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In 2024, the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors is asking our members to approve proposed amendments to the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is governed by a series of documents, including Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, that were first established when the Cooperative was organized in 1935. These important documents provide a framework for governing and conducting business.

As time passes, the energy industry changes, technology advances and member needs and expectations grow. It is important to periodically review and amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws in order to remain relevant and effective. It's been over 10 years since this process last occurred.

Over the last six months Kandiyohi Power Cooperative staff, the Board of Directors, our attorney, and an independent communication consultant conducted a review of the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. After reviewing these documents line by line and comparing them to Cooperative business procedures, future needs, and industry advancements, we've identified a variety of necessary alterations. In recent months the Cooperative has been hard at work rewriting these important business guidelines to incorporate the changes needed as our business moves forward.

While the proposed amendments have been approved by the current Board of Directors, they cannot be placed into effect without approval by a majority vote of the members that participate in the voting process. This membership vote will take place in conjunction with the Director elections and Annual Meeting on April 23, 2024.

As that date gets closer, we'll keep you informed. Tune into future issues of the newsletter, watch for details on our website and Facebook page and look for your ballot package in the mail, all of these will include additional information.



Ryan Nelson,
CEO

**SAVE
the
DATE**

**Annual Meeting
April 23, 2024**

2024 RESIDENTIAL MEMBER REBATES AVAILABLE

Appliances – Energy Star Certified Only

- Dehumidifier\$ 25⁰⁰
- Dryer\$ 25⁰⁰
- Freezer w/recycling of old\$ 75⁰⁰
- Refrigerator w/recycling of old\$ 75⁰⁰

Heating and Cooling

- A/C & ASHP Tune UP.....\$ 25⁰⁰
- ASHP – Ductless < 5 ton, & ≥ 14.3 SEER2 & 7.5 HSPF2
 - Primary Heat is Delivered Fuels.....\$300⁰⁰
 - Primary Heat is Electric.....\$500⁰⁰
- ASHP – Ducted Quality Installation Required (QI)
 - ≥ 14.3 SEER2 & 7.5 HSPF2\$500⁰⁰
 - ≥ 15.2 SEER2 & 8.1 HSPF2\$800⁰⁰
- Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) Replacement Only (Energy Star)\$ 50⁰⁰
- GSHP – per ton (Energy Star)\$250⁰⁰
- Smart Thermostat.....\$ 25⁰⁰
- ETS Space Heating – per Kw (load management required)\$ 25⁰⁰

Electric Water Heating –Available to New Load Management Only

- ETS – 80-100 Gallon\$400⁰⁰
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 301 kWh or greater on primary meter
- Interruptible Water Heating 50-100 Gallon\$100⁰⁰
Control Strategy:
 - Interrupted for up to 8 hours on days peak control is needed
 - \$8⁰⁰ monthly credit with usage of 301 kWh or greater on primary meter

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

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

- Installation of qualifying hardwired, level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)\$200⁰⁰

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. Bring KPC electric bill as proof of membership and they will not be charged.
- LED lights can be disposed of in garbage, no need to recycle.

Rebate Program is subject to change or cancellation without notice.



December's \$25 Auto Pay Winner: Fred Asche Jr.

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.

NEW PAYMENT IVR

What is an IVR? An Interactive Voice Response (IVR) is an automated phone system technology that collects information via a prerecorded menu to direct the call to the appropriate place. We recently switched our payment IVR to serve you better. The new IVR has increased menu options including check account status, make a payment, add or edit a stored payment method, manage recurring payments, manage personal ID number (PIN) and update your phone number. The first time using the IVR, you will be asked to set up a 4-digit PIN number to use in all future interaction with the IVR, make sure you save this number! The IVR will ask questions regarding account information to verify your identity and prevent unauthorized account access for your protection, such as the account number, the last 4 digits of the primary account holder's social security number, the amount of the last payment, etc. If you have questions about the IVR, or need assistance please contact us at 800-551-4951 or contactus@kpcoop.com.

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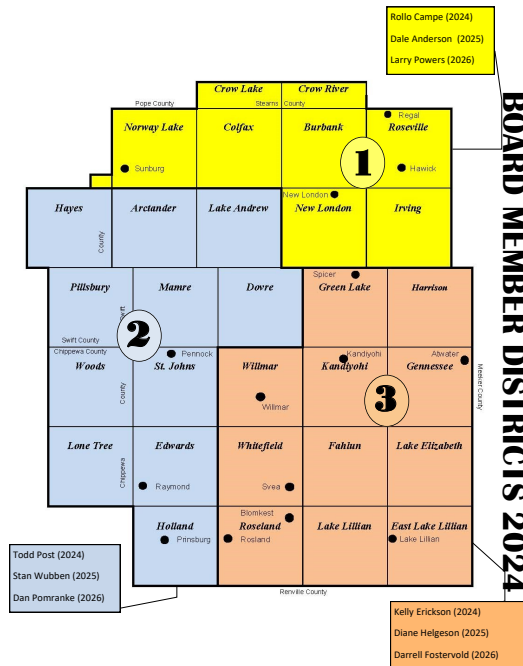
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DIRECTOR FILINGS NOW OPEN FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 3

Would you like to serve as a Director on the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board? Director filings are now open for Directors in Districts 1, 2 and 3. Please call the KPC office at 800-551-4951, email at khanson@kpcoop.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. As a Board Director you will serve a 3-year term and must reside within the district for which you are filing. Filings are due at the KPC office by 4:00 pm on March 4, 2024. Election results will be announced at KPC's Annual Meeting, April 23, 2024.



ANNUAL COGENERATION NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative has adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production. KPC will interconnect with and purchase electricity from co-generators and small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will provide interested members rates and interconnection requirements, which can be found on our website at www.kpcoop.com/distributed-generation. All interconnections require an application and are subject to resolution by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. Interested members should contact us at 800-551-4951 or contactus@kpcoop.com.

OPERATION ROUNDUP (ORU) BOARD OPENING DISTRICT 3



ORU is a volunteer community support program. It is designed to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities throughout our area. It's people helping people. The ORU Board Members review grant applications at a quarterly meeting to determine grant award amounts. This nine-member board has an open seat in District 3! If you are interested in serving a term and helping your local community, please email contactus@kpcoop.com or call 800-551-4951 for more information.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE TIME OF USE RATE

KPC is excited to introduce an Electric Vehicle (EV) Time of Use (TOU) Pilot program. This voluntary TOU rate seeks to encourage EV owners to charge their EVs during off-peak times. The rate will charge \$0.074 per kWh during off-peak times and \$0.334 per kWh during peak times.

If you are interested in learning more about the EV TOU pilot, program requirements and enrolling in the program, please contact us at 800-551-4951 or contactus@kpcoop.com.



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

December 27, 2023

The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. There were eight directors present: one attending virtually. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the regular agenda: None.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
 - IJIA Consortium, Topic 3: Innovative Regional Grid and New ERA Grant.
 - KPC Bylaw Review Update.
 - Alliance Presentation.
 - GRE Board with Member CEOs Meeting.
 - WMU Meeting & Update.
 - City of Kandiyohi Council Meeting Update.
 - Policy Update.
- Member Services/Communications
 - Smarthub redesign launch update.
 - Patronage refunds.
 - Year-end items.
 - Youth tour update.
 - NISC Multi-Channel Messenger Integrated Voice Response update.
 - 2024 Rate 36 EV Charging TOU Rate.
 - Insights and Analytics
 - Auto Pay Metrics
- Engineering Report
 - Ninety-four new services connected; thirteen retired; eight renewables on file to date.
 - Recent GRE transmission outage update.
 - Current projects: fault indicator replacements & line patrol on the four substations scheduled for 2024.
 - Safety Committee Updates
 - All equipment operational.
- Finance Report
 - December Capital Credit Retirement.
 - Year-End Reporting Requirements.
 - Sales & Use Tax Refund Update.
 - 7/25-7/26 Storm Aid Update.
 - Reviewed November financials.
 - GRE Update.
 - WMU Sales Credit Update.
 - Bushmills Year-End Update.

Articles & Bylaws Project Update

MREA Voting Delegate

NRTC Voting Delegate

Great River Energy Amendment to Appendix B of the TSC

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

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- Consent Agenda
- Capital Credits Payout for Dissolved Corporation.
- 2024 Rate 36 EV Charging TOU Rate.
- MREA Voting Delegate.
- NRTC Voting Delegate.
- Resolution Approval for Amendment to Appendix B of TSC.
- Adjourn meeting

Meeting Adjourned Next regular board meeting is January 24, 2024.



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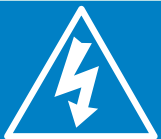
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Member/Communications	320-796-0982
Brent Hatlestad,	
Line Superintendent	320-796-1163
Patrick Krueger, CFO	320-796-0991

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
Darrell Fostervold - 320-212-4824	3

KILOWATT STAFF:
Michele Scheffler, Editor

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been restored and make sure you have an emergency kit ready.

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service but will not guarantee uninterrupted service.

TRIP OF A LIFETIME



JUNE 18 TO 23, 2024
AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHAT IS YOUTH TOUR?

- An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., paid for by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative.
- A week of visiting historic monuments, touring world class museums and meeting elected officials.
- Developing life-long friendships with delegates from across the country!

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardian must be served by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative.
- Visit www.kpcoop.com/youth-tour to apply by February 19, 2024.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.KPCOOP.COM



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WIN A TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

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 2024 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June 18-23. You and your parents or guardian must be served by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative to be eligible. 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 schoolers 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 visit 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 2024 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 18 through Sunday, June 23.

Visit our website www.kpcoop.com/youth-tour for the complete Youth Tour Contest Rules and how to apply. Or call 800-551-4951 for information. Application deadline is February 19, 2024. Additional information on the National Youth Tour can be found at <http://youthtour.coop>.