

# KILOWATT

From our table to yours,

*Happy Thanksgiving*

Office Closed  
November 24th and 25th

service was available to the total hours service was demanded. Last year the ASAI at KPC was 99.99%. Our member-owners have an expectation that when you flip on a switch, electricity is available. We work every day to deliver what's expected of us. Our lineworkers at KPC work incredibly hard to maintain our local distribution grid, and we work with Great River Energy to ensure our community has sufficient high-voltage transmission and the capacity to meet all your energy needs. Our office staff works diligently to make sure member-owners' questions are answered, information is accurate and secure, and each interaction you have with us is a positive one.

Affordability is a tougher nut to crack, mainly because it's rather subjective. We understand the challenges our members face. We know that for many of our member-owners, the electric bill is one of the larger expenses in monthly budgets. What is usually lost in today's world is the value that electricity provides (could this be a result of decades of

fantastic reliability??). There was a day when electricity was new on the farm, and everyone understood it's value. That is not the case anymore.

Our vision statement at KPC is "Improving the quality of life for those we serve." I'd like to ask one thing of you this month. When you go to pay your next electric bill, think of all the things you were able to accomplish with it. Think of the benefits and comfort that came from it. We may be one of your larger monthly expenses, but electricity truly provides a tremendous value!

We have many programs and rebates that could help you save money on your bill, and we are always looking at innovative programs and initiatives to discover other ways of bringing value to our member-owners. If you have any questions or would like to talk to someone about what you can do at home to save money, please give us a call. We're here to help!

The way our electricity is produced is changing rapidly, and so is the way it is being consumed. What hasn't changed is the importance of reliable and affordable electricity.



Ryan Nelson,  
CEO

Reliability is simple to measure. One metric commonly used is the ASAI (average service availability index) which compares the total hours in which



## SMART PAYMENTS

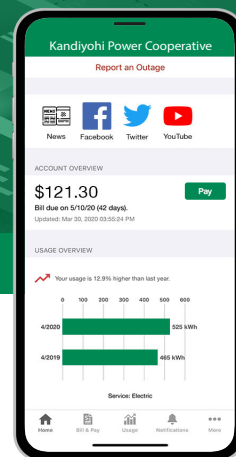
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## SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM SUPPORTS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative partnered with CoBank in their Sharing Success charitable matching grant program. CoBank is a cooperative bank that delivers financial services to the U.S. rural economy in all 50 states.

CoBank's Sharing Success program matches the contributions made by its members, such as Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, to local non-profit and charitable organizations. Since Sharing Success was established in 2012, CoBank and its members have together contributed more than \$66 million to groups such as volunteer fire departments, local schools and hunger relief programs. Through an application process with CoBank, three organizations received matching funds from CoBank this year.

### Rural Electric Cooperative Fund

**Matching contribution: \$500**

The MREA Burn Center Golf Benefit tournament supports the important lifesaving medical care to burn victims. Utility line work is in the top 10 most hazardous jobs in America, and electrical contacts from line workers often results in severe burns. Being that many cooperatives are in rural areas, burn victims often need to travel far distances to receive care. Funds from this charity significantly help families with travel/stay costs while their loved ones receive care and recover.



### Kandiyohi County Family YMCA

**Matching contribution: \$8,300**

Everything the YMCA does is in the service and spirit of building a better community. The matching contribution will be used to help fund essential worker childcare, distribute meals to children in Kandiyohi County, collaborate with the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf to provide food drops and a shoe drop for local residents, sponsor community organizations to provide essential services such as blood drives, and help local residents regain spiritual, mental, and physical health. Kandiyohi County Family YMCA accepts the donation from KPC's board members and CEO. Pictured are Stan Wubben, Todd Post, Ryan Nelson, Larry Powers, YMCA's CEO Jenny Holweger, and YMCA board members Tracy Lundy, Mary Jo de Cathelineau, and Laura Warne.



### Kandiyohi County 4-H Leaders Council

**Matching contribution: \$1,200**

Kandiyohi County 4-H exists to serve all area youth in helping them develop passions in their interests and nurture leadership skills to become tomorrow's innovators. The matching contribution will be used for programming, experiences, and scholarships that benefit all Kandiyohi area youth involved with 4-H. Kandiyohi County 4-H values investments in our local community to provide positive youth development opportunities for many generations to come. Kandiyohi County 4-H Leaders Council accepts the donation from Ryan Nelson, CEO. Pictured are Rachel Mitchell, Kandiyohi County Extension Educator, Kandiyohi County 4-H Leaders Council Secretary, Adriana Behl, Ryan Nelson, and Nate Erickson, Kandiyohi County Extension Educator.



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU ENCOUNTERED A DOWNED POWER LINE?

While typically not an everyday occurrence, overhead power lines, padmount transformers (green boxes) or other electrical equipment can become damaged due to storms, fires, car accidents, animal interference or from a car slipping off the road, for example.

(Spoiler alert. Do not do any of these things.) If you were in an accident involving a downed overhead power line, would you get out of the car and run? If you saw a car accident involving a downed line or damaged green box, would you run to the scene to help? If you saw a downed line across a road, would you approach it or try to move it?

Any of these actions can cause serious injury or electrocution (death). Downed lines and other damaged equipment can energize the ground, nearby people and objects. Never go near a downed power line or try to move it with an object. Electricity can jump from a wire or object to you to find the quickest path to ground.

The safest place to be after an accident involving a downed power line is inside your vehicle or cab. Unless your vehicle is on fire or giving off smoke, here is what you should do:

1. Stay inside your vehicle or cab.
2. Call 9-1-1 and report that there are downed or damaged power lines.
3. Try to remain calm.
4. Wait for the utility crew to arrive to deenergize the power.
5. Do not get out until someone from the utility says it is safe to do so.

If you must get out of the vehicle because it is on fire, cross your arms over your chest and make a clean, solid jump out, then intentionally hop with your feet together as far away as you can. If you are unable to make solid hops, shuffle with your feet close together.

When you exit, do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time. You could become electricity's path to ground from touch potential (touching something energized and the ground at the same time).

Hopping helps avoid step potential (placing each foot at a different voltage). When electricity escapes into the ground, it is likened to ripples in a pond, with each ripple representing a different voltage.

**Don't Become Electricity's PATH TO GROUND**

When electric utility equipment becomes damaged, the ground and objects can become energized.

If you are in a situation where there could be downed power lines or a damaged pole, guy wire or padmount transformer (green box), know what to do to save your life and the lives of others:

**CAR ACCIDENT**

Stay inside your vehicle or cab since the ground or objects could be energized.

Call 9-1-1 and report that there are downed or damaged power lines or a dislodged green box.

Wait for the utility crew to arrive to deenergize the power.

Do not exit until someone from the utility says it is safe to do so.

**ONLY EXIT IF THE VEHICLE IS ON FIRE**

Cross your arms over your chest and make a clean jump out.

Do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.

Make solid hops with your feet together as far away as you can.

Do not return to the vehicle.

**IF YOU ARE A BYSTANDER**

Do not approach the scene to try and help.

Stay at least 50 feet away and do not lean on or touch anything, including fences or guardrails.

Learn more at: [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.SafeElectricity.org)

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

October 26, 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:

- Audit Committee

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - Leadership Training
  - DC Fast Chargers & the NEVI Program
  - IRA and IJIA Programs & Assistance
  - Development in Spicer
- Member Services/Communications
  - Installation of EV chargers in parking lot
  - Capital Credit Listings
  - Trunk or Treat: Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Policy 612
- Engineering Report
  - Safety and services update
  - Update on current projects
- Finance Report
  - 2023 Budget
  - CFC Power Vision Line
  - FEMA Grant Process Update

KRTA Presentation by Amanda Seger, CFC Regional representative

Retirement Check

Resolution- Approval of Prairie Island Energy, LLC Power Purchase Agreement

Audit Committee

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- Consent Agenda
- Revisions to Policy 612
- September Write-Offs
- Brady Martz Audit
- In favor resolution for Prairie Island Energy, LLC Purchase
- Adjourn meeting

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

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is November 22, 2022



### October's \$25 Auto Pay Winner: Ronald & Lyn Vannurden

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.



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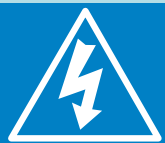
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already did. Leave one light on so you know when power has  
been restored and make sure you have an emergency kit ready.

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



Thank you to everyone that came to our  
Trunk or Treat event on October 31st.  
It was great to see our mini members  
dressed up in their Halloween costumes!  
We hope to see you again next year!



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