

# KILOWATT

## CO-OPS AT THE CAPITAL: A LEGISLATIVE RECAP

The 2025 Minnesota legislative session concluded on June 9 after a special session to finalize the state budget. Throughout the session, the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) worked on behalf of Minnesota's electric cooperatives advocating for policies that support reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for member-owners statewide.



Ryan Nelson,  
CEO

Shortly after legislators returned home, Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, along with their rescue dog Gilbert, were tragically killed. Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were also injured at their home on the morning of June 14. Speaker Emerita Hortman was a longtime leader at the Capitol who had collaborated with MREA over the years on major legislation. Senator Hoffman is a bipartisan leader and an ally of Minnesota's electric cooperatives. We express our condolences to Speaker Hortman's family, wish Senator Hoffman a speedy recovery, and extend sympathies to all affected individuals.

As the state continues to process this tragedy, it's also important to reflect on the work that was accomplished during the 2025 legislative session — including key issues affecting Kandiyohi Power Cooperative.

### Ongoing Support for Reliable and Affordable Energy

While some prominent political debates gained attention this year, MREA focused on protecting the interests of co-op member-owners at the Capitol

by advocating for fair and sensible energy policy and working against costly new mandates.

One major priority was reforming Minnesota's net metering law, which currently requires cooperatives to pay above-market retail rates for excess electricity from small private solar systems. This policy results in increased energy costs for cooperatives, causing a cost shift that disproportionately affects member-owners who do not want or cannot afford solar panels. Legislation to update this policy gained momentum but was not included in the final budget package. However, our coalition expanded as policymakers recognized the inequity of the current law, and we will continue to address this issue in the coming year.

MREA also led efforts to lift Minnesota's moratorium on new nuclear energy. MREA helped establish the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance — a coalition of nearly 40 stakeholders representing utilities, labor, business, agriculture, and the environment — to advocate for access to next-generation nuclear power. These technologies offer safe, carbon-free, continuous power that could help meet Minnesota's carbon-free electricity goals. While the moratorium remains, support is increasing across the state. We hope the coalition will soon end Minnesota's nuclear moratorium and allow Minnesotans to have this important conversation.

### Achievements from the 2025 Session

**Tax Fairness for Co-ops:** After extensive negotiations, a significant win was achieved with the passage of MREA's property tax clarification bill in the final tax bill. This reform corrects how electric cooperative infrastructure is taxed and will save Minnesota's co-ops,

and their member-owners, millions of dollars in the future. The bill received bipartisan support and was prioritized by legislative leaders in both chambers. This outcome protects our ability to invest in rural infrastructure without unfair tax burdens.

**No New Mandates:** Multiple proposals that would have imposed costly regulations on cooperatives were successfully opposed. Thanks to advocacy from co-op member-owners and leadership in both parties, flexibility for local, member-governed utilities was preserved.

**Data Centers:** Lawmakers debated the impact of large data centers' growth on the power grid. A bipartisan agreement was reached, including new energy efficiency requirements, fees supporting conservation programs, and tax incentives tied to clean energy usage. Thanks to MREA's efforts, a detrimental provision targeting data center-related growth which would have disproportionately impacted rural cooperatives like ours, was successfully blocked.

MREA and Kandiyohi Power Cooperative remain steadfast in our commitment to advocating for smart and equitable legislation that protects the interests of our rural cooperative member-owners. These collective efforts ensure that our communities receive reliable, affordable, and equitable energy policies. However, the strength of our advocacy also relies on the voices of our member-owners. We encourage everyone to engage actively by reaching out to their legislators and expressing their support for sensible energy reforms. With continued collaboration and grassroots engagement, we will carry these priorities forward—honoring the past, navigating the present, and powering Minnesota's future.

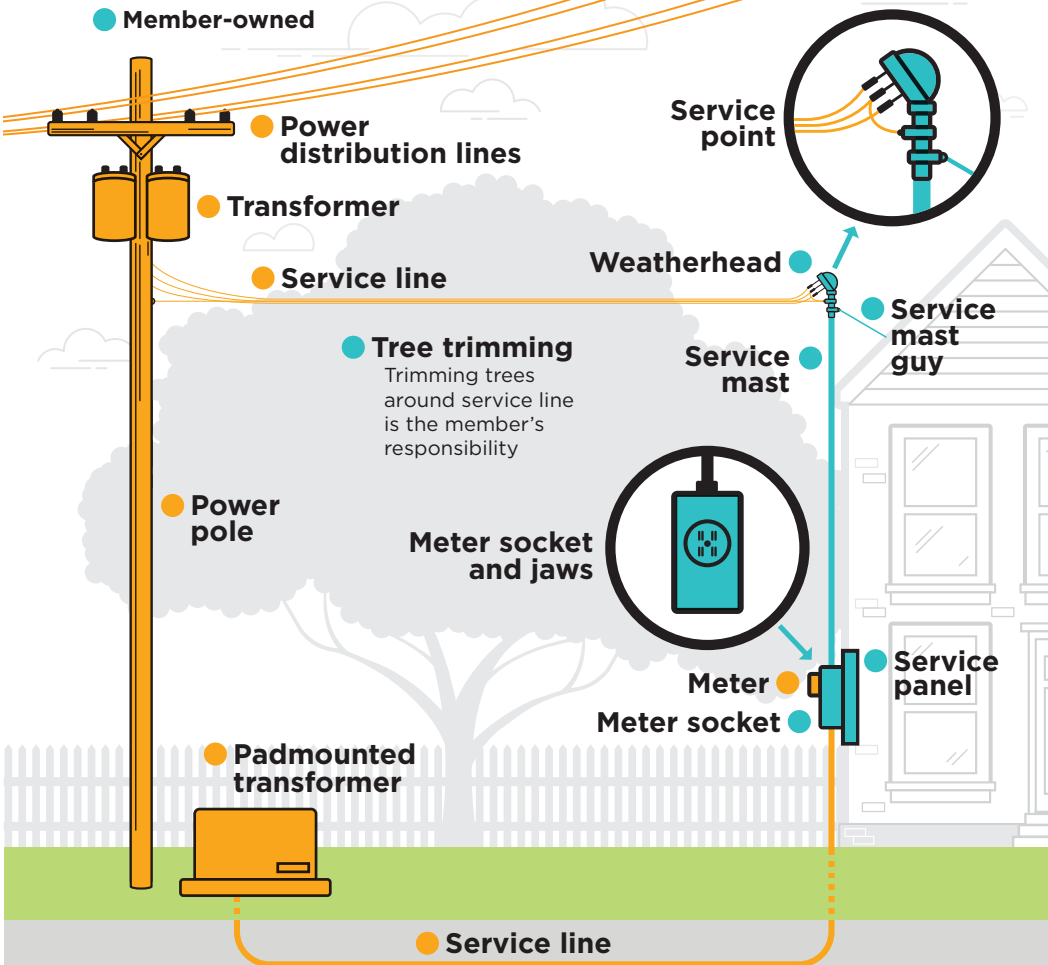
# Who Owns What?

## Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.

● Co-op owned

● Member-owned



Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service. Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home or business.



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## BUDGET BILLING



July is catch up month for Budget Billing accounts. Any outstanding balance will be billed and is due August 1st. Thinking about enrolling in Budget Billing? Now is the perfect time- reach out to get started!

## Safety Tip

Before starting any digging project, call 8-1-1 or visit [Call811.com](http://Call811.com) to have underground utilities marked. Hitting buried lines can cause serious injuries, service disruptions for you and your neighbors and costly repairs. Stay safe by knowing what's below before you dig!



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

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## MEMBER NOTICE

This summer, KPC will have contractors working on load management equipment in various locations throughout our service territory. These efforts are part of our ongoing commitment to improving and maintaining reliable service for you. You may notice activity in your area, but we're working to minimize any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to serve you better. For any concerns, feel free to reach out to our Member Services team.



## OUTAGE NOTIFICATIONS

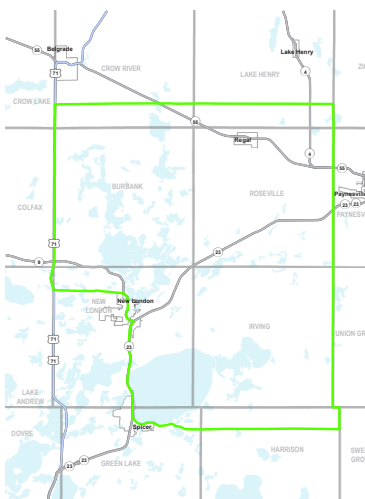


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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

June 25, 2025

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: None.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - New ERA Grant update.
  - Emergency Restoration Tabletop.
  - Federated Rural Electric Insurance recap.
  - E-heat Assistance update.
  - Quarterly Strategic Plan update.
  - MMG meeting update.
- Member Services/Communications
  - Annual meeting stats.
  - Member Appreciation Stingers game info recap.
  - ASHP Promo information.
  - Budget Billing update.
  - Member Services Conferences Attended.
  - Syttende Mai event recap.
  - Auto pay metrics.
  - Insights and analytics.
- Engineering Report
  - Seventeen new services; three retired YTD.
  - Grants update.
  - Month-end Report updates.
  - Prairie Woods Substation transformer ordered.
  - Outage breakdown YTD.
  - Compliance and safety update for May
- Finance Report
  - Review of financials for May.
  - Bushmills Ethanol Annual Shareholder meeting recap.
  - MRET annual meeting recap.
  - GRE update and discussion.

Governance Training Videos

Regular Agenda

Consent Agenda:

- May 2025 Meeting Minutes
- June Write-offs

E3 Loan Presentation – Mandy and Justin Anderson

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

GRE Emmons-Logan Battery Storage Project

Great River Energy (GRE)

-Director's Report by Chair Anderson

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda with retraction.
- Consent Agenda.
- Interest in moving forward with E3 Loan.
- NextEra Energy Resources
  - Emmons Logan Battery Storage Project resolution.
- Adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- Next regular board meeting is July 23, 2025.



## STINGERS GAME

Unfortunately, mother nature had other plans for our Annual Member Appreciation Stingers Game! Our game scheduled for June 25th was cancelled due to rain and wet field conditions.

**Tickets and meal vouchers are good for any remaining 2025 Regular Season home game based on availability.**

**FARMEEST 2025 August 5-7**  
28366 County Hwy 13  
Morgan, MN (Gilgillan)



## MEMBER INFO:

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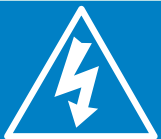
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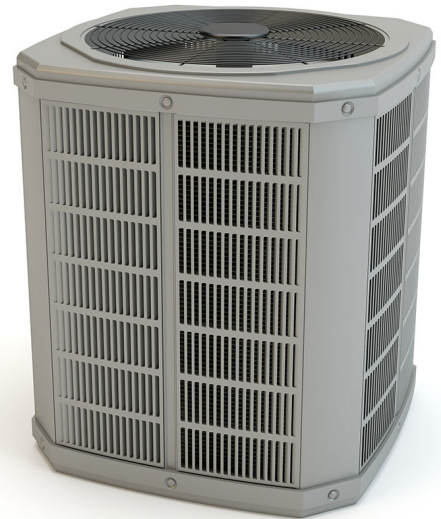
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High Efficiency	\$600.00
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≤ 5 ton & Quality Installation required. Efficiency based on AHRI directory certificate provided by HVAC Quality Installer.	
Ductless ASHP	Promotional Rebate
Primary Heat Source is Delivered Fuels	\$400.00
Primary Heat Source is Electric Heat	\$600.00
High Efficiency Requirements: >1 ton & ≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥ 7.5 HSPF2	

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