Kandiyohi Power Coop

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A NEW ENERGY

Smaller communities across America are changing in remarkable ways. What hasn't changed are our values. For generations, this has drawn people to smaller communities to build a better life for their families.



Ryan Nelson, CEO



KPC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

If you need assistance call 1-800-551-4951.





Our rural communities may seem quiet, but you don't have to look very hard and you'll see a whole lot happening. There is a new energy here to go along with the more affordable, down-to-earth way to live which has been here all along. We embrace the beauty of a simple, independent lifestyle; yet to also be part of a community that looks out for neighbors: to feed the world, change the world, build the future. The opportunities to create something new have never been greater.

These rural communities are served by electric cooperatives like KPC. Many of you may think of us as the local power company, and you'd be right. There is so much more to that story though. We're led by member-owners like you, created by and for this community that we serve. We are a community-focused organization striving to deliver safe, affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy. Every co-op in this country has a similar mission, yet is as unique as the community that shaped it, changing over time as our communities grow.

Electric cooperatives are local and independent, but together, we're mighty. Across the country, local cooperatives work together and learn from one another to develop new technologies and best practices. We're innovators, developing new ways to incorporate the benefits of solar, wind, and other sources of renewable energy into a balanced energy mix. We're always looking for new ways to help our member-owners save energy, money, and take advantage of the technology that's changed the way we live.

Neighbors looking out for neighbors. People working for the common good. Even as we celebrate our differences, we're all in this together, and we're stronger for it.

That's community. It's what fueled the co-op movement so many years ago and is the source of our new energy today. The power of community is what Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is all about.

SIMPLIFY LIFE AND SWITCH TO AUTO PAY!

Advantages of Auto Pay

- It's easy, convenient, and fast
- Saves you time your monthly payment is processed automatically
- No postage or check Save the hassle of writing a check every month, paying postage, and getting it mailed on time
- Avoid late payments and past due bills

 Whether you're home or away, this
 service keeps your payments on time
 since the payments are already
 scheduled for you
- Eliminate paperwork If you choose to go paperless, you produce less paperwork and receive fewer bills in the mail since your bill is emailed each month and accessible through SmartHub
- Help streamline your finances Especially when you are distracted by other events going on in your life
- Scan this QR code with your cell phone camera to get started!



WHAT IS THE WHOLESALE POWER COST ADJUSTMENT ON MY BILL

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative purchases electricity each month from our power supplier, Great River Energy, at a wholesale cost to meet the needs of our members.



You may have noticed the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) line item on your bill this month. The WPCA provides a monthly adjustment dependent on any differences in the base cost of wholesale power from Great River Energy.

If the kilowatt-hour cost to Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is lower than the base cost of power, the WPCA is applied as a credit on your bill. If the kilowatt-hour cost is higher than the base cost of power, the WPCA is applied as a charge. Having the WPCA benefits members by covering monthly power cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates. This is a direct pass through of the cost associated with reliably serving you the electricity you need.

We're here to help. Contact us if you have any questions about your bill or ways to save energy.

IS YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Please give us a call to verify your account information is current and add an email address. There are times we need to reach you due to a planned outage or billing question. Call 800-551-4951.

The Steps to Restoring Power

When a major outage occurs, our crews restore service to the greatest number of people in the shortest time possible – until everyone has power.



1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines These lines carry large amounts of electricity. They rarely fail but must be repaired first.



2. Distribution Substations Crews inspect substations, which can serve hundreds or thousands of people.



3. Main Distribution Lines Main lines serve essential facilities like hospitals and larger communities.



4. Individual Homes and Businesses After main line repairs are complete, we repair lines that serve individual homes and businesses.



Get notified when it matters.

GET NOTIFICATIONS AND VIDEO ALERTS WHEN ACTIVITY OCCURS.

As part of a monitored security system, receive email, text, or image alerts when alarms are triggered, doors or windows opened, the power goes out or any other activity occurs.



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LIMITED TIME AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP PROMOTION

Ducted ASHP

Rebate Qualifications/Considerations:

- Must be installed in KPC territory
- Must be "QI" installed and tested in
- May, June, July or August 2022 • Can be combined with furnace EC
- motor rebate
- Ask about off-peak program and reduced electric rates
- To qualify for a rebate, must be purchased and installed in May,
 - June, July or August 2022
- Promotional rebates based on HSPF rating

Ducted ASHP
≥ 8.2 HSPF
≥ 9.0 HSPF

<u>QI Rebate</u>
\$750.00
\$1,500.00



Ductless ASHP Rebate Qualifications/Considerations: • Must be installed in KPC territory

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- Promotional rebates based on HSPF rating

Ductless ASHP Delivered Fuels Electric Heat Minimum HSPF ≥ 9.0 <u>Rebate</u> \$450.00 \$750.00



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.

June's \$25 Auto Pay Winner: Blake Johnson



Electrical Safety Tips for Hunters

We encourage all members to be aware of electrical equipment while hunting. Keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.

- Keep clear of electrical equipment.
- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Know where power lines and equipment are located where you hunt.
- Be vigilant in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Never place deer stands on utility poles.
- Never place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

July 27, 2022

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 agenda:

• Operation Roundup, District 1 in need of a candidate

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
- F-150 Lightning
- FEMA process
- Electric school bus grant
- Stinger's game and Rockin' Recap
- Member Services/Communications
- Budget billing
- Energy Assistance Program
- NISC and MDM training
- Facebook Analytics
- Autopay Metrics
- Engineering Report
 Safety and services up
- Safety and services update
- IT / Maintenance Report
 Implementing Desaster Recovery server site in Alexandra, MN
- No major building issues or repairs
- Finance Report
- Cost of Service Study
- No write-offs in June
- Review of June financials
- Operation Roundup District 1
- Annual Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 25th 2023

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- Consent Agenda
- Approval of policies 101, 102 (with changes), 103 & 106

Great River Energy (GRE) Director's Report by Chair Anderson

Exective Session

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is August 24, 2022



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	District
Dale Anderson, Chair - 320-894-1687	1
Rollo Campe - 320-894-1601	1
Larry Powers - 320-212-7960	1
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Todd Post - 320-212-1119	2
Stan Wubben, Secretary - 320-905-832	5 2
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KILOWATT STAFF: Michele Scheffler, Editor



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

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



STINGERS GAME

On July 13th, we held our Annual Member Appreciation Stinger's Game. Thank you to everyone that came out! It was a great night. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year.



STINGER'S TICKETS WINNERS FOR BEING ON AUTOPAY!

#1) Sharon Gillund#2) Sonny and Amy Miller#3) Angie Jones

Play it safe near grain bins.

When moving equipment, be aware of power lines and maintain at least a 10-foot clearance to ensure safety. Follow all guidelines set by the National Electrical Safety Code.