

# KILOWATT

## 100% CARBON FREE BY 2040 – HF7

### Electric Co-ops Go the Extra Mile for You

Kandiyohi Power serves **5.5 consumers** per mile of power lines. Other electric utilities serve **32 consumers** per mile. Even though we serve fewer consumers along the lines, that won't stop us from going the extra mile for you, our members we're proud to serve.

A DFL bill, last proposed in 2021 and shot down by a Republican controlled Senate, is advancing through the Legislature again, this time with lightspeed. HF7 was passed in the House at the end of January, and on Thursday (2/2/23) was passed by the Senate on a straight party-line vote of 34-33. I am positive that by the time you are reading this newsletter, Gov. Walz will have already signed the bill.

The bill is aimed to push utilities toward a carbon-free electric grid by asking utilities to sell 100% emission-free energy by 2040. MN already had a Renewable Energy Standard in place of 25% renewables by 2025, a milestone that KPC's power provider Great River Energy has already achieved. Now, utilities will need to reach 55% renewables by 2035, also a milestone that will be met by our power provider as soon as 2027, eight years before the goal. So... what's the worry?

The concerning part of HF7 is the carbon-free standard: 80% by 2030, 90% by 2035, and 100% by 2040. To have a completely carbon free energy grid, dramatic advances in technology are needed and thousands of miles of new Transmission lines have to be built. Battery storage is only in its infancy at the grid level, and currently only able to provide backup for



Ryan Nelson, CEO

a few hours. There are many neat ideas and new technologies out there that seem like they could play a part in this energy transition, but grid reliability and energy affordability are too important to risk on technologies that might come to fruition.

For decades, we have relied on resilient and dependable baseload power and dispatchable resources to keep the lights on, and they have served us extremely well. Renewables have been brought online and have proven themselves to be a resource for the grid, but nevertheless an intermittent one. If mistakes are made as we step through this transition, we will no doubt see major issues without reliable baseload generation. We need all tech on deck if we intend to reach this goal without sacrificing affordability or reliability, and nuclear needs to be a part of the plan.

Instead of implementing burdensome mandates, the state should develop ways to help utilities access new clean energy funding available in the federal Inflation Reduction Act.

**SAVE**  
*the*  
**DATE**

**Annual Meeting**  
**April 25, 2023**



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## 2023 RESIDENTIAL MEMBER REBATES AVAILABLE

### Appliances- Energy Star Certified Only

- Dehumidifier \$ 25.00
- Dryer \$ 25.00
- Freezer w/recycling of old \$ 75.00
- Refrigerator w/recycling of old \$ 75.00

### Heating and Cooling

#### A/C & ASHP Tune UP \$ 25.00

- ASHP – Ductless  $\geq 14.5$  SEER/SEER2;  $\geq 8.2$  HSPF/7.9 HSPF2
  - Primary Heat is Delivered Fuels \$300.00
  - Primary Heat is Electric \$500.00
- ASHP- QI (Quality Installation Required)
  - $\geq$  HSPF 8.2 / HSPF2 7 \$500.00
  - $\geq$  HSPF 9 / HSPF2 7.7 \$800.00
- Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) Replacement Only (Energy Star) \$ 50.00
- GSHP – per ton (Energy Star) \$400.00
- Smart Thermostat \$ 25.00
- ETS Space Heating – per Kw (load management required) \$ 25.00

### Electric Water Heating –Available to New Load Management Only

- ETS – 80-100 Gallon \$400.00
- Control Strategy
  - Water heaters are recharged for 8 hours on weekdays typically between 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the winter months and 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. during the summer months
  - ETS water heaters are not controlled on weekends and holidays unless peak control is needed
  - \$12.00 monthly credit with usage of 300 Kwh on primary meter
- Interruptible Water Heating 50-100 Gallon \$100.00
- Control Strategy:
  - Interrupted for up to 8 hours on days peak control is needed
  - \$8.00 monthly credit with usage of 300 Kwh on primary meter

Installed Water Heaters must have .90 Energy Factor or higher.

### Electric Vehicle (EV) – Must be on Off-Peak EV Charging Rate

- Installation of hardwired, level 2 EV Supply Equipment \$500.00

### Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

- Option #1 Recycle CFL/fluorescent bulbs at KPC. Must be a member.
- Option #2 Bring bulbs directly to the Recycling Center, 1400 22nd St SW Willmar. Must bring KPC electric bill as proof of membership.
- LED lights can be disposed of in garbage, no need to recycle.



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## MAKE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION NOW!

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is holding their Annual Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Little Crow Event Center. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp with brunch to follow.

Due to limited space, we ask that you please RSVP NO LATER than April 14th if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting.

Contact us at 1-800-551-4951 or by email to [contactus@kpcoop.com](mailto:contactus@kpcoop.com) to make your reservation.

We hope that you will be able to join us and take this opportunity to visit with your Board Directors and hear what is happening at your cooperative. As always, we will have a welcome gift and prize drawing.

## WISHING YOU THE BEST! CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

After almost 40 years with  
Kandiyohi Power Cooperative,  
Larry Moore is retiring!

Thank you for your dedication and  
years of loyal service to our membership.

*We wish you the best and you will be missed!*



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

January 25, 2023

The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. There were seven directors present in-person and two connected virtually. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the agenda:

- Operation Roundup Update

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - United Community Action Partnership presentation request
  - MDMS now assisting with Time-of-Use rates
  - Rate increase communication update
  - Employee Retention Tax Credit in process
  - NRCO funding options
  - Dooley's contract meeting
- Member Services/Communications
  - Accepting Youth Tour applications
  - 2023 Rebates open on website
  - Welcomed new MSR to Member Services Team
  - Readings flow change
  - Rates Updated in software
- Engineering Report
  - Safety and services update
  - Update on current projects
- Finance Report
  - Year end projects and processes nearly complete
  - FEMA reimbursements now received

Election/Ballot, Rinke Noonan

NRECA Voting Delegates

Income to KPC's Building Funds

Policy Review

Operation Roundup Update

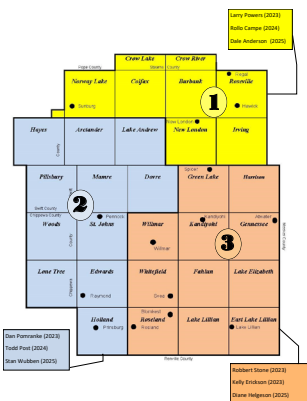
Great River Energy (GRE) Director's Report  
by Chair Anderson

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- December Minutes with revisions
- January writes offs
- Separate ballots for the three-year and one-year terms open in District 3
- NRECA Voting Delegates
- Approval of policies
- 114 (Board Meeting Attendance)
- 116 (Member Privacy and Confidentiality) with revisions
- 107 (Attendance of Meetings – Authorization of Expenses) & 520 (Director Use of Personal Vehicle for Cooperative Business) to be combined
- 520 (Director Use of Personal Vehicle for Cooperative Business) to then be deleted
- Director Powers, Pomranke, Erickson; Vice-Chair Post; Secretary Wubben to attend MREA Annual Meeting
- Adjourn meeting

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is February 27, 2023

### BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS 2023

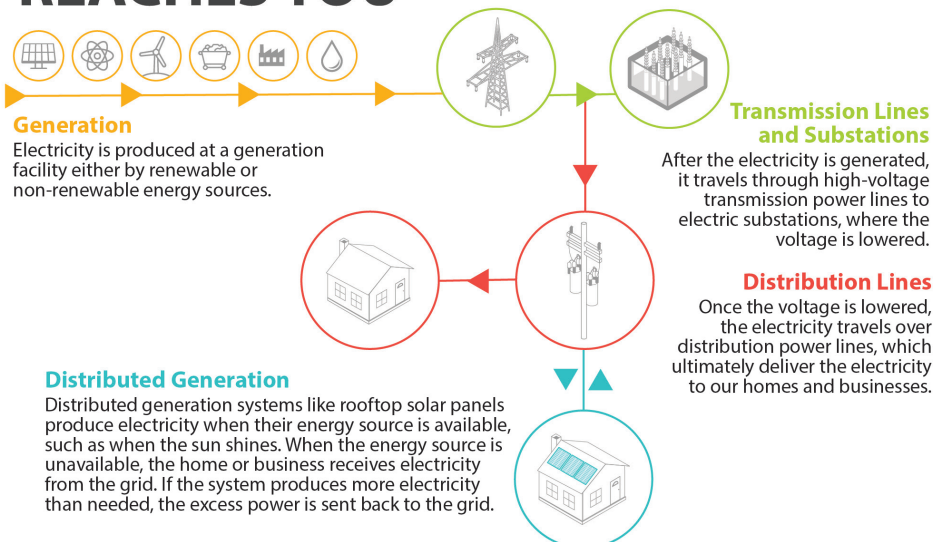


## DIRECTOR FILINGS NOW OPEN FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 3

Would you like to serve as a Director on the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board for your district? Director filings are now open for one Director in Districts 1 and 2, and two Directors in District 3. Please call the KPC office at 800-551-4951, email at khanson@kpc.coop.com, or stop by our office to request a Director packet. The packets contain the cooperative's bylaws as

well as the qualifications to become a Director. You must reside within the District you are filing in. Filings are due to the KPC office by 4:00 pm on March 6th, 2023. Election results will be announced at KPC's Annual Meeting, April 25th, 2023.

## HOW ELECTRICITY REACHES YOU







8605 47th Street NE, Spicer, MN 56288  
www.kpcoop.com

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30am – 4pm  
Phone: 1-800-551-4951  
Fax: 320-796-0620

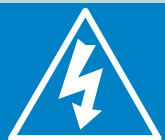
Tom McCormick  
Electric Inspector: 320-221-2809

Drop boxes available for your convenience  
at Cash Wise and our headquarters  
building near flag pole.

Ryan Nelson, CEO	320-796-1160
Michele Scheffler,	
Member/Communications	320-796-0982
Brent Hatlestad,	
Line Superintendent	320-796-1163
Patrick Krueger, CFO	320-796-0991

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	District
Dale Anderson, Chair - 320-894-1687	1
Rollo Campe - 320-894-1601	1
Larry Powers - 320-212-7960	1
Dan Pomranke - 320-894-7113	2
Todd Post, VC - 320-212-1119	2
Stan Wubben, Secretary - 320-905-8325	2
Kelly Erickson - 320-894-2930	3
Diane Helgeson - 320-220-3745	3
Robbert Stone - 320-894-8867	3

KILOWATT STAFF:  
Michele Scheffler, Editor



**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**

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



### January's \$25 Winner: Phillip Gill

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.



Arlington Cemetery **Friendships** Youth Day General Session  
**Connections** U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum John F. Kennedy Center  
U.S. Capitol Potomac River Smithsonian Institution 911 Memorial  
Lincoln Memorial WWII Memorial Newseum **Life Long Memories** Mount Vernon  
Martin Luther King Memorial Korean War Veteran's Memorial Smithsonian Castle  
Vietnam Women's Memorial Iwo Jima Memorial National Archives Freer Gallery of Art  
National Museum of Natural History DC War Memorial National WWII Memorial  
Jefferson Memorial Air Force Memorial Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Hirshhorn Museum  
National Museum of Air and Space Museum of the American Indian National Museum of the Marine Corp  
Washington Monument **National Museum of American History**  
**Learn about Rural Electric Cooperatives** National Museum of African American History and Culture

## ATTENTION STUDENTS

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is currently accepting applications from  
eligible high school sophomores and juniors for an all-expense paid trip to  
Washington D.C. for the 2023 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June  
13-18. Spend six days in our nation's capital visiting famous museums and  
historical sites and chatting with politicians.

Every year, 40 bright, enthusiastic, and passionate high school juniors and  
seniors are chosen to represent Minnesota on the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

But we're not the only ones there. Youth Tour is a national sensation!

Over 1,900 student delegates from all over the country rock D.C. on this tour!

They visit with their congressional representatives, tour some of the most  
famous museums in the world and make memories and friends that will  
last a lifetime.

Make 2023 the year you experience the monuments that are dedicated to our  
country's leaders. Let your voice be heard and get your questions answered.

This tour is coordinated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA)  
and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 through Sunday, June 18.

Visit our website [www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com) for Youth Tour Contest Rules and how  
to apply. Or call 800-551-4951 for information. Application deadline is  
February 17, 2023. Additional information on the National Youth Tour  
can be found at <http://youthtour.coop>.