

KILOWATT



MEMORIAL DAY

KPC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 31ST
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.



INTRODUCING KANDIYOH POWER COOPERATIVE'S NEW BRAND IDENTITY

We are proud to announce the launch of our new company logo and rebranding as part of our ongoing evolution. Our business has evolved over the years and we felt that it was time for a change. We have refreshed our logo to reflect who we are today and as well as symbolize our future.

At Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, we always have our member-owners in mind. The lightning bolt is a common phenomenon, yet the power is extraordinary. The lightning bolt in the new logo symbolizes the power your membership holds here at Kandiyohi Power Cooperative.

Our design goal was to better match how we look at our Mission, Vision, Values and also the Member-Owners we serve. We worked to find something that was crisp, modern, approachable, friendly and represented the power of your membership in KPC. All while being focused on what we do: provide our member-owners with reliable, sustainable and innovative energy solutions.

We realize that changing a logo is a process that can involve many steps and take some time. In the upcoming months, you will see our communication materials, cooperative vehicles, headquarters and substation signage, website and Facebook updated with the new logo.

We hope that you like the new look and feel for Kandiyohi Power Cooperative! Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Your membership in KPC is a Powerful Membership, with Local Ownership!

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NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's Board has appointed Ryan Nelson as our new Chief Executive Officer, effective April 16th. Ryan previously held the position of acting General Manager, as well as our Manager of Engineering and Operations.

"During this time of transformation, Ryan is the right leader for Kandiyohi Power Cooperative," said Dale Anderson, KPC's Chairman of the Board. "Ryan is a proven leader with an operation and engineering background, business vision and the ability to bring people together. We believe his strong leadership and thoughtful approach are just what our member-owners and employees expect and deserve."

Ryan brings with him 18 years of progressive experience in the industry. Please join us in welcoming Ryan to his new position!



Left to right: Dale Anderson, Board Chair, Ryan Nelson, CEO, Stan Wubben, Board Secretary

SAVE
THE DATE



**GET STUNG
WITH THE FUN!**
Member Appreciation
Stingers Game July 14th

Heat from Thin Air

A heat pump extracts heat from the outside to the inside. Using recycled heat means the heat pump heats more efficiently.



ANNOUNCING LIMITED TIME ASHP PROMOTION

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is pleased to announce our 2021 Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) promotion. For a limited time, we will be increasing our rebate on ASHP's. This promotional rebate is subject to limited availability.

Rebate Qualifications/Considerations:

- Must be installed in KPC territory
- Must be "QI" installed and tested in 2021
- Can be combined with furnace ECM rebate
- Ask about off-peak program and reduced electric rates
- To qualify for a rebate, must be purchased and installed in May, June, July or August 2021

Why ASHP's?

- Best of both worlds. ASHP's provide home cooling and supplemental heating with 72% less electricity than conventional a/c's and furnaces.
- Higher Efficiency – you can save up to 30% on your home cooling expenses. They are also 200% + more efficient when it comes to home heating.
- Easy on the Environment
- A Safe Solution – no open flame so doesn't create any products combustion such as carbon monoxide and other emissions.
- Quality Control – Air rises more slowly, distributes more evenly and holds its moisture better. This makes a more natural warmth.
- Adjusts Automatically – An ASHP works in tandem with your conventional gas furnace for home heating. The pump automatically selects the most ideal balance between the two heating sources to constantly maintain the most efficiently ideal heating combination based on your desired indoor temperature.

Promotional Rebate Amounts:

15 SEER	\$750.00
16 + SEER	\$1,500.00

ANNUAL MEETING Q&A

Our Annual Meeting was held virtually on April 27th, 2021. Below are the questions asked during the virtual event.



- Q:** Does the Coop have a specific plan to be involved in a Broadband project, either alone or in partnership with other coops?
- A:** Currently, KPC is not planning a broadband project. However, we are always looking for ways to help promote broadband in our area.
- Q:** Is the Kandiyohi Power Community Solar totally sold out? If so, is there a plan for expansion of community solar?
- A:** Our Community Solar array is not sold out. We currently have 27 panels available for member-owners to lease. There are no plans for expansion at this time.
- If you are interested in leasing a panel, please call us at 800-551-4951.*
- Q:** Does KPC own any electric vehicles or have plans to purchase any?
- A:** We currently lease a 2019 Tesla Model 3. When the lease is over, it will be returned to Tesla. We don't have any current plans to purchase another electric vehicle.
- However, as electric pickup trucks become readily available we intend to replace failing pickups in our fleet with electric pickups.
- Q:** Right now, what percent of our electricity comes from fossil fuels like coal and gas?
- A:** Our energy source mix is always posted on our website at: www.kpcoop.com/energy-sources



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ALERT TODAY, ALIVE TOMORROW: HEADS UP FOR FARM SAFETY

Stay safe around downed power lines. Consider all lines, equipment and conductors to be live and dangerous.



If the vehicle is on fire, or you must exit for other safety reasons, follow these steps:

1. Jump clear of the vehicle. Do not let any part of your body or clothes touch the ground and the machinery at the same time.
2. Land with feet together and hop away in small steps to minimize the path of electric current and avoid electric shock.
3. Keep going until you are at least 40 ft. away.
4. Call for help. Make sure no one gets within 40 ft. of the downed line.
5. Do not re-enter the area or vehicle until emergency responders and your electric co-op crews determine it is safe.

NOTICE

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The Kandiyo Power Cooperative Board of Directors held the Annual Meeting virtually on April 27th, 2021. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams Live Event, without the membership present due to COVID.

New directors for 3 year terms:

Rollo Campe: District 1, by acclamation

Todd Post: District 2

Ryan Erickson: District 3

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RESIDENTIAL HEATING SALES TAX EXEMPTION

If electric energy is your primary source of heat, you are eligible for a tax exemption during the months of November through April. 50% or more of your home must be heated by electric heat to qualify. If you receive tax credit for electric heat and do not qualify you are in violation of the sales tax law. To receive this tax exemption, you must sign a form stating electric heat is your primary source of heat. It is the members responsibility to notify our KPC office, get a form, sign and return. This process needs to be done yearly. If we do not have a current signed form on file, you will not receive the tax credit. If you are not sure if you have signed for the tax credit, notify our offices at 800-551-4951 to see if we have a form on file. Please do not assume we have a current form on file, we will not refund for past months.

PRACTICE SAFETY WHEN DIY-ING

These days many of us are spending more time at home and finding new, creative ways to enhance our living space. Tackling do-it-yourself (DIY) projects for the home can be fun and cost-effective, so why not roll up those sleeves and get started! Whether you're painting the front door with a fresh hue or finally upgrading those patio lights, successfully completing a DIY home project is incredibly satisfying. But many of these projects do not come without risks. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind as you get to work.



Start by selecting a designated work area. The amount of space you'll need will depend on the size and scope of your project, but make sure you have adequate lighting and ventilation (if necessary). Required tools and equipment should be located in your workspace and organized for easy access.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is your friend. We know you're a pro but investing a few bucks in PPE is essential for most home projects. Stock up on safety goggles, dust masks, ear plugs (or noise reduction ear protectors), gloves and any other kind of protection you'll need for your project. Remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. (Ditch the sandals for this!)

Work slowly and clean as you go. When you rush through a DIY project, you'll likely end up with less desirable results than you intended, or worse, you could make a costly or dangerous mistake. Take your time and remember that you are in control of the project. You should also clean as you go to ensure a safer workspace. Pick up any scrap materials, tools that aren't in use and any tripping hazards.

Be cautious with power tools. Annually, 8% of electrocutions in the U.S. are attributed to improper use of power tools. The Electrical Safety Foundation International offers the following safety tips:

Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) with every power tool to protect against electrical shock.

Never use power tools near live electrical wires or water pipes.

Use extreme caution when cutting or drilling into walls where electrical wires or water pipes could be accidentally touched or penetrated.

If a power tool trips a safety device while in use, take the tool to a manufacturer-authorized repair center for service.

Do not use power tools without the proper guards.

When using a wet-dry vacuum cleaner or a pressure washer, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid electrical shock.

Remember, you should only tackle DIY home projects within your skill and comfort level. For projects that require extensive electrical work, we strongly recommend you hire a licensed, qualified electrician for assistance.

To learn more about electrical safety, visit our website at www.kpcoop.com.

KILOWATT CREDIT SCORECARD

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Account numbers used are 9 digits, as appearing on your monthly bill. If you find your account number in this KILOWATT, please notify us by the 4th to claim your credit.

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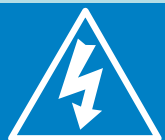
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24-HOUR OUTAGE NUMBER

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



KPC is currently updating our Load Management Equipment due to new technology. The Load Management Equipment controls your off-peak programs and is typically located on the side of your home. We have contracted with a local electrician to update the equipment. The contractor's vehicle will be marked with Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 800-551-4951 or email contactus@kpcoop.com.



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Generate Safely.

Never use a portable generator indoors.

**Do not plug generators into standard
electrical outlets.**

**Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect
appliances into the generator.**

Start the generator before connecting appliances.



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alert system uses the latest
technology and is certified on
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