

# KILOWATT



## SIGN UP FOR AUTOPAY BY JULY 26TH FOR A CHANCE TO WIN STINGER'S TICKETS!

AutoPay takes the worry out of paying your bills. Simply enroll your account with a preferred payment source, and your bill will be paid each month automatically on the due date.

AutoPay is safe, easy and convenient. After the initial set-up, you won't have to spend any time paying your Kandiyohi Power Cooperative bill each month. You'll have peace of mind knowing you will never have to pay a late fee or worry about a misplaced bill. AutoPay is free. It saves you the cost of stamps and checks, not to mention the effort of mailing your payments. If you like to keep a paper trail, no problem. With AutoPay you can still receive bills online or in the mail.

You can have your bill payment automatically transferred from your designated checking account, savings account, debit card or major credit card FREE of charge. Automatic payments using a debit card or credit card need to be set up using SmartHub.

### 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 26th using a designated checking or savings account.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT?

Online: Get started by enrolling online through SmartHub. Visit [www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com).

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

Please continue to pay your bill in your usual way until your bill indicates that the balance will be automatically paid.

## A LEGACY OF SERVICE

If it has been a while since you have visited the co-op, you are likely to meet someone new the next time you stop in to say "hello". Over the past decade, KPC has had twenty employees retire. With those retirements, 577 years of knowledge and experience walked out of our front doors. Some of this knowledge gets passed on to new employees, but the rest went with them. For any small cooperative, that is quite a challenge to overcome, but our employees, past and present, have made these transitions as pain free as possible. The past employees helped make KPC what it is today, and our present employees will continue where they left off. It is a testament to how much our employees truly care about the service we are providing to you, our member-owners. We always strive to keep the lights on, but we also aim to provide excellent service to you every time we connect.

Another reason these transitions were smooth is that KPC has made smart investments in technology. Our main software provider, NISC, is also a cooperative consisting of 870 members, comprised of



Ryan Nelson,  
CEO

mostly rural utilities and independent telephone companies. They provide integrated IT solutions for billing, accounting, engineering, and operations. The integration between the different modules was key for us when choosing a software provider. Just getting some of these products to talk with each other can be a challenge, but with NISC that is never a worry. They work with so many utilities across the nation that if we do encounter a problem, there is a great chance that a solution is already known and underway.

The combination of our commitment to our member-owners, utilization of great technology, and our dedicated staff, though, is where the real magic happens. When the right people have the right tools, anything can be accomplished. The efficiencies gained over the years have allowed us to trim back as a cooperative. At one point in the last five years, KPC had 34 employees. Today we are down to 25, with a goal of 27 by the end of this year. Since being founded in 1935, the employees at KPC have shared the same commitment, which has helped shape our current vision; Improving the quality of life for those we serve.

As the new CEO of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, I could not be more excited for our future, or proud of our past.



**GET STUNG  
WITH THE FUN!**  
Member Appreciation  
Stingers Game July 14th

## BALANCE OF “BUDGET” ACCOUNTS WILL BE BILLED IN JULY AND DUE AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.

The new budget amount will be calculated for next year and shown on our July bill. If you are not currently on our “Budget Plan” and have been on our system for 12 months, now is the time to sign up. Call Jan at 1-800-551-4951.



## ELECTRIC TOOLS

If you enjoy tackling home projects, rechargeable tools might be just what you need.



Rechargeable cordless tools are worth the investment when the corded version is the least convenient option. For example, a power drill is something you usually move around with and often use outside, so a cordless drill is much more convenient and a worthy investment.

Quality cordless tools are usually less expensive if you buy them as part of a set instead of one tool at a time. And since each line of tools uses a unique battery, you can't mix and match between brands. So, it may cost less in the long run to buy a cordless starter kit with a few helpful tools and a battery, then add tools to the set as needed.

Here are a few cordless tools that your home could use:

1. Power drill – As one of the most-used power tools, a drill should be everyone's first cordless tool.
2. String trimmer- A string trimmer is a quick way to trim weeds and grass. They are more energy efficient and quieter.
3. Leaf blower – A handy addition, which is also quieter, energy efficient and less polluting than a gas one.
4. Flashlight – LED technology is amazing. Today's LED flashlight can produce 20 times as much light as the old incandescent ones.

Batteries make cordless tools possible. Lithium-ion batteries are more expensive, but they're gaining popularity because they hold a charge longer and have a longer life.

It's worth buying a reputable brand of cordless tools so you can be confident you will be able to find a replacement battery when needed. Lithium-ion batteries should not be disposed with trash because they are a fire hazard and contain toxic chemicals. Your local waste disposal service can provide information on how to dispose of these batteries properly.

So, for all of the DIY enthusiasts, it goes without saying that you would enjoy any of the cordless tools and hopefully put them to good use!

## TRUSTEES NEEDED

We are still in need of two Trustees for District 3. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Robin at 796-0989 or email rryks@kpcoop.com.

The Board of Trustees only meet quarterly, January, April, July and October. The meetings are held in the evening and never last more than two hours.



## OPERATION ROUNDUP QUARTERLY REPORT

### Donations Made

MACCRAY After-Prom Party	\$200.00
BOLD After-Prom Party	\$200.00
BBE After-Prom Party	\$200.00
NLS After Prom Party	\$200.00
Carris Health	\$1000.00
Kandiyohi County Food Shelf	\$2000.00
NLS PTS Cat Scratch	\$300.00
Pioneer PBS	\$500.00
Spotlight Theatre	\$1000.00
Toys for Tots	\$500.00
Spicer First Responders	\$1000.00
New London Ambulance	\$1000.00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$8,100.00</b>

Thank you to all our member-owners for your monthly donations to this great organization. Operation Round Up makes a big difference in our community. It would not be possible without your generosity.

Next Operation Round Up Meeting is July 22, 2021

- Applications are due by July 1, 2021
- Applications are available on our website at [www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com)

# KANDIYOHI POWER COOPERATIVE MEMBER-OWNERS TO BENEFIT FROM UPGRADES TO MINNESOTA'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

After nearly four years of work, the Energy Conservation & Optimization (ECO) Act, a bill led by electric cooperatives, passed the legislature at the close of the regular session with strong bipartisan support and will be or already has been signed by Governor Walz. Thank you to our local legislators for supporting significant and beneficial reform to the state's energy efficiency standards, a cornerstone of the state's energy policy.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is excited about the improved benefits we will be able to pass along directly to our members because of the proactive provisions in the ECO Act.

The ECO Act gives Kandiyohi Power Cooperative more flexibility to recognize and respond to emerging technologies and consumer behaviors and demands. Utility programs that encouraged the adoption of technologies like LED lighting and Energy Star® rated appliances have provided more than \$6 billion in net benefits to the state and supported local jobs in every corner of Minnesota. However, as new technologies have emerged, CIP became outdated and needed reforms to continue providing tangible savings and environmental benefits for energy consumers.

In addition to allowing utilities to create programs that incentivize adoption and installation of new technologies to help reduce total energy use and save member-owners money, a groundbreaking reform around efficient fuel-switching – substituting electricity or natural gas for a consumer-owner's current fuel source – is provided in the bill. As part of the reforms, efficient fuel-switching improvements will allow cooperatives to offer programs that substitute electricity for a customer's current fuel when those programs achieve a trifecta of (1) reducing the overall amount of energy; (2) reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and (3) reducing consumer costs.

For more than eight decades, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative has been providing local homes, businesses, schools, hospitals and other essential services with safe, affordable and reliable electricity. The ECO Act will help us to further our efforts to help member-owners save money and energy, and continue a decades-long campaign to decarbonize our energy production. To learn more about our energy efficiency programs, please visit Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's website ([www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com)) or call 1-800-551-4951 to speak to one of our energy experts.

Legislators who voted in favor of the ECO Act:

## Representatives

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Win a credit on your next bill.

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We will credit your bill. Do not deduct the amount from your bill; pay as usual. No one claimed their account number for a \$5 credit. Each account number is worth \$5.00.



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## ANNUAL COGENERATION NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative has adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production. Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will interconnect with and purchase electricity from co-generators and small power producers whom satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will provide interested members rates and interconnection requirements, which can be found at [www.kpcoop.com/content/distributed-generation](http://www.kpcoop.com/content/distributed-generation). All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. Interested members should contact Kandiyohi Power Cooperative at 1-800-551-4951.



- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your community before using them.
- ★ Never buy professional-grade fireworks. They are not designed for safe consumer use.
- ★ Keep small children a safe distance from all fireworks including sparklers which can burn at temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees.
- ★ Never reignite or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to thoroughly soak duds before throwing them away.
- ★ Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks to avoid contact injuries or noise reactions.

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When your lights go out, so do we.

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**1-800-551-4951**



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