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CEO Report

JEFF RUSTAD
CEO
PKM Electric Co-op

Summer is almost over, and fall is coming faster than we want. Crews have been very busy with construction all over the system. Just over 8 miles of underground three-phase north of Robbin is close to complete, and they will wait for some crop to come off to start on the 4.5 miles of three-phase underground going south of Robbin. Crews are still working on the overhead-to-underground work by Old Mill State Park running with Wikstrom’s fiber crossings. All these projects will also have overhead line and pole retirements yet to be done when the underground work is completed. Multiple cable replacements and new services have been installed, and the list seems to get longer every day. We are still working on Hallock and Halma substation metering, and we still have some meters to change and multiple relays to install.

I want to remind everyone to be aware of your surroundings when it comes to utility power lines. We’ve had multiple outages caused by equipment getting tangled in the power lines or hitting lines or poles. We even had a plane fly through our lines over a highway. If this happens to you, do not get out of your equipment or vehicle. Call and wait until someone can verify it is safe. Most of these lines have been in the same areas for 80 years. I have heard the comment there are too many overhead wires. But they’re not going away

anytime soon – the cost to install one mile of single-phase underground is \$25,000 to \$30,000, and we have over 1,500 miles of overhead wires in our system. We’ve had multiple outages caused by dig-ins on our underground power lines for various reasons. If you are crossing our lines, you are required to spot the wire before crossing it or dig by hand over it. Make sure you call 811 a few days before doing any excavation. You will need your address, county, township, section and nearest intersecting street or highway. The area needs to be marked with white paint or white flags. If you call in a locate in our area, Cooperative Development will be the contractor locating the PKM wires.

PKM just completed its second Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) observation, which is done every three years. This is an onsite observation with five observers from other cooperatives in our state. They do a walkthrough of all our buildings and pole yard; review trucks, personal protective equipment, overhead and underground line and equipment; and perform crew visits. We scored very good and even had some “exceeding requirements” scores, which I am told is uncommon. This is a compliment to our great group of employees and their commitment to safety at your cooperative. They do a great job.

Our revenue for the year is good. This partially has to do with American Crystal Sugar not running the freeze piles until after the first of the year. Sales for May and June are down over 2023, but July sales are up over 2023.

I was reading an email I received from the MnDOT on second round grant funding to install electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers throughout Minnesota. About \$7.8 million has been assigned for 18 projects of \$68 million total. The closest to our area is Circle K stores in Moorhead for \$497,000, and they received four for different locations. The minimum requirement is for four 150-kW charging ports. I’m not sure they think about the size of services this takes and the costs to install and maintain it – I’m guessing they don’t care. The grant may cover up to 90% of the cost of the project. Do you think grants like this were available to help install regular gas stations before? Not likely.

Cooperative Month is coming up, and I want to remind everyone to stop by for cookies, cider and coffee in the office the week of Oct. 7-11. We will have prizes to register for here, and keep an eye out for a form in your billing to fill out for energy credits. There is also a coloring page for kids to send in to win prizes. As always, if you have any questions, call or stop by to visit.

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Next board meeting

Board meeting to be held the last Tuesday of the month.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2024 PKM scholarship recipients!

Each year, PKM Electric Cooperative provides scholarships for graduating seniors at each of the high schools operating throughout the cooperative's service area. These scholarships are made possible by funding from Operation Round Up®.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THESE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



Dana Brown
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Stephen
Stephen-Argyle



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Warren
University of North Dakota



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NRECA Seeks Supreme Court Stay of EPA Power Plant Rule

Written by Molly Christian, staff writer for NRECA

Amid growing threats to the electric grid, NRECA asked the U.S. Supreme Court on July 23 to put the Environmental Protection Agency's final power plant greenhouse gas rule on hold.

NRECA filed the new application for stay after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rejected an earlier request to stay the rule.

"This rule poses a significant threat to affordable and reliable electricity for millions of Americans, especially as power demand skyrockets across the nation," NRECA CEO Jim Matheson said. "A Supreme Court stay is necessary to prevent immediate harm to the nation's electric grid and the American economy."

The final rule, which the EPA released in April, requires most existing coal plants operating past the start of 2039 and new baseload gas-fired facilities to capture

at least 90% of their carbon emissions by 2032. To comply with the rule, most of those plants would need to shut down or install costly carbon capture technology that has not been adequately demonstrated.

In May, NRECA filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the rule. Several co-ops have said the regulation would make them spend billions of dollars on compliance, substantially raising costs for members. The rule could force co-ops to deploy carbon capture systems that may not satisfy the agency's emissions targets or build renewable energy facilities that are not as reliable as traditional resources.

"The path outlined by the EPA is unlawful, unrealistic and unachievable," Matheson said. "We are confident that the Supreme Court will recognize the immediate need for a stay given the grave consequences posed by this rule to an already stressed grid."

Minnkota Power Cooperative transmission line inspections scheduled for fall

Minnkota Power Cooperative, PKM Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, will be inspecting transmission line structures that cross your property twice during the fall of 2024.

1. Vegetation management inspection will be in preparation for vegetation maintenance activities in 2025. This inspection will allow Minnkota to evaluate vegetation growth around electrical infrastructure and within the right of way. Davey Resource Group will be assisting Minnkota personnel in the patrols.
2. Pole inspections and testing are to properly evaluate our transmission system to plan for upcoming project work. EXO will be conducting the testing on the poles.

All inspections are done using ATV/UTVs. Minimum land disturbance is anticipated. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that electricity can be delivered safely and reliably to your area, as well as prioritize project work. If you have questions, please visit [Minnkota.com](https://www.minnkota.com) or call **701-795-4000**.



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PLANTING KNOWLEDGE FOR A SAFE HARVEST

Harvest is one of the busiest times of the year for our region's farmers. From late nights to early mornings, the dedication they show to the land is unmatched. The team at PKM Electric wants to remind farmers that the best thing they can do is to come home safely at the end of the day. Here are some safety tips that will help keep our growers safe this harvest.

STAY SAFE AROUND POWER LINES

✓ KEEP YOUR EQUIPMENT AWAY FROM POWER LINES

Keep your equipment (and yourself) at least 10 feet away from power lines in all directions. Use a spotter when moving tall equipment and loads near power lines.

✓ LOWER YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE MOVING

Always lower your equipment to the lowest possible setting before moving it. Wind and uneven ground may cause extended equipment to make contact with power lines.

✓ REPORT ANY CONTACT WITH LINES RIGHT AWAY

If your equipment ever comes in contact with a power line, do not get out and examine it. Call 9-1-1 and wait until the line has been de-energized.

GENERAL HARVEST SAFETY TIPS

✓ STAY ALERT AND FOCUSED AT WORK

Harvest can be very demanding. The long days can make getting quality rest difficult. Taking breaks and getting proper rest is crucial for avoiding mistakes and can prevent accidents caused by fatigue.

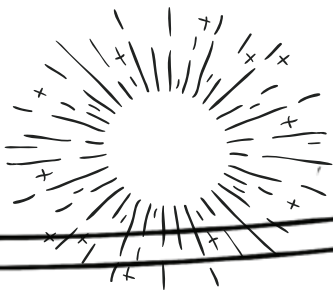
✓ INSPECT EQUIPMENT BEFORE USE

Regular inspection of your equipment can save time, money and lives during harvest season. Identifying issues or potential problems can help you be more efficient while also operating your equipment safely.

✓ WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND GEAR TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY

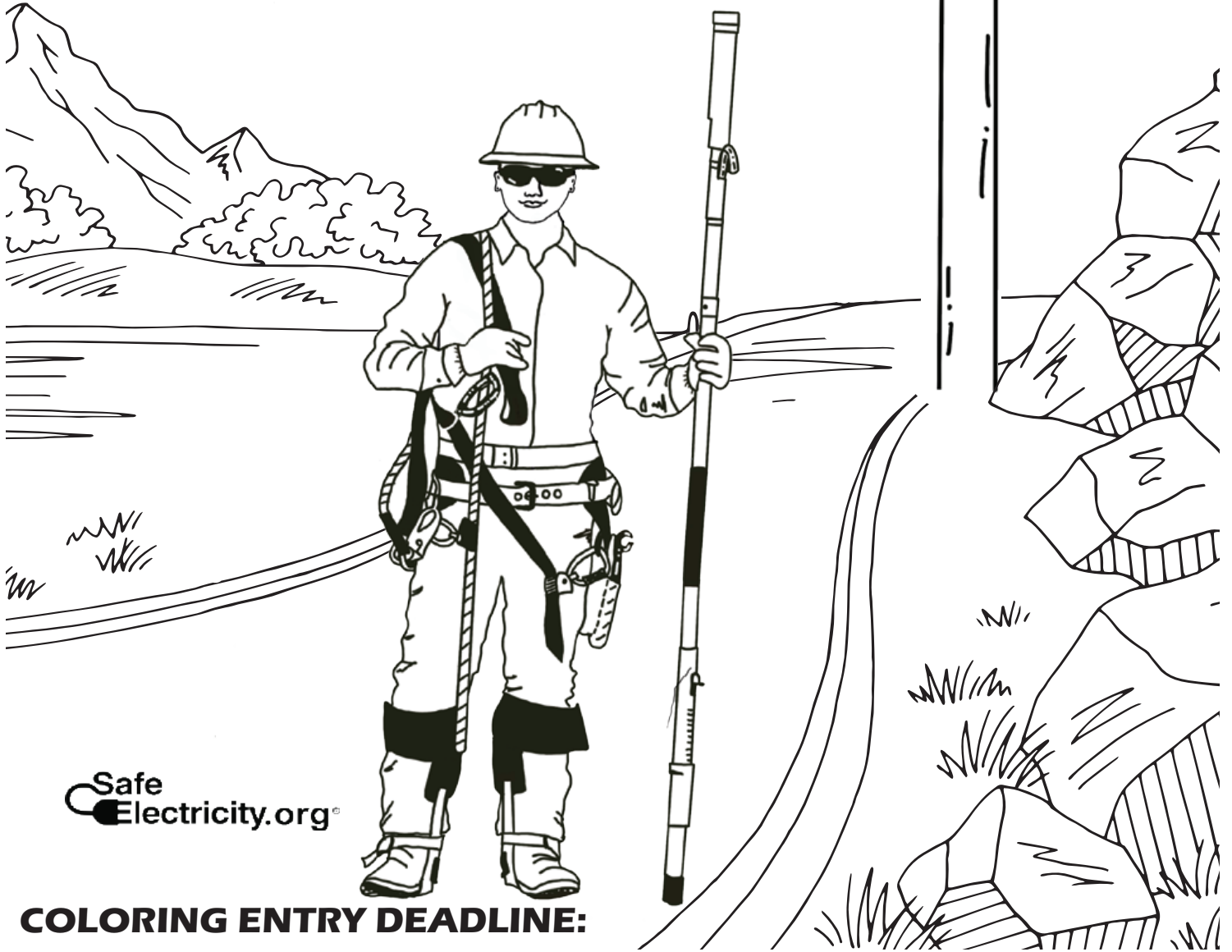
Loose-fitting clothing can get caught in farming machinery and cause serious injury. Wearing close-fitting clothing – in addition to items such as hats, gloves and safety glasses – can prevent injury and exposure to harmful elements while harvesting.





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(1) ages 6-12: ELECTRIC SCOOTER

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Age: _____

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City: _____

Phone #: _____

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COLD WEATHER RULE SHUTOFF PROTECTION

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule (CWR) is a state law that protects residential utility customers from having electric or natural gas service shut off between October 1 and April 30. PKM Electric Cooperative is prepared to work with members who are in need of assistance paying their electric bill. To protect your service from disconnection you must make and keep a payment plan that you and your utility agree on. The utility must offer a payment plan that is reasonable for your household's financial circumstances. You can set up a CWR payment plan any time during the CWR season.

You are eligible for CWR protection even if you rent – the electricity or gas must be the primary heat source and the utility account must be in your name.

You and your utility must agree to a payment plan that is reasonable for your household. You can set up a CWR payment plan any time during the CWR season.

All natural gas and electric utilities must offer CWR protection. CWR does not apply to delivered fuels; oil and propane or wood. If you use delivered fuels, and your furnace is run by electricity, you should apply for CWR protection with your electric company.

Call your natural gas, electric, municipal utility or electric cooperative for more information, or contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office by email at consumer.puc@state.mn.us or call **651-296-0406**, or **1-800-657-3782**.

If you need help paying your electric utility bill, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete qualification and application information, contact your local county welfare or community action council below.

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Tri-Valley Opportunity Council

Crookston, Minn.
(Serves west Marshall County and west Polk County)
(218) 281-9080 or Toll Free (866) 264-3729

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project?

Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities.

Always call 8-1-1 first!

Here are **5 steps** for safe digging:



1 Notify

Call 8-1-1 or submit a request online two to three days before you begin. The utilities affected by your digging will be notified of your project.

2 Wait

It may take two to three days for utilities to send a locator to mark any underground lines.



3 Confirm

Compare the marks on your yard to the list of utilities contacted by 8-1-1. Confirm that all entities have responded to the request.

4 Respect

Protect and follow the utility markers – the flags and/or paint will remain important guides throughout your project.



5 Dig Carefully

Be sure to avoid digging within two feet of the markers on all sides. If you can't, you'll need to consider moving your project.

Source: call811.com

DC FAST CHARGER

BEMIDJI

- Westridge Shopping Center
- Beltrami Electric Cooperative
- Bemidji City Hall
- Dondelinger Chevrolet GMC

CROOKSTON

- Christian Brothers Ford

DEVILS LAKE

- Lake Chevrolet Buick GMC

FARGO/WEST FARGO/MOORHEAD

- Hornbacher's West Fargo
- Casey's General Store
- Fargo Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Luther Family Buick GMC
- Gateway Cadillac
- Kia of Fargo
- Nelson International Trucks
- Noodles and Company, Moorhead
- West Acres Mall
- Fargo City Hall

FOSSTON

- Fosston City Hall

HALLOCK

- C&M Ford Sales

HILLSBORO

- Casey's Gas Station

GRAFTON

- Simonson Station Store

GRAND FORKS

- Northdale Oil
- Wendy's
- Target
- Columbia Mall
- Rydell Cadillac
- Simonson Travel Center

JAMESTOWN

- S&R Truck Plaza & Café
- Buffalo Mall
- The Shoppes at Jamestown
- Wilhelm Chevrolet Buick

MAHNOMEN

- Shooting Star Casino

VALLEY CITY

- Puklich Chevrolet GMC

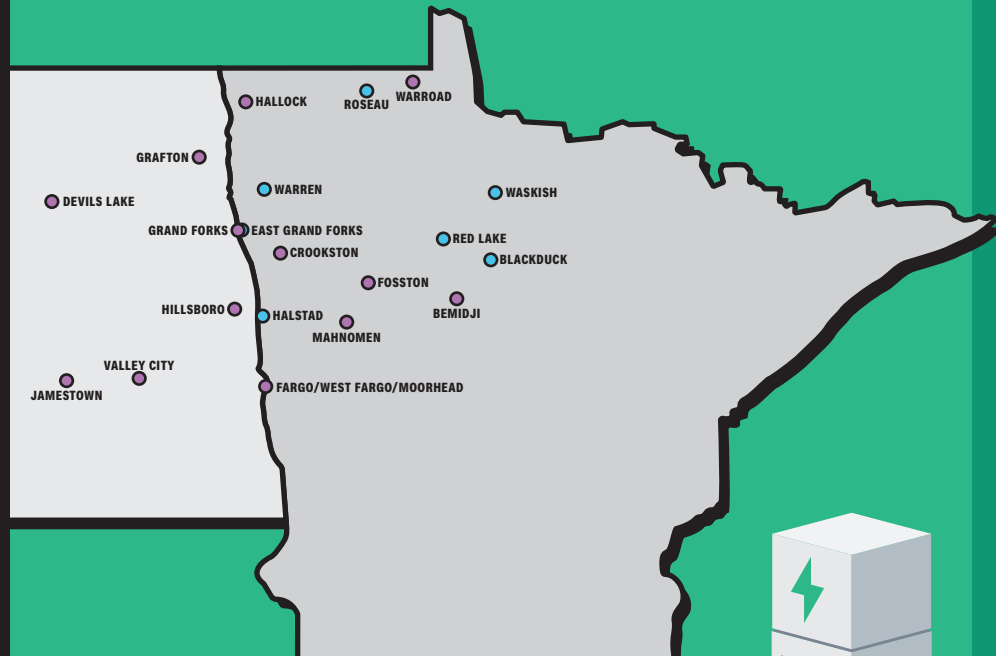
WARROAD

- Warroad City Office

WHERE TO CHARGE IN THE NORTH

At PKM Electric Cooperative, we often hear members say that there aren't enough public charging stations to own an electric vehicle (EV) in our region. Actually, they're popping up so fast that they're getting hard to keep track of! Check out a few within eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota that will make navigating the North a breeze.

Note: Please check [PlugShare.com](https://www.plugshare.com) to see the latest EV charger updates – more are coming soon!



LEVEL 2 CHARGER

BLACKDUCK

- Blackduck Wayside Rest

EAST GRAND FORKS

- River Cinema 15

HALSTAD

- World's Largest Sugar Beet

RED LAKE

- Red Lake Hospital
- Red Lake Senior High
- Red Lake Nation College
- Red Lake Government Center

ROSEAU

- Roseau County Ford

WARREN

- Westbridge Center

WASKISH

- Big Bog State Recreation Area

PKM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

GUIDE TO E-BIKES



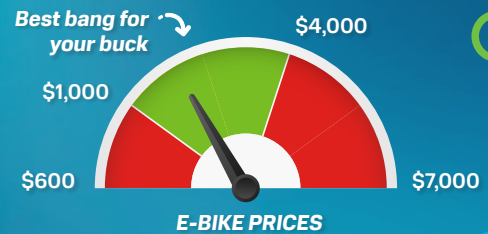
You know you've been curious about battery-powered bikes, more commonly known as e-bikes. And why wouldn't you be? You can go farther, faster – and with way fewer sore muscles the next day. As the technology improves, the costs are coming down, so this summer is the perfect time to find an e-bike of your own.

E-Bike Classifications

CLASS	CONTROL	TOP ASSISTED SPEED
Class 1	<i>Pedal-assist only</i> – electric motor is only activated when the rider pushes the pedals; no throttle control on the handlebar	20 mph
Class 2	<i>Pedal-assist</i> or <i>pedal-free propulsion</i> – electric motor can be activated by pedaling or with a throttle control	20 mph
Class 3	<i>Pedal-assist only</i> – these faster, more powerful bikes have their own set of rules and regulations; may not be legal to ride on bike paths in some towns	28 mph

Cost

You can spend **AS LITTLE AS \$600 TO MORE THAN \$4,000** on a new e-bike – most of the top-reviewed ones will be at least \$1,000. However, some specialty models of e-bikes can go for as high as \$6,000 or \$7,000!



Charging

You will want to check out your manufacturer's charging instructions when you get your e-bike, but the following are the general steps of the charging process:

- All e-bikes have a battery pack that can be charged on the bike; in some models, the battery can be removed and charged wherever you have an outlet.
- A battery charger should be included with your

e-bike; make sure you use the included charger to ensure charging compatibility, efficiency and safety.

- You will get your best long-term results if you charge the battery indoors.
- For most models, you should first plug the charging unit into the wall and then attach the bike battery; some may have a cap that you will need to remove.

How long will it take to charge my battery?

The amount of time it takes to charge will depend on several factors, including the battery's capacity and your charger type. On average, it takes around **2 HOURS** to get to a majority charge (0% to 80%) and about **4-5 HOURS** for a complete charge (0% to 100%). Do remember that charging times will vary.

What is the range for a single battery charge?

Again, this will depend on several factors, but usually an e-bike battery will last **30-50 MILES**. It comes down to your battery's capacity, how much pedal-assist you use, how wild your terrain is, the watts the motor is using, and the weight of everything the bike is carrying.

Board meeting highlights *March, May and June*

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Mark Hatton, president who presided, asked for roll call. Upon calling the roll, the secretary reported that all directors were present. Director Owens participated via video conference.

Director Woinarowicz and Director Aakre shared an update with the directors regarding business at Minnkota Power Cooperative and Square Butte Cooperative.

Director Aakre and President Hatton shared highlights from the PowerXchange Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Line Superintendent Joe Marcotte presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. Miff got all the staff certified in CPR. The safety trailer is up and running. The crews have been busy with line patrol – we have 450 open service orders and 350 of those were found this year. They found a lot of trees on the lines, rotten cross arms and loose hardware. The crews will continue maintenance until the road restrictions are lifted. We have cable and meters showing up in the next few weeks. The new truck is done but there is a recall on it, so we will have them fix the recall before receiving it.

Manager of Member Services Danny Schmidt was not present, but directors have his written report. The CEO gave an update on the food, presenters, gifts and activities Schmidt has planned for the annual meeting in April.

The CFO shared with the directors the annual audit was being wrapped up with Brady Martz. Other happenings in the office are the capital credit process has been started, accepting scholarships applications and report filing. We have not received many applications for the scholarships, but we are hopeful there will be more as the deadline is April 15, 2024.

The CFO continued with the presentation of the Operating and Financial Report for the cooperative. Historical data for margins for a 10-year PTD and YTD comparison were provided and discussed. Revenue was up from the year before. Expenses were about the same as last year. We are sitting okay for cash but that will change drastically after we pay for the meters and switches. The CFO is looking at doing a loan advance in May but will be watching this very closely.

The CEO referenced his submitted written report. He shared about the nominating committee meeting; everyone was present at the meeting and had lots of good questions. We are discussing mapping with Randy Vetter and options with Google Earth. We have signed a contract with Cooperative Development to take over our locates. He is also working with USIC to get our credit balance refunded.

Upon presentation of the reports from the management staff and CEO, questions and comments from the board of directors concerning their reports were addressed.

The CFO Karen Olson presented the 2023 RUS Financials and Operating Report Form 7 to the directors. The first two pages are included in the monthly board packet; therefore, she reviewed the remaining pages in depth with the directors as this information is reported annually to RUS, CoBank, CFC and Minnkota.

The CEO shared with directors that a business is interested in the REDLG loan for the amount of \$120,000. There was discussion and the directors are in favor of the idea, but decided to table it until they have a guarantee on the loan before proceeding.

The CEO shared miscellaneous information with the directors including inventory reconciliation, RESCO 2024 director election, North Star newsletter article on demand and power grid issues, emission estimates for 2023, cooperative energy sales and solar information.

The meeting concluded with Carr's Tree Service financials.

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Mark Hatton, president who presided, asked for roll call. Upon calling the roll, the secretary reported that all directors were present.

Director Woinarowicz and Director Aakre gave their reports on Minnkota and Square Butte. Director Owens gave an update on recent annual meetings he attended.

Directors made a motion to sign a resolution that gets sent to our senators and representatives on the topic of EPA. This will be put on PKM letterhead and signed by the directors.

Line Superintendent Joe Marcotte presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. Miff from MN Safety was here with the topic of hazard assessment and trench excavation. MREA was here to do our annual pole top and bucket rescue along with a Mayday drill in the office. The linemen have been busy between rain showers getting cable in the ground with Olson Underground. They are busy working on a 7-mile, three-phase tie line project between Robbin and Hallock subs. They will have a very busy season again; the to-do list keeps growing day by day. We hired two summer help who graduated in May from line school, and they will start in June. PKM took delivery of the new digger truck, Felling trailer and most of our cable showed up in the last couple weeks.

The manager of member services shared activities within his department. Allegiant will be helping to get the meters changed out next week for the St. Vincent, Hallock and Halma substations. We will set a gateway for Halma in the next few weeks. Nolan Buchner and Danny Schmidt attended an Eaton Users Conference that had a lot of good information. We are finally going to update our Yukon software, and Eaton is hopeful this will clear up some of the random issues we have had. Schmidt shared about the bus tour with WAO and Stephen-Argyle schools.

The CFO Karen Olson opened her report with an office update referencing her written report. She shared that PKM gave out 13 scholarships with a total of 455 scholarships. With the Cold Weather Rule expiring on April 30, we have resumed collections and disconnects for non-payment. We fortunately were able to collect a significant amount of the large past-due balances this last week of April and into May, so we are not anticipating a lot of accounts being disconnected. Olson has been working on updating our idle service listings, which are just under 500 compliant with RUS; 175 of them have been disconnected for a long time. With the 2024 capital credit process complete, we have received several checks back. She is working with NISC to see if there is a simple way to clean up some of the small balances of unretired capital credits. Olson is working with the USDA for reimbursement for the grant funds on REAP LED Light Grant. She has also applied for the MN OSHA Safety Grant back in April and received word that PKM was awarded another grant for the purchase of tools. We have received a total of \$15,288.97 in grant funds in the past three years.

The CFO continued with the presentation of the Operating and Financial Report for the cooperative. Reported April financials revenue was just over budget by \$2,321.06. Expenses are under budget by 8.5%. PKM's accounts receivable have been paid up and have been keeping balances down. Other financial data was presented and discussed along with the current Tier ratio at 3.47.

The CEO referenced his submitted written report outlining the recent meetings. He shared an update on solar, with a few accounts looking to put in solar. Other highlights from his report included USIC invoices, Karen McAllister from NISC visit, IPP accounts and RUS environmental Zoom meeting. He also shared highlights from his recent Carr's Tree Service meeting at Thumper Pond.

Upon presentation of the reports from the management

staff and CEO, questions and comments from the board of directors concerning their reports were addressed.

The CEO stated, according to the bylaws, the board of directors needs a separate resolution for the quarterly review of the financials. Having had the March financial review, a motion was made that the board of directors receive the first quarter financials.

At this point in the meeting, Matt Laughlin of Brady Martz & Associates presented the 2023 Audit Report to the board.

Upon hearing a clean and unmodified opinion from the auditors, the president stated it would be necessary for the board of directors to accept the 2023 Audit of the cooperative as presented.

The business came back with more information for the REDLG loan. There was discussion and the directors would like the attorney to look at it before proceeding.

There was discussion about Policy Bulletin No.

Electrical Inspectors

Marshall and Kittson Counties

Ronald Ditsch: 218-779-6758

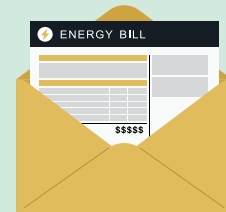
Polk County

George Stage: 218-284-1083

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, these agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.



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7-1.6 Disposition of Idle Services. This was tabled until September.

Financials were provided for Carr's Tree Service. A listing of the 2024 scholarship recipients was shared with the directors, along with information on NCSC Voting, CFC Voting, CFC Cooperative System Integrity Fund, EPA Power Facts sheet, 4H2, Inc., Old Digger bids, cooperative energy sales and solar information.

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Mark Hatton, president who presided, asked for roll call. Upon calling the roll, the secretary reported that all directors were present.

Line Superintendent Joe Marcotte presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. Highlights from his report included Miff from MN Safety was here with a topic of PCB reporting with Nolan Buchner and crew observations. Marcotte attended a District 1 meeting with area line superintendents. He informed the board that everyone is in the same boat as lead times continue to be pushed out on trucks, some up to three years. Three-phase transformers are another sore spot for everyone, but material is starting to come around with some prices dropping. With the help of Olson Underground, the guys are managing to get quite a bit of cable in the ground. PKM joined Wiktel on a project in Alma and Foldahl townships. A few of the trucks, 69 and 70, needed some repair but are back in operation.

The Manager of Member Services Danny Schmidt provided his report. Allegiant has finished up with changing meters in Halma, St. Vincent and Hallock. We will need to go back and clean up all the missed meters Allegiant couldn't find, which is about 100 meters. The Halma gateway is now operational, but we just need to set the 50' pole and run antenna wire to it. We are still working with

Yukon; Garden Valley updated our server with more storage so the Yukon software update can be done. Jeff Rustad and Danny Schmidt cleaned up meters before billing was run yesterday. Schmidt discussed a member's 12-kV EV charger being added to load management up in Lancaster.

The CFO was unable to attend so the CEO answered any questions directors had on her written report.

The CEO continued with the presentation of the Operating and Financial Report for the cooperative. May revenue sales are up from 2023 at \$247,252.22 and expenses were under budget at \$308,731.21 year to date. Other financial data was presented and discussed along with the current Tier ratio at 2.88 and equity at 54.9%.

The CEO shared highlights from the meetings attended this month. He shared that Chelsy, Joe and Matt went down to Red River Valley Co-op Power Association to check out their mapping and IPP billing.

Upon presentation of the reports from the management staff and CEO, questions and comments from the board of directors concerning their reports were addressed.

CEO Jeff Rustad brought up the option of switching PKM's hours to four 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday for all employees including the union from July 1, 2024 – Aug. 31, 2024. All employees have agreed to this schedule.

The board reviewed the voting delegates and committees. They made a few changes to the following voting delegates: CFC – Paul Aakre as the delegate with Mark Hatton as the alternate; Federated – Mark Hatton as the delegate with Paul Aakre as the alternate; Cooperative Network – Chris Mortenson as the delegate with Jerred Copp as the alternate; and RESCO – Mark Hatton as the delegate with Paul Aakre as the alternate. Changes made to the committees were only on the Safety/Health committee removing Steve Goodwin and replacing with Jerred Copp.

The board reviewed a proposal from Brady Martz for audit and tax services through 2026.

There was an update given on the city of Argyle REDLG loan. There was discussion and the directors would like the information the attorney asked for before proceeding.

At this time, the directors discussed Policy Bulletin 9-6.12 Line Extensions. The recommended change was under No. 4 Special Circumstances – a and b, to change the number of years to five and 50% credit on the contribution to construction with no benefits after 60 months have passed. After a motion was made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Policy Bulletin 4-2.5: Bank Accounts was presented for discussion. The policy establishes terms for the cooperative bank accounts. The current policy bulletin requires that the CFO is authorized to perform wire transfers between the RUS Loan Fund account and the General Funds account. It was proposed to add the CEO, administrative assistant, president, vice president and secretary/treasurer as authorizers to perform wire transfers between the RUS Loan Fund account and the General Funds account. After a motion was made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Director Woinarowicz and Director Aakre gave their reports on Minnkota and Square Butte. The directors also had a discussion on the Governance Talk: Communicating During a Cybersecurity Crisis video they watched.

The CEO shared miscellaneous information with the directors including RESCO director election, RESAP results, cooperative energy sales and solar information.

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