

# KILOWATT

## ANNUAL MEETING



Upwards of 116 member-owners joined Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board Members and Staff at Little Crow Event Center on Tuesday, April 25th for the annual meeting of the members. Along with the election of one new director from District 3, a roughly 90-minute presentation was followed by brunch, fellowship, and a lot of great discussion. Two lucky member-owners found stickers under their plates, good for a \$50 bill credit.

John Brekke, VP and Chief Power Supply Officer at Great River Energy gave a recap on 2022 and future plans for power supply. Some 2022 highlights from GRE: \$25M patronage capital, \$38M in bill credits, sold Coal Creek Station, 866 MW of wind under development, sold Midwest AgEnergy, and were honored to be welcomed into the Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America Hall of Fame. Mr. Brekke also showed GRE's Integrated Resource Plan and how they will comply with Minnesota's 2040 Carbon Free law. In the current plan, the electricity purchased by KPC from GRE will be 60% carbon free by 2030, and 90% carbon free by 2035.

KPC's Chief Financial Officer, Patrick Krueger, presented the financial highlights from last year. Some 2022 highlights from KPC: over \$1.2M in capital credits retired back to our member-owners, 2.03% YOY growth in total utility plant, \$2.5M

towards the replacement or extension of existing plant, 167,291,844 kWh's sold, electric revenue of \$21.4M, and a great break down of where the dollars came from and where the dollars went.

Patrick also highlighted the two storms that rolled through our county last year, the efforts that went into restoration from the storm, and the associated FEMA dollars KPC was able to recover through grants. Of the \$151,695 our system sustained in damages, KPC was able to recover \$128,546 from FEMA.

Board Chair, Dale Anderson, and I also presented at the meeting, speaking to opportunity. There are a lot of changes coming to the electric grid in the next couple decades and GRE and KPC aim to take advantage of the opportunities ahead, with reliability and affordability at center stage.

Thank you for participating in the election process and thank you to those able to attend!

A recording of the Annual Meeting and the slide deck are available on our website. [www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com)



Ryan Nelson,  
CEO



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GET STUNG WITH THE FUN!

Member Appreciation  
Stingers Game July 12th



## Youth Tour Winner

Congrats to Hunter Grussing!

KPC is proud to announce the 2023 Youth Tour Contest Winner. Hunter Grussing, a Junior at Sartell High School who is currently attending St. Cloud State University as a post-secondary student, has been selected to represent Kandiyohi Power Cooperative at the 2023 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington D.C. Hunter is the son of Glen Grussing and Melissa Reinhardt.



Every year, 40 students are chosen to represent Minnesota on the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. But, Minnesota's students aren't the only ones! Youth Tour is a life-changing trip that brings more than a thousand high school juniors and seniors to Washington, D.C. from all across America. Students are selected by their local electric cooperative. Students spend six days in our nation's capital visiting famous museums, historical sites and chatting with politicians.

KPC is pleased to be sending such a well-rounded student as a representative of our cooperative to our nation's capital. Congratulations Hunter!

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Equipment must be purchased and installed in May, June, July or August 2023.

Ducted ASHP	Promotional Rebate
≥ HSPF 8.2 / HSPF <sub>2</sub> 7	\$750.00
≥ HSPF 9 / HSPF <sub>2</sub> 7.7	\$1,250.00
*Quality installation required	

Ductless ASHP	Promotional Rebate
Delivered Fuels	\$450.00
Electric Heat	\$750.00
Efficiency Requirements: ≥ 14.5 SEER/SEER2; ≥ 8.2 HSPF/7.9 HSPF2	

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.

## NEW SERVICES/UPGRADES

Now that the frost is out of the ground, construction season is upon us. Please inform our Engineering department of any plans for new services or upgrades as soon as possible, as delivery times for some materials can be lengthy. It's also important to keep in mind that line crews are already working on numerous projects. We look forward to working with you on your projects, whether it be a new home, business or farming expansion.



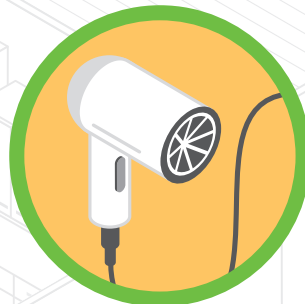
# A Safe, Happy House

Four Easy Ways to Boost Electrical Safety at Home

**DON'T**  
place flammable items,  
like potholders, napkins or  
dish towels near the stove  
while cooking.



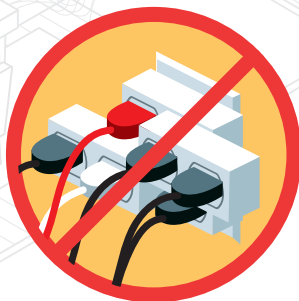
**DO**  
keep electrical devices  
away from water to  
prevent electric shock.



**DO**  
ensure you're using  
the correct wattage  
in all light fixtures.



**DON'T**  
overload  
electrical outlets  
with more  
devices than the  
circuit can  
handle.



May is National Electrical Safety Month.

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

April 26, 2023

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:

- None

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - IJJA Consortium grant in process
  - U.S. Dept. of Energy Letter of Commitment
  - MREA's CEO Conference recap
  - Leroy Vanderpool Safety Award application submitted
  - IRA & IJJA grants are being researched
  - UCAP parking lot construction update
- Member Services/Communications
  - CURE update
  - NISC Multi-Channel Messenger go live is set for June 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Air Source Heat Pump promotion update
  - Annual Meeting on YouTube
  - Youth Tour applicant paperwork complete
  - Service Standards updated, new accounts now requiring increased deposit
- Engineering Report
  - Safety and services update
  - Update on current projects
  - All equipment operational
  - Safety Committee Meeting & Program overview
- Finance Report
  - Review of financials for March
  - Form 7 completed & reviewed
  - Operation Round Up forms filed
  - GRE update

Policy Review

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

New Director Clothing

Operation Round Up Update  
by Director Pomranke

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

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- March Meeting Minutes
- Unanimous support of Letter of Commitment
- Approval of policies:
  - 202 (Financial Management & Policy Statement) consolidated with 204 with additional revisions
  - 204 (Financial Management) Deleted
  - 206 (Cogeneration/Distributed Energy Resources)
  - 301 (Energy Management/Conservation) with revisions
- Approval of two new embroidered shirts and a jacket for new Director Fostervold
- Adjourn meeting

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is May 24, 2023





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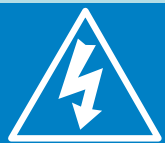
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**Electric Inspector: 320-221-2809**

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Brent Hatlestad,	
Line Superintendent	320-796-1163
Patrick Krueger, CFO	320-796-0991

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS:</b>	<b>District</b>
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
Darrell Fostervold - 320-212-4824	3

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service but will not guarantee uninterrupted service.

## 2023 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to those who ran for board.

Elected to a 3-year term

Larry Powers, District 1

Dan Pomranke, District 2

Darrell Fostervold, District 3

Elected to a 1-year term

Kelly Erickson, District 3



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