

# KILOWATT

## THE BENEFITS OF ONLINE VOTING

As technology continues to revolutionize our lives, it also presents new opportunities for electric cooperatives to better serve our member-owners. One exciting development is online voting, which can significantly enhance the democratic process within our cooperative.

For those who prefer or rely on traditional methods, paper ballots will still be mailed to each membership in districts where voting is taking place. Voting for directors in 2025 will take place for members in District 2. In addition to traditional paper ballots sent in years past, we will be offering online voting! Here are some key benefits of online voting that can help us build a stronger, more engaged community:

### 1. **Increased Member Participation**

Online voting has the potential to increase member participation in cooperative elections. Online voting allows members to cast their ballots from the comfort of their own homes or any location with internet access. This convenience can encourage more members to actively participate in the cooperative's governance, ensuring that their voices are heard.

### 2. **Enhanced Accessibility**

Online voting can make the voting process more accessible for all members. Online voting can eliminate barriers, ensuring that every member has an equal opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

### 3. **Improved Security and Accuracy**

Contrary to common misconceptions, online voting can offer enhanced security and accuracy. With advancements in cybersecurity and encryption technologies, online voting platforms can be designed to protect member information and ensure the integrity of the voting process. Additionally, online voting systems can reduce the risk of human error in vote counting and provide real-time results, increasing transparency and trust in our cooperative's democratic process.

### 4. **Environmental Benefits**

Online voting can also have positive environmental impacts. By transitioning to online voting, we can reduce the environmental footprint of our cooperative and promote sustainability. This aligns with our commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible resource management.

Michele Scheffler,  
Member Services and  
Communications Manager



We encourage you to try online voting this year, you can cast your vote from anywhere through our easy to access voting site. Click the Vote Now button in your SmartHub account or by clicking the Vote Now button on our website using the credentials mailed in your voting packet. If you have any questions regarding the voting process this year, please let us know!

In conclusion, online voting has the potential to transform the way our cooperative engages with its members. By increasing participation, enhancing accessibility, ensuring security, and promoting environmental sustainability, online voting can help us build a more inclusive and efficient democratic process. As an electric distribution cooperative, we are dedicated to empowering our members and embracing innovative solutions that benefit our community. While we move towards the future with online voting, we remain committed to providing traditional paper ballot options to ensure that all members have a voice in our cooperative's governance.



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**Annual Meeting  
April 22, 2025**

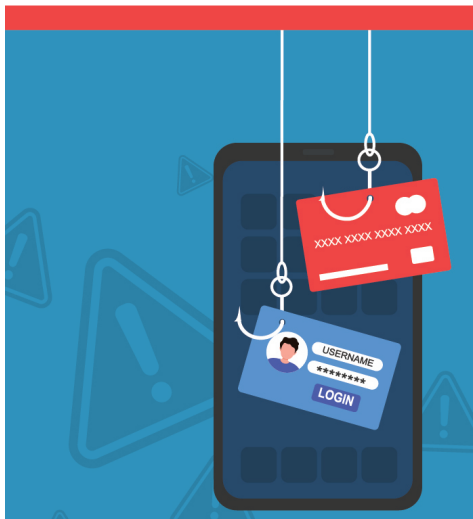
## MAKE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION NOW!

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is holding our Annual Meeting April 22 at the Little Crow Golf Resort. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. and brunch to follow. Due to limited space, we ask that you please RSVP NO LATER than April 11 if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting. Contact us at 800-551-4951 or by email at [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. We will have a welcome gift and prize drawing.

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Don't fall for a power restoration rip off. Some scammers will contact you and offer to restore power quickly or in a preferential order if you make an immediate payment. These scams typically occur after major storms or disasters that cause widespread outages. We will never request or require payment to restore power after a natural disaster or storm. If post-storm repairs to customer-owned equipment are necessary, we will advise you to work with a licensed contractor. If any charges are applicable, you will be billed through your account.

*Source: Utilities United  
Against Scams*



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### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING of the KANDIYOHI POWER COOPERATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will be held in person at Little Crow Golf Resort, 15980 MN-23, Spicer, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025. The Annual Business Meeting of the Members will be called to order at 9:00a.m. The following business will be transacted:

- 1) To hear, examine, and approve of the reports of the officers, directors, and committees.
- 2) To elect three (3) Directors, one in each district, for said Association for the ensuing term. The 2025 candidates elected by acclamation are as follows:  
Dale H. Anderson – District 1  
Robert C. Moller – District 3
- 3) For the transaction of such other and further business as may lawfully be brought before the membership of the Association and as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Association.

DATED: Spicer, Minnesota, February 26th, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dale Anderson, Chairman



Stanley Wubben, Secretary/Treasurer

## MINNESOTA'S COLD WEATHER RULE

Please remember Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule does not prevent the Cooperative from shutting off your power for non-payment during the winter months. If you find yourself in need of energy assistance, please contact one of the following to learn about Energy Assistance Programs or apply for assistance.



Contact your County EAP service provider for additional information and assistance:

United Community Action Agency- 320-235-0850 or 800-992-1710

Prairie Five Community Action- 320-269-7976 or 800-282-5437

Tri-County Action Agency- 320-251-1612 or 888-765-5597

Other Local agencies that provide aid for those in need:

Salvation Army- 320-235-2033

Kandiyohi County Family Service- 320-231-7066

The Link (New London/Spicer area)- 320-354-5555



### February's \$25 Auto Pay Winner: Melissa and Shane Kiehl

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.

## BOARD DIRECTOR FILING FOR 2025

The filing period for election to the Board of Directors closed on January 22, 2025. Filings were received for the following seats up for election:

**District 1:**  
Dale Anderson

**District 2:**  
Ross Larson  
Rick Nass  
Ken Warner

**District 3:**  
Robert Moller

Article 5, Section 2, Number 9 states: "In the event that there is only one candidate for election to a Director position, either through filing or by nomination, the single candidate shall be deemed elected by acclamation as an unopposed candidate and no voting shall be required for such an uncontested Director election. The notice of the Annual Meeting shall state the name of the candidate elected by acclamation and a report of such election by acclamation shall be given to the Members at the Annual Meeting."

Voting for directors will take place for members in District 2.

Visit <https://www.kpcoop.com/2025-annual-meeting> for Director Profiles and additional information on voting. Paper ballots will be mailed, and electronic voting will open for members in District 2 on March 31.



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

February 24, 2025

The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. There were six directors present, three directors virtual. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the regular agenda: Security light sharing & closed session.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - IJJA Consortium, Topic 3 and New ERA Grant update.
  - Completion of sale of old headquarter building.
  - Healthy Earth Healthy Kids panel preparation.
  - GRE board with member manager group recap.
  - MREA Annual Meeting recap.
  - Power Systems Engineering education scheduled.
- Member Services/Communications
  - Youth Tour application process complete.
  - Annual meeting planning.
  - Budget billing accounts updated and notified.
  - 2025 residential member rebates.
  - Auto pay metrics.
  - Insights and analytics.
- Engineering Report
  - One new service; zero retired YTD.
  - Sectionalizing and system protection review in process.
  - GRE advisor – EPRI spring meeting recap.
  - Annual DER reporting and compliance scheduled for March 2025.
  - Outage breakdown YTD.
  - Compliance and safety update for January.
- IT/Maintenance
  - Recap of NISC account manager meeting.
  - Postage machine upgrade.
  - NISC programming changes reviewed.
  - Annual PCI compliance renewal completed.
  - Microsoft systems updates.
  - Septic system lift pump repairs.
- Finance Report
  - Review of financials for January.
  - Capital credit allocation process scheduled.
  - 2024 audit completed with no issues.
  - 2025 rate adjustments completed on February bill calc.
  - Planning for Form 7 completion.

Heartland Security Year Review Program Credit Analysis

- Chris Radel & Michele Scheffler

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

Great River Energy (GRE)

- Director's Report by Chair Anderson.

Closed Session

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda.
- Consent Agenda.
- Capital Credit Payout for Dissolved Corporation.
- February Write-offs.
- Adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- Next regular board meeting is March 26, 2025.





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Ryan Nelson, CEO

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**District**

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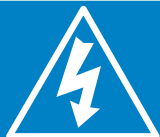
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The Cooperative will attempt to furnish continuous service but will not guarantee uninterrupted service.

**LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY ON APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**



On Lineworker Appreciation Day, we pause to express our gratitude for the dedication, courage, and skill you bring to your work every day. Your efforts keep our homes lit, our businesses running, and our communities connected.

Through storms, challenging conditions, and long hours, you rise to the occasion with unwavering determination. Your commitment to ensuring the safety and reliability of our power does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for your contributions.

*Thank you for being the unsung heroes who power our lives!*

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