services/Communications
  - Stingers member appreciation game.
  - MN Dept. of Commerce Home Energy Rebates.
  - Recently attended training.
  - Budget billing recap.
  - Insights & Analytics.
  - Autopay metrics.
- Engineering Report
  - Safety and services update.
  - STAR consulting transition.
  - Grant updates.
  - GRE MEG Spring meeting recap.
  - MREC board seat maintained.
  - Employee safety update.
- Finance Report
  - Review of financials for May.
  - BSE meeting recap.
  - MRET Annual Business meeting recap.

Meeting Compensation  
Board Policies

GreatCo-Ops Proposal  
Executive Session

- Amended Articles & Bylaws & Board Policies Audit
- Resco Voting Delegate
- Little Show on the Crow recap
- CFC Forum Recap
- Great River Energy (GRE),
  - Director's Report by Chair Anderson
  - Crow Wing Power Withdrawal

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda.
- May Meeting Minutes with correction.
- Revisions to Rate 1 & 1-ST & 1SEAS.
- Revisions to board policy 527 – Conflict of Interest.
- Approval to purchase 2 shirts for Director Erickson.
- Approval to complete board policy review against amended Articles & Bylaws by Pemberton.
- RESCO voting Delegate.
- Adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- Next regular board meeting is July 24, 2024.

## New Employee Spotlight

KPC welcomes to James, Greg, Carson and Gus!  
We're happy to have you as part of our team.



**James Pachan, PE**  
joined us as our  
Engineering and  
Operations Manager.



**Greg Goelz, Carson Schwartz, and Gus Johnson** are joining us for our busy season over the summer.



### June's \$25 Winner: Tayler Bond

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.





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**Tom McCormick**  
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Drop boxes available for your convenience at Cash Wise and our headquarters building near flag pole.

Ryan Nelson, CEO 320-796-1160

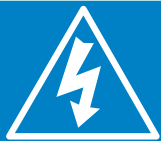
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	District
Dale Anderson, Chair - 320-894-1687	1
Rollo Campe - 320-894-1601	1
Larry Powers - 320-212-7960	1
Dan Pomranke - 320-894-7113	2
Todd Post, VC - 320-212-1119	2
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Equipment must be purchased and installed in May, June, July or August 2024.

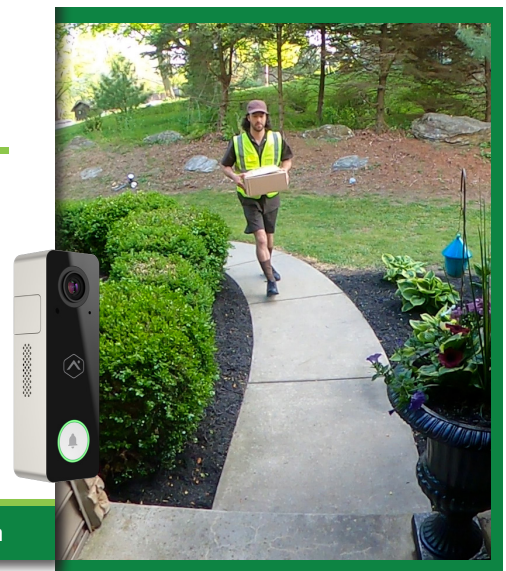
Ducted ASHP	Promotional Rebate
≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 HSPF2	\$600.00
≥ 15.2 SEER2 & ≥ 8.1 HSPF2	\$900.00
*≤ 5 ton & Quality installation required	

Ductless ASHP	Promotional Rebate
Delivered Fuels	\$400.00
Electric Heat	\$600.00
Efficiency Requirements: >1 ton & ≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 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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