

# KILOWATT

## MAKE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION NOW!

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is holding our Annual Meeting April 22 at the Little Crow Golf Resort. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. and brunch to follow. Due to limited space, we ask that you please RSVP NO LATER than April 11 if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting. Contact us at 800-551-4951 or by email at [contactus@kpcoop.com](mailto:contactus@kpcoop.com) to make your reservation. 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. We will have a welcome gift and prize drawing.

## JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING



Ryan Nelson,  
CEO

One of my favorite events is coming up on April 22nd, when Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will host our annual meeting for you, the member-owners we proudly serve. I always look forward to this event because it's a great opportunity for me and our employees to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

We hope you'll join us for the annual meeting, which will take place at Little Crow Golf Resort. For those who are unable to attend in person, we also offer a virtual option. Please visit our website for information on attending virtually. Whether you attend in person or online, we thank you in advance for getting involved because your participation means so much to us.

During the annual meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates on projects, investments and financial reports. We'll also introduce our Board of Directors, share a brunch together, and discuss anything you'd like to chat about.

Spending time with you and hearing your take on our community's energy future is so important to us. In fact, it's essential because everything we do is shaped by the member-owners of our community. As I'm sure you know, the energy industry is in the midst of massive change. Consumer needs and changing technology impact nearly every aspect of how we manage and deliver energy to local homes, schools and businesses.

As we navigate major changes in the coming years, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to inform our planning as we strive to meet the long-term needs of all Kandiyohi Power Cooperative member-owners.

You have a say. You may be wondering if your opinion really makes a difference, and yes, it does! Gaining guidance and perspective from our member-owners and board helps set priorities for the co-op and guide future decisions.

Our board of directors is comprised of nine member-owners who live and work right here in our local service area, so they are in the best position to know where community investments are most needed. And by the way, we hope you'll consider running for the board in the future – we're always looking for folks who care about our community who would be willing to serve.

This local input means those closest to the community know its needs and priorities and help direct where co-op dollars are spent. Every year, we invest funds to make updates to our local system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience. Think of it this way: every time you pay your electric bill, you're actually investing in your community because all the money we take in stays here in the local community. By making these investments in our local system, we can ensure you have reliable power for everyday life.

Most consumers likely don't equate active involvement with their electric company with helping their community. But Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is not an ordinary utility company. We're a co-op, and our business model is meant to serve our member-owners and the community in which we operate.

Our core purpose and mission are to safely provide our member-owners with reliable, sustainable, and innovative energy solutions. But as a co-op, we're also motivated by service to our community, rather than profits. We hope you'll exercise the benefits of your co-op membership and join us for the annual meeting on April 22nd. We look forward to seeing you!

**SAVE**  
*the*  
**DATE**

**Annual Meeting  
April 22, 2025**

## ONLINE VOTING

This year, our Director voting process will have a fresh twist. While we will continue to offer the traditional paper ballot mailing, we are excited to introduce online voting! Expect to receive your voting packet in the mail at the beginning of April. This packet will include all the necessary information for you to vote either online or by mail. Keep an eye out for your voting packet!

## 2025 RESIDENTIAL MEMBER REBATES AVAILABLE

All rebates subject to change without notice

### **Appliances - Energy Star Certified Only**

- Dehumidifier .....\$ 25
- Dryer .....\$ 25
- Freezer w/recycling of old .....\$ 75
- Refrigerator w/recycling of old .....\$ 75

### **LED Yard Light Fixture – Energy Star Certified or DLC Rated**

- 50–100-Watt Fixture (*per fixture*) .....\$ 30

### **Heating and Cooling**

- A/C & ASHP Tune UP.....\$ 25
- ASHP – Ductless High Efficiency >1 ton & ≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 HSPF2
  - Primary Heat is Delivered Fuels .....\$300
  - Primary Heat is Electric .....\$500
- ASHP – Ducted Quality Installation Required (QI) ≤ 5 ton
  - High Efficiency- must be confirmed via AHRI directory .....\$500
  - Premium Efficiency- must be confirmed via AHRI directory .....\$800
- Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) Replacement Only (Energy Star) ..\$ 50
- GSHP – per ton (Energy Star).....\$250
- Smart Thermostat .....\$ 25
- ETS Space Heating – per Kw (load management required) .....\$ 25

### **Electric Water Heating –Available to New Load Management Only**

- ETS – 80-100 Gallon.....\$400  
Control Strategy
  - Water heaters are recharged for 8 hours on weekdays typically between 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the winter months and 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. during the summer months
  - ETS water heaters are not controlled on weekends and holidays unless peak control is needed
  - \$9 monthly credit with usage of 301 kWh or greater on primary meter
- Interruptible Water Heating 50-100 Gallon .....\$100  
Control Strategy:
  - Interrupted for up to 8 hours on days peak control is needed
  - \$6 monthly credit with usage of 301 kWh or greater on primary meter

Installed Water Heaters must be purchased from Kandiyohi Power Cooperative to be eligible for a new load management rebate.

### **Electric Vehicle – Must be on Off-Peak EV Charging Rate or Time-of-Use Rate**

- Installation of qualifying hardwired, level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) .....\$200

### **Fluorescent Bulb Recycling**

- **Option #1** Recycle CFL/fluorescent bulbs at KPC. Must be a member.
- **Option #2** Bring bulbs directly to the Recycling Center, 1400 22nd St SW Willmar. Bring KPC electric bill as proof of membership and they will not be charged.
- LED lights can be disposed of in garbage, no need to recycle.

Visit our website for additional information and how to claim a rebate. Rebate program is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

## WRAPPED IN SAVINGS

Ensuring your home is properly insulated can improve energy efficiency and make your home more comfortable. Insulation acts like a cozy coat that reduces heat loss during winter months and a protective layer that reduces heat gain during summer months.

Many older homes have less insulation than newer homes, but even newer homes can benefit from additional insulation. While it's not the least expensive efficiency improvement, adding insulation and air sealing your home can provide the biggest bang for your buck in energy savings and overall comfort.

The most common areas to insulate are attics, ceilings, crawlspaces or unconditioned basements, exterior and interior walls, floors, and ductwork located in unconditioned spaces.

The amount and effectiveness rating of insulation required for each area varies by climate, but many websites like The Department of Energy or Home Depot provide easy-to-follow recommendations. Visit [energy.gov/insulation](http://energy.gov/insulation) to learn about recommended R-values for specific areas of the home based on climate zones.

It's important to understand how insulation effectiveness is measured. Insulation is rated in R-value, which measures the material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effectiveness. The R-value you'll need depends on factors like climate, type of heating and cooling system and which area of the home you plan to insulate.

Insulation is offered in a wide range of materials from bulky fiberglass rolls to cellulose materials made from recycled paper products. If you're considering installing additional insulation, talk to an expert who can offer guidance on the right materials for your budget, climate and comfort needs.

Investing in proper insulation for your home not only enhances comfort but also reduces energy consumption.



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## 2025 RATE ADJUSTMENT

Further information regarding specific rates can be found on our website at: <https://www.kpcoop.com/rates-0> or by calling us at 800-551-4951.

<b>Kandiyohi Power</b> <i>Residential, Small Commercial, Farm</i>	<b>2024 Rate</b>	<b>2025 Rate</b> <i>January 1, 2025</i>
Access Fee	\$48.50 per month	\$49.59 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.12826 per kWh (June-August)	\$0.13115 per kWh (June-August)
	\$0.10826 per kWh (other months)	\$0.1107 per kWh (other months)

<b>City of Kandiyohi</b> <i>Residential, Small Commercial, Farm</i>	<b>2024 Rate</b>	<b>2025 Rate</b> <i>January 1, 2025</i>
Access Fee	\$41.00 per month	\$41.92 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.11426 per kWh (June-August)	\$0.11683 per kWh (June-August)
	\$0.10426 per kWh (other months)	\$0.10661 per kWh (other months)

<b>Kandiyohi Power</b> <i>Commercial</i>	<b>2024 Rate</b>	<b>2025 Rate</b> <i>January 1, 2025</i>
Access Fee	\$65.50 per month	\$66.97 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.068 per kWh	\$0.06953 per kWh
Demand Charge	\$18.75 per KW (June-August)	\$19.17 per KW (June-August)
	\$13.55 per KW (other months)	\$13.85 per KW (other months)

<b>City of Kandiyohi</b> <i>Commercial</i>	<b>2024 Rate</b>	<b>2025 Rate</b> <i>January 1, 2025</i>
Access Fee	\$70.00 per month	\$71.58 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.05726 per kWh	\$0.05855 per kWh
Demand Charge	\$8.26 per KW	\$8.45 per KW

<b>Load Management Credits</b>	<b>2024 Credit</b>	<b>2025 Credit</b> <i>January 1, 2025</i>
ETS Water Heating	\$12.00	\$9.00
8-HR Peak Shave Water Heating	\$8.00	\$6.00

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Scammers will try anything to deceive utility customers, including a tactic that claims customers have overpaid their bill. If you receive a call, text or email from someone claiming you overpaid a utility bill and need to provide your banking or credit card information to receive a credit, it's likely a scam. In most cases, your utility will apply a credit to your account to cover future charges or refund an overpayment with a mailed check.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams



The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. There were six directors present, two directors virtual, and one absent. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the regular agenda: None  
The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - IJA Consortium, Topic 3 and New ERA Grant update.
  - EV Control Program review.
  - NRECA CEO Close Up recap.
  - Review of GRE Board with Member Managers Group.
  - Power Systems Engineering education planning.
- Member Services/Communications
  - Rebates in 2024 review.
  - Youth Tour deadline approaching.
  - Year End rate updates progress.
  - Recap of 2024 Water Heater Sales.
  - MSR Job Posting update.
  - Insights and analytics.
  - Auto pay metrics.
- Engineering Report
  - Seventy-eight new services; twenty-eight retired YTD.
  - Inventory counts and clean up complete.
  - GRE Subgroup – High Voltage on Transmission with DER meeting.
  - Substation and Feeder Loss Evaluation information.
  - Outage breakdown YTD.
  - Compliance and safety update for December.
- Finance Report
  - Review of financials for December.
  - Brady Martz financial audit scheduled.
  - MN charitable organization report filed for ORU.
  - Review of key year-end results.

### REPAC/PAC Information

Operation Round Up Recap – Director Pomranke  
MREA Bylaws

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

Great River Energy (GRE)

- Director's Report by Chair Anderson.

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda.
- Consent Agenda.
- Sale of old headquarter building resolution.
- Capital Credit Payout for Dissolved Corporation.
- Approval of Nextra Energy Resources – Red Butte Wind Energy Purchase.
- Adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- Next regular board meeting is February 24, 2025.



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Ryan Nelson, CEO 320-796-1160

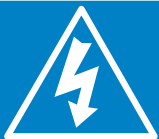
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	District
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Rollo Campe - 320-894-1601	1
Larry Powers - 320-212-7960	1
Dan Pomranke - 320-894-7113	2
Todd Post, VC - 320-212-1119	2
Stan Wubben, Secretary - 320-905-8325	2
Kelly Erickson - 320-894-2930	3
Diane Helgeson - 320-220-3745	3
Darrell Fostervold - 320-212-4824	3

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**1-800-551-4951**

The Cooperative will attempt to furnish continuous service but will not guarantee uninterrupted service.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS: WIN A TRIP TO D.C.**

# APPLY FOR A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

**JUNE 16 TO 21, 2025**  
 AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is currently accepting applications from eligible high school sophomores and juniors for an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for the 2025 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June 16-21. You and your parents or guardian must be served by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative at your primary residence to be eligible. Spend six days in our nation's capital visiting famous museums and historical sites and chatting with politicians.

Every year, 40 bright, enthusiastic, and passionate high schoolers are chosen to represent Minnesota on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. But we're not the only ones there. Youth Tour is a national sensation!

Over 1,900 student delegates from all over the country visit D.C. on this tour! They visit with their congressional representatives, tour some of the most famous museums in the world and make memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Make 2025 the year you experience the monuments that are dedicated to our country's leaders. Let your voice be heard and get your questions answered.

This tour is coordinated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and is scheduled for Monday, June 16 through Saturday, June 21.

Visit our website [www.kpcoop.com/youth-tour](http://www.kpcoop.com/youth-tour) for the complete Youth Tour Contest Rules and how to apply. Or call 800-551-4951 for information. Application deadline is February 21, 2025. Additional information on the National Youth Tour can be found at <http://youthtour.coop>.



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 Paula Nelson**

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