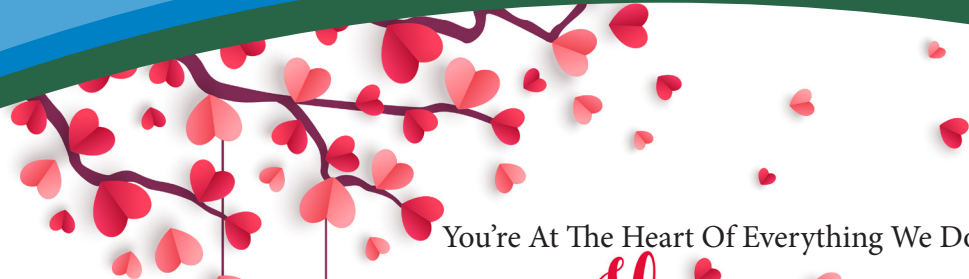


# KILOWATT



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## OWNED BY THE MEMBERS

*By Dale Anderson, Board Chairman*

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is locally owned by the members we serve, and we are governed by an elected board of directors who are also member-owners. One of the values of the cooperative business model is democratic control. Members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) to elect directors from the membership to serve on the cooperative board and who are accountable to the membership. Directors then elect board officers and hire a CEO to handle the day-to-day operations. The selection process for a new CEO is the greatest responsibility of the board. It is an important investment in KPC's future. Choosing the CEO will not only affect the board, but will impact employees, local communities and our state and national organizations. With the direction of the board, the new CEO will determine the cooperative's direction and future success.

As a member owned cooperative, we value your input. On Thursday, January 16th, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative held a Member Forum looking for ideas and feedback on the skills, characteristics and job focus that our member-owners would like to see in a new CEO. All member-owners were invited to attend. In addition, directors and the management staff of the cooperative attended the Member Forum.

The board has invested in the expertise of Great River Energy in the selection and hiring process of the new CEO. The CEO job is currently being advertised and interested applicants can submit their resume through Great River Energy. Once the application deadline of February 12th, 2020 has passed, qualified applicants will be interviewed by the board of directors.

We are excited to see what the future holds for Kandiyohi Power Cooperative! We hope that you will join us at the Annual Meeting on April 21st, when the Board hopes to introduce the new CEO to you, our member-owners.

### MEMBER REMINDER:

#### ***KPC WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2020***

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will be closed Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for Safety Training.

If you need to contact us or report an outage, please call 800-551-4951, our phones are answered 24 hours a day.

#### ***SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 21, 2020***

Little Crow Event Center, New London

Doors Open at 8:30 am

Meeting at 9:00 am

Brunch at 10-10:30 am

RSVP to 800-551-4951

# YOUTH TOUR 2020

Win the trip of a lifetime! Apply for the 2020 Washington D.C. Youth Tour!

KPC is now accepting applications for the Youth Tour. In 2020, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will sponsor an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to one qualifying candidate. The contest is open to any current high school junior whose family is a member of our cooperative. Dependents of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative employees or directors are not eligible to participate.

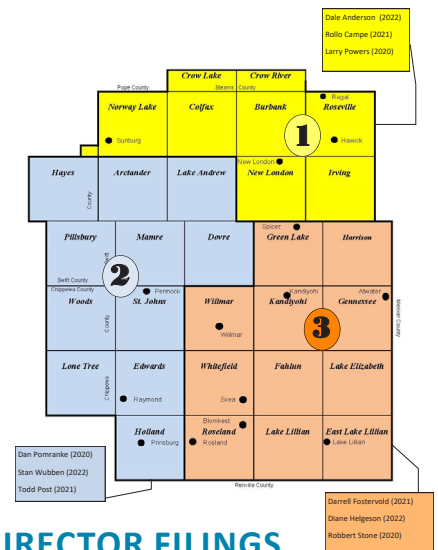
Students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network and tour Washington, D.C.

If you want to be part of this fun (free!) week in Washington D.C., please complete the online application found at [www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com). Applicants will be judged based on the answers to their video and written essay questions on the following topics: Why do you want to be Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's delegate for the Youth Tour of Washington D.C.? What make cooperatives different, how would you explain membership to someone in your community? and How can cooperatives reach out and engage with millennials or your peers?

The application deadline is March 10, 2020. Call KPC with questions: 800-551-4951. For more information visit [www.kpcoop.com/youth-tour](http://www.kpcoop.com/youth-tour).



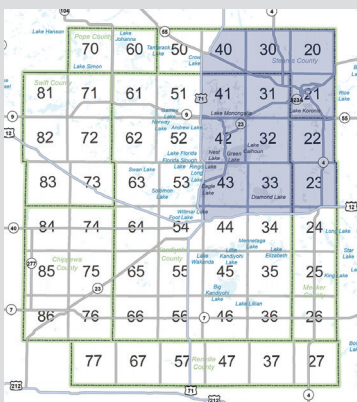
# BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS 2020



## DIRECTOR FILINGS NOW OPEN FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2 & 3.

Would you like to serve as a Director on the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board for your District? Please call Robin at 1-800-551-4951, email [rrys@kpcoop.com](mailto:rrys@kpcoop.com) or stop by our office and request a Director packet. These packets contain the cooperative's bylaws as well as the qualifications to become a Director. As a Board Director you will serve a 3-year term and must reside within the District you are filing in. Filing are due to the office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020. Election results will be announced at KPC's Annual Meeting, April 21, 2020.

## 2020 TREE TRIMMING



In 2020, our contractor will be trimming trees in the area highlighted in blue. Our contractor will have vehicles clearly marked with Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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- 994818001

# HELP KEEP LINEWORKERS SAFE

Lineworkers take great pride in providing safe and reliable service, but their job involves working around high-voltage power lines in all kinds of weather conditions.



## DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP LINEWORKERS SAFE



Never plug a generator into an indoor or outdoor wall outlet, which can cause voltage to back feed.



Workers need to efficiently and safely restore power when it goes out; please be patient.



Do not post signs on a utility pole, especially with staples and nails, which can puncture protective gear.



Slow down and move over in utility work zones. Crowding workers can cause accidents.

Learn more: [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org)

## OPERATION ROUND UP



Four times a year the Operation Round Up board meets to review applications and award funds to local causes. The board met January 22nd and awarded a total of \$14,750 to the following: Special Olympics/Polar Plunge, Riley Straus/Eagle Scout/ELC, Casey Road, Willmar Salvation Army, Blue Star Mothers, Child Guide/Willmar Public Schools, LSS Senior Meals, Spotlight Theatre Workshop, BIO Girls, Mary Hagen/BBE Food Shelf, Kandiyohi Historical Society, Prinsburg 1st Responders, Raymond 1st Responders and Lake Lillian Ambulance.

Operation Round Up is a volunteer community support program. It is designed to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects, people and charities in our area. Its people helping people.

The next Operation Round Up board meeting is April 15th. Applications are due April 1st, 2020 to be considered at this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 800-551-4951.

## KILOWATT CREDIT SCORECARD

Win a credit on your next bill.

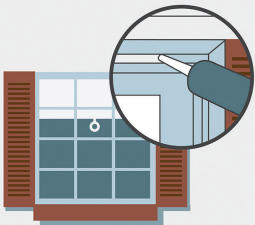
Account numbers used are 9 digits, as appearing on your monthly bill. If you find your account number in this KILOWATT, please notify us by the 4th to claim your credit.

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

## EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

### WEATHERIZE

Seal doors and windows with caulk, weather stripping and/or plastic film.



### SEAL IN WARMTH

Close blinds and curtains during the night to keep cold air out. Open them during the day to let sunlight in.



### COOK UP SAVINGS

Use smaller appliances, like microwaves, toaster ovens and slow cookers when possible.



## WHY IS MY POWER OUT?

A storm or a squirrel may be to blame

Safe Electricity.org



When the power goes out, we work hard to resume service as quickly and safely as possible.

Here are some common reasons the power goes out:

- STORMS:** Mother Nature can interfere with power delivery.
- TREES AND VEGETATION:** This is why we work so hard to keep power lines clear.
- ANIMALS:** Curious animals can cause damage, especially squirrels.
- ACCIDENTS:** Run-ins with a utility pole or other equipment can cause an outage.
- PUBLIC DAMAGE:** Unsafe digging, equipment or line damage, vandalism or theft can all interfere.
- OVERLOAD:** This happens when demand spikes, like on a hot summer day.
- EQUIPMENT ISSUES:** We maintain and inspect equipment regularly, but sometimes malfunctions occur.

Thank you for your patience during outages.



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**Tom McCormick**

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

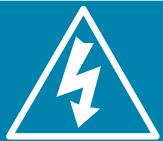
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## 24-HOUR OUTAGE NUMBER

When your lights go out, so do we.

Call us if your power goes out even if you think your neighbors already did. Leave one light on so you know when power has been restored and make sure you have an emergency kit ready.

**1-800-551-4951**

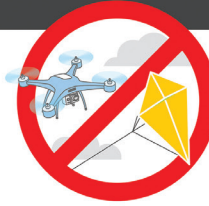
## Electrical Substation Safety Tips



Teach youngsters to stay away from electrical substation fences — they are NOT for climbing.



Contact us if you see a substation fence or transformer cabinet that is open or vandalized.

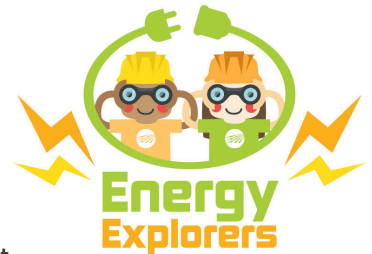


Never fly kites or drones near substations.



Never release metallic balloons near substations, which can cause outages when they contact power lines.

## ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WORD SCRAMBLE



Electric co-ops use a variety of equipment to make sure you and your family receive reliable electricity. Can you unscramble the equipment terms below?

Use the provided clues for help, and double check your work in the answer key below.

- ORNSTAMREFR** \_\_\_\_\_  
These can look like large metal cans on top of utility poles or big green boxes on the ground. They are used to reduce the voltage of electricity, making it safe for use in your home.
- OERPW NSLIE** \_\_\_\_\_  
These can hang overhead or be placed underground. They carry electricity from where it's generated to homes and businesses in your community.
- OUTASBSNTI** \_\_\_\_\_  
This is an electrical facility that contains equipment for controlling the flow of electricity.
- RCTLEIE ERMTE** \_\_\_\_\_  
These devices are typically found outside the home and measure the amount of electricity you use.
- CBUTKE KTURC** \_\_\_\_\_  
Lineworkers use these types of vehicles to reach power lines and poles when making repairs and updates to the electrical system.

Answer Key: 1. TRANSFORMER 2. POWER LINES 3. SUBSTATION 4. ELECTRIC METER 5. BUCKET TRUCK

