



Electric Cooperative

2019

PKM Annual Report

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL
BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO THE DEVELOPING
COVID-19 VIRUS IMPACT.

ANNUAL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

GRAND DOOR PRIZE:
\$500 energy credit

KID PRIZE: Apple iPod Touch

FOR THE KIDS: Face painting
starts at 4:30 p.m., balloon
twisting at 5 p.m. and fun
magic show at 5:30 p.m.



TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School Auditorium

The annual meeting of the members of PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held in the auditorium of Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School in the city of Warren, Minn., at 5:40 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020, to take action on the following matters:

1. Reports of officers, directors and committees;
2. The election of three (3) directors for terms of three years each (only one director may be elected from any one county);
3. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

March 2, 2020

Wayne Malm, Secretary
PKM Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
Board of Directors



County	Nominations made by Committee on Nominations Three-year terms	Nominations made by petition
Polk	Steve Goodwin Angus	NONE
Kittson	C.J. Peterson Lancaster	NONE
Marshall	Mike Beaudry Alvarado	NONE

Note: We no longer accept nominations from the floor.



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Next board meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Officers and Directors

President Tom Woinarowicz
Vice President Michael Beaudry
Secretary-Treasurer..... Wayne Malm
Directors Paul Aakre, Jeffrey Folland, Steve Goodwin,
Mark Hatton, Chris Mortenson and Blake Owens
CEO..... Mike Schmidt
Editors Jeff Rustad, Chelsy Davey

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Annual meeting held April 2, 2019

The annual meeting of the stockholders (hereinafter referred to as members) of PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the High School Auditorium in the city of Warren, Minn., at 5:40 p.m. on April 2, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of the bylaws of the cooperative applying to notice of meeting.

The 79th annual meeting was called to order by Tom Woinarowicz, president of the cooperative, who presided, and Wayne Malm, secretary of the cooperative, kept the minutes of said meeting. The president then called on Director Aakre for the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

CEO Michael Schmidt introduced guests and visitors from other organizations in attendance.

The president read the annual meeting rules. The attendance of a sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum was established by a register showing the members present at said meeting and verified by the president and secretary of the cooperative. The president stated that at least 132 members were present in person and that there were 2,865 accepted members in the cooperative, which established a quorum under Article II, Section 5 of the bylaws of the cooperative. The secretary was directed to file a registration for the establishment of a quorum as a part of the minutes.

The president called for a motion to waive the reading of the Notice of Meeting and Affidavit of Mailing. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Since the minutes of the last meeting of the members held on April 3, 2018, were included as a part of the annual report mailed to members prior to the meeting and distributed to members registering at the annual

meeting, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved as distributed.

The annual report of the president was presented.

Special guest, Matt Laughlin, Brady Martz CPA, presented the annual report of the treasurer.

The annual report of the CEO was presented.

Upon conclusion thereof, all reports heretofore presented were upon motion duly made, seconded, carried and received by the membership.

The president called on the CEO, acting secretary to the nominating committee, to read the nominating committee report. Said report disclosed the nominations of the following members for the board of directors:

POLK COUNTY

(For a three-year term)

Paul Aakre

Angus, Minnesota

KITTSOON COUNTY

(For a three-year term)

Mark Hatton

Drayton, North Dakota

MARSHALL COUNTY

(For a three-year term)

Tom Woinarowicz

Stephen, Minnesota

The nominating committee consisted of the eight following members:

Chairman Brian Jensen, *Stephen*

Secretary Todd Johnston, *Angus*

Jason Sobolik, *Drayton*

Alvin Nybladh, *Stephen*

Ron Goodyke, *Euclid*

Gary Jensen, *Drayton*

Carey Mortenson, *Kennedy*

Stanley DeMeyere, *Warren*



The committee finalized its decision during a meeting held at the cooperative headquarters on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019. The report of the Committee on Nominations was ordered to be certified by the secretary and annexed to the minutes of the meeting.

The president called on the cooperative's legal counsel to conduct the election. The attorney stated that he would begin with Polk, Kittson and Marshall counties, since the committee had made nominations. Those directors nominated and having no opposition were, after motion duly made and seconded, declared elected by virtue of the nominating ballot becoming the elective ballot.

The president stated that microphones had been placed in aisles of the auditorium so that members wishing to speak could be heard by all in attendance.

There were no additional questions from members attending the meeting.

The president thanked the members for their support of the cooperative and for attending the annual meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



Tom Woinarowicz
President



Mike Schmidt
CEO

This is your cooperative's annual report, and we are pleased to report 2019 was a very successful year. This is the fourth consecutive year of a \$1,000,000-plus margin and the fourth consecutive year of a large general retirement, this year the retirement being \$400,000. Rates have been stable (last adjusted in 2015) and there are no current plans to change that. Outage times for 2019 were extremely low. Most importantly, the crews worked safely. All in all, it was a very good year.

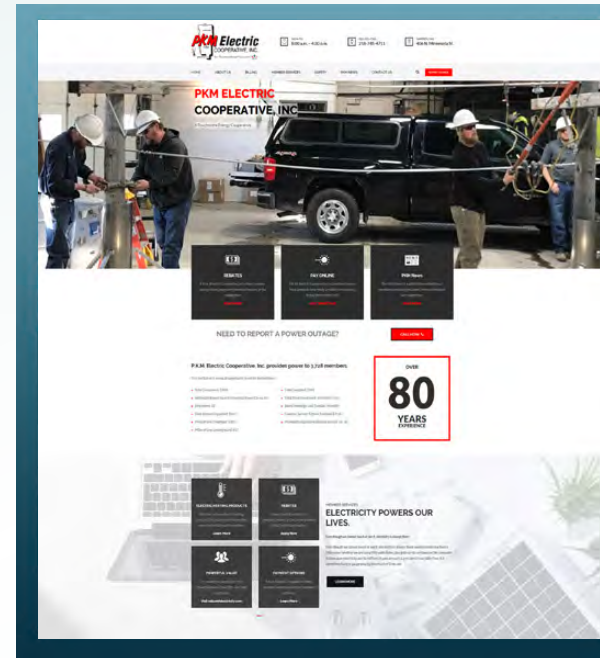
If there was a low point to the year, it would have to be Director Jeff Folland having to retire from the board due to health issues. Jeff has been a long-term valued director not only at PKM, but at Minnkota Power. I can't remember the number of times Jeff asked what the effect of a decision would be to our bottom line. Every decision and vote Jeff made was in the best interest of the membership. We thank Jeff for his service and his contributions to the cooperative.

Because we are local, our organization's sense of accountability to our member-owners is priority one. Our business planning involves extensive discussions on rates, system reliability, equity, loan covenants, capital credit retirements, plant additions, maintenance, government regulations, subsidiary businesses and, most of all, service, while dealing with the constraints of limited resources.

The mindset around the board table is we are dealing with your money, and every decision is made with that in mind. Investing in profitable subsidiary businesses to take pressure off of rates has been a strategy in play for many years. PKM has been one of seven owners of Karian/Peterson Powerline Contracting for about 20 years. After much discussion, the decision was made to exit that business in 2019. I am pleased to report that over this time, the business was a profitable endeavor for PKM and the time was right to make this exit. PKM remains one of nine owners of Carr's Tree Service, and Carr's is our only subsidiary business at this time.

Due to the importance of open lines

of communication, several of the tools we use to communicate with the membership have been enhanced this year. The PKM website underwent a major overhaul. Our website details our contact information, rates, service area, board members, employees,

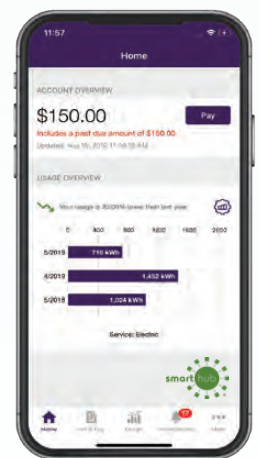


safety information, articles of incorporation, past issues of the PKM News, payment information, member services – the list goes on. This is a very user-friendly site that provides a wealth of information.

There is information on the site regarding SmartHub, an app that provides account usage and payment information accessible from your smartphone or mobile device.

The PKM billing statement was updated as well, and we think provides more concise and useful information. It has been well received.

The PKM News shows up in your mailbox six times annually and includes



CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

a summation of the board meeting minutes, financials, safety and energy-saving information and articles discussing current or local activities.

Our 18 employees and nine board members live locally, are your friends and neighbors, attend local churches and shop locally. PKM as a business sources as much as we can from our business area. Our service area is our home.

Please find the time to attend your annual meeting. As I've said before, you make "three votes" as a cooperative

member. The first vote is in the election of our board of directors (who have overall authority in the operation of your cooperative). The second vote is during the political process when you select our federal and state political officials (who can and do impact the operations of your cooperative). The third vote is with your wallet. You have choices in the energy market. Our job is to provide enough value so you will want us as your energy partner.

At the annual meeting there are attendance gifts, door prizes and a nice meal. We hope to see you there!



Tom Woinarowicz
President
Stephen, MN
Term expires April 2022



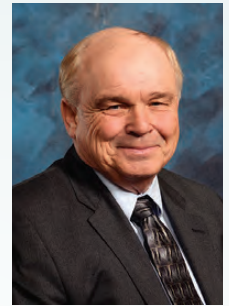
Mike Beaudry
Vice President
Alvarado, MN
Term expires April 2020



Wayne Malm
Secretary/Treasurer
Argyle, MN
Term expires April 2021



Paul Aakre
Director
Angus, MN
Term expires April 2022



Jeff Folland
Director
Halma, MN
Retiring after 30 years of service



Steve Goodwin
Director
Angus, MN
Term expires April 2020



Mark Hatton
Director
Drayton, ND
Term expires April 2022



Chris Mortenson
Director
Kennedy, MN
Term expires April 2021



Blake Owens
Director
Warren, MN
Term expires April 2021



Mike Schmidt
CEO

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Steve Goodwin - Representing Polk County for a three-year term (*incumbent*)

Steve Goodwin represents the Polk County district of PKM. Director Goodwin and his wife, Marie, live in the Angus, Minn., area where they farm with two of their three sons. The Goodwin farm was first homesteaded in 1894 by his great-grandfather and continues with the fifth generation today. They grow wheat, soybeans, corn, edible beans and sugar beets. Steve has had the privilege of serving on the PKM board for 10 years.

Over those 10 years, he says has been part of a board and management team that is proactive, informed and embodies the cooperative values of honesty, integrity and looking out for the best interests of the member-owners. He adds they strive and work to be efficient, cost-effective and enhance productivity, but have stressed and supported safety measures for the crew, staff and patrons. Steve has had the honor to work with a dedicated group of fellow board members and staff that work diligently on behalf of its member-owners. He would appreciate your support as they continue to remain financially strong and provide members safe, reliable and innovative power solutions.

C.J. Peterson - Representing Kittson County for a three-year term

C.J. Peterson is looking forward to an opportunity to represent Kittson County on the PKM board of directors.

C.J. raises small grains and row crops near Lancaster, Minn. His farm is located in Granville Township and has been in operation since 2001.

Director nominee Peterson has served on a number of boards including Kittson Soil & Water, Township of Granville, Hallock Co-op Elevator and Kittson County Crop Improvement. He considers affordable energy and a safe working environment for PKM employees as key cooperative topics. C.J. appreciates your consideration and support for the Kittson County director seat.

Mike Beaudry - Representing Marshall County for a three-year term (*incumbent*)

Mike Beaudry serves the Marshall County district of PKM. Director Beaudry and his wife, Cindy, live on the family farm south of Alvarado. They have two grown children and were blessed with their first grandchild last fall. Mike farms with his son Kyle as fourth and fifth generation farmers. It has been his privilege and joy to represent the member-owners for the past 15 years.

He believes the "member-owners first" attitude of the employees is what sets this cooperative apart from others. Director Beaudry believes the electric industry is always evolving and it is important to be aware of the opportunities ahead. He is sure that PKM can continue to provide cost-effective, reliable energy to its patrons and asks for your support to continue his role as a director.

Electrical Inspectors

Marshall and Polk Counties

Wayne Bergstrom
701-520-9771

Ronald Ditsch
218-779-6758

George Stage
218-284-1083

Kittson County

Wayne Bergstrom
701-520-9771

Apply now for a PKM Scholarship

Individuals in PKM's service area who are members of the cooperative, their spouses or children.

- Applicants must plan to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in pursuit of their initial postsecondary degree. These institutions could include technical colleges, universities or colleges.

- Eligible applicants include high school seniors, active college students enrolled in an accredited institution in pursuit of their initial degree and nontraditional students who are initiating or resuming their initial postsecondary degree. Nontraditional students include "older-than-average students" or individuals who did not begin a program after high school. This could also include students whose first postsecondary degree was interrupted.

**Postmark
Deadline:
April 15, 2020**

**Applications
available at local
schools, PKM office
or online at www.pkmcoop.com**



You're a gearhead building a new garage — choose **electric slab heat**.

The Midwest summer heat is perfect for cruising with the top down, but working on your ride outside in the dead of winter is so cold it's uncool.

If you've decided to build a new garage, install slab heat. It's the most efficient way to turn a chilly outbuilding into a warm workspace for car detailing, woodworking or deer cleaning.

The full-floor heating system is installed as you pour your concrete, creating no-maintenance, uniform heat throughout the entire space. It's safe, silent and perfectly sized for your square-footage.

Electric slab technology is much more efficient than forced air because there is nowhere for the heat to



escape. Heat energy is stored within the concrete floor, allowing you to stay warm longer and keep working on that big project throughout the night.

On top of comfort and convenience, you can now receive a bigger-than-ever rebate from your cooperative for installing slab heat — up to \$80. Combine that with a reduced electric rate on the off-peak electricity program, and you've found your perfect power pick.

Contact the energy experts at PKM Electric to find the perfect power pick for your space.

218-745-4711 or 1-800-552-7366
www.pkmcoop.com

**Up to
\$80/kW
in rebates!**



THE Process FOR Safe Excavation

Don't assume you know what's below. Protect yourself and those around you. Use GSOC this time and every time.

Whether you are a professional excavator or homeowner, in accordance with Minnesota State law, you must contact Gopher State One Call (GSOC) before starting any excavation project if you are using any machine-powered equipment of any kind, or explosives. You may be simply installing a new mail box or planting a tree, whatever the project may be, contacting GSOC before starting your project may allow you to avoid costly damages to underground facilities.

File Locate Request

Beginning online using ITIC, over the phone by calling GSOC, or from a mobile device using ITIC Mobile, you can file a locate request.

Specific information about the work site and the surrounding area, as well as marking instructions for the work site must be provided. Other information can also be included.

Call GSOC...

Greater MN Area:
(800)252-1166

Twin Cities Metro:
(651)454-0002

Or go online at
www.gopherstateonecall.org

Excavation



To practice safe excavation, always hand dig within the tolerance zone (see next page).

Remember to wait 48 hours (excluding holidays and weekends) after submitting the locate request. Check facility operator response using positive response on ITIC and inspect the work site for marks. Contact the facility operator if you have questions regarding their marks.

**FILING
LOCATE REQUESTS:
HOW IT
WORKS**

GSOC processes the provided information, and the area gets mapped out using specialized software that detects possible conflicts with underground utilities.

GSOC then contacts each underground facility operator in the excavation area identified in the locate request.

The underground facility operators that requested notification in the excavation area dispatch locators to the described excavation site.

Locators use specialized equipment to determine the underground utilities in the excavation area. They locate and mark the horizontal location of underground facilities within the excavation site with different colored flags and paint that correspond to the specific underground facility.

“ When a call is placed to a one call center, there is less than a 1% chance for the underground excavation to result in damage.

- The Common Ground Alliance's (CGA) annual DIRT report provides a summary and analysis of the events submitted into CGA's Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) for the year 2014.



Ticket Types

LOCATE REQUEST

Use this for standard excavation projects.

Locate requests are the most common type of request processed at GSOC. This type of ticket must be requested by the excavator at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) and up to 14 calendar days from the planned start of excavation. The ticket is valid for 14 calendar days from the start date and time stated on the ticket, unless the locate markings become obscured or obliterated.

EMERGENCY

As defined by Minnesota Statute Chapter 216D.01 subdivision 3, emergency locates are used for "a condition that poses a clear and immediate danger to life or health, or a significant loss of property."

GSOC reminds you to first call 911 whenever there is a release of flammable, toxic or corrosive gas or liquid, or a dangerous situation is created. Next, contact the facility operator involved in the emergency, then contact GSOC.

MEET

Use this ticket type to request the facility operator to physically meet at the excavation site.

A meet should only be requested when it is difficult to precisely define the location of the excavation site in a routine locate request. The use of white markings to clearly identify the excavation area can generally be used to avoid the time and cost of a meet.

Excavator Responsibilities - Know the Basics!

▶ PLAN FOR YOUR EXCAVATION

You are required to use white markings to define the entire area where excavation will occur, unless it can be shown it is not practical. Include a safety buffer when marking the area.

▶ NOTIFY GSOC

All Minnesota excavators, including homeowners and farmers, are responsible for notifying GSOC of their proposed excavations so facility operators with underground facilities near the excavation site can be informed of pending excavation.

▶ ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT WORK TYPE ON YOUR TICKET

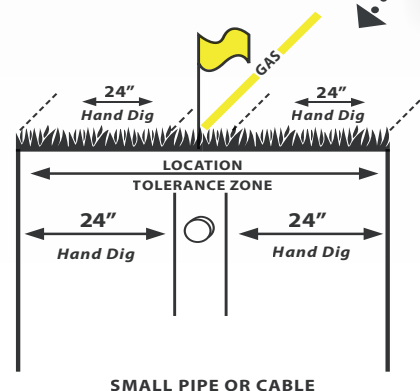
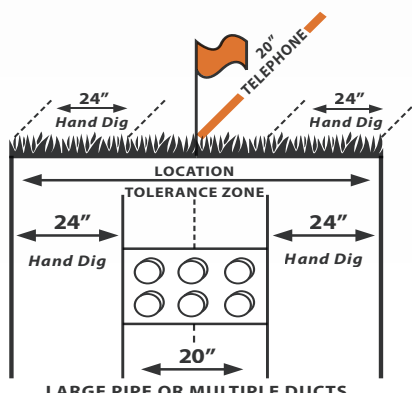
▶ CHECK FOR ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION ON YOUR TICKET

▶ ALWAYS CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR TICKET BEFORE YOU EXCAVATE

▶ HAND DIG WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE



WHITE	Area of Proposed Excavation
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
RED	Electric
YELLOW	Gas, Oil, Steam, Propane
ORANGE	Communication, CATV, Fiber
BLUE	Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
GREEN	Sewer



SMALL PIPE OR CABLE

National Lineworker Appreciation Day - April 13, 2020

We depend on our entire staff to keep PKM Electric Cooperative running smoothly, but on April 13, 2020, we honor the lineworkers who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our co-op would not thrive. No matter the time – day or night, weekday or weekend – if the lights go out, so do they.

PROUD TO POWER YOUR
LIFE WITH A SMILE.

#ThankALineworker





ALL IN

ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY

In North Dakota and Minnesota, we don't slow down when it's 30 below.

Our electricity has to be tough and dependable. Like us.

That's why we combine the diverse strengths of our region's renewable resources with our steadfast supply of lignite coal – to ensure reliable power even when the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining.

No, we don't slow down when things freeze up.

Because we're all in on all-of-the-above energy.

Stay *connected* to your cooperative

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State | Zip _____

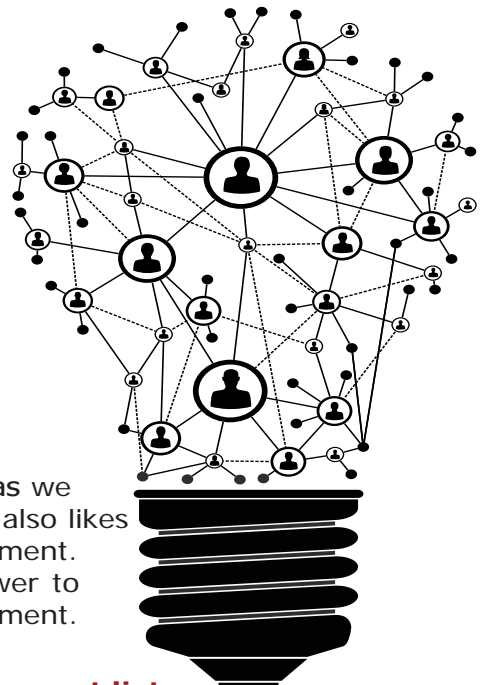
Primary Ph. # _____

Email _____

This information is maintained in case of a planned outage, as we try to inform members beforehand. Your electric cooperative also likes to know about any members who are on life-support equipment. During an unplanned outage, priority is given to restore power to these members as electricity is a lifeline for their medical equipment.

☐ **Yes, I'm on life-support equipment.**

☐ **Please remove me from the cooperative's life support list.**



STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS



Wayne Malm
Secretary/Treasurer

For the years
ended
December 31,
2019 and 2018.
Minnesota
87 Marshall
PKM Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
Warren, Minn.

OPERATING REVENUE:

Electric
Other
Total operating revenue

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Cost of power
Distribution – operation
Distribution – maintenance
Customer accounts
Customer service and informational
Energy conservation (Minn. mandate)
Administrative and general
Depreciation
Interest on long-term debt
Tax expense – other
Other income deductions
Total operating expenses

OPERATING MARGIN

NONOPERATING MARGIN:

Nonoperating margins – other
Interest income
Other cooperative capital credits
Total nonoperating margin

NET MARGIN

2019

2018

\$ 14,937,133
164,767
\$ 15,101,900

\$ 14,484,960
126,834
\$ 14,611,794

\$ 10,140,722
594,718
660,821
318,284
192,218
-
910,113
946,043
582,019
(5,933)
8,899
\$ 14,347,904
\$ 753,996

\$ 9,683,006
542,480
647,680
287,349
167,046
34,814
888,614
915,636
565,803
-
6,426
\$ 13,738,854
\$ 872,940

\$ (20,760)
229,697
42,136
\$ 251,073
\$ 1,005,069

\$ (52,237)
157,625
54,086
\$ 159,474
\$ 1,032,414

Assets

ELECTRIC PLANT:

In service	\$ 35,986,401	\$ 35,218,087
Under construction	609,622	531,588
Total electric plant	36,596,023	35,749,675
Less accumulated depreciation	(13,837,507)	(13,318,707)
Electric plant – net	<u>\$ 22,758,516</u>	<u>\$ 22,430,968</u>

OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS:

Investments in associated companies	\$ 995,911	\$ 988,986
Other investments	902,776	1,122,515
Total other property and investments	<u>\$ 1,898,687</u>	<u>\$ 2,111,501</u>

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash – general	\$ 1,231,723	\$ 1,036,863
Temporary investments	1,350,000	1,350,000
Accounts receivable	1,816,051	1,776,919
Materials and supplies	971,098	611,305
Prepayments	52,737	65,186
Other current and accrued assets	17,749	9,129
Total current assets	<u>\$ 5,439,358</u>	<u>\$ 4,849,402</u>

DEFERRED DEBITS

	<u>\$ 362,760</u>	<u>\$ 35,727</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS

Equities and Liabilities

EQUITIES:

Memberships	\$ 19,490	\$ 19,430
Patronage capital	8,760,322	8,316,283
Other margins and equities	6,569,603	6,353,081
Current year margins	1,005,069	1,032,414
Total equities	<u>\$ 16,354,484</u>	<u>\$ 15,721,208</u>

LONG-TERM DEBT

	<u>\$ 12,522,819</u>	<u>\$ 12,189,853</u>
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CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$ 1,168,418	\$ 1,142,707
Consumers deposits	15,350	15,250
Other current liabilities	398,250	358,580
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 1,582,018</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,537</u>

DEFERRED CREDITS (Consumers energy prepayments)

	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
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TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES

	<u><u>\$ 30,459,321</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,427,598</u></u>
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We invite
you to
study the
financial
statements
in this
report.

EMPLOYEE & STAFF DIRECTORY



Matt Bjorgo
Apprentice Lineman



Nolan Buchner
Journeyman Lineman



Rick Bye
Operations Manager



Megan Dagoberg
Customer Service Representative



Chelsy Davey
Executive Assistant



Chris Derosier
Line Foreman



Judy Hennessy
GL Accountant



Matt Kazmierczak
Utility Clerk



Bret Klopp
Apprentice Lineman



Nolan Knott
Journeyman Lineman



Joe Marcotte
Line Superintendent



Karen Olson
CFO



Ben Pahlen
Sub-Line Foreman



Jeff Rustad
Member Service Manager



Scott Slusar
Line Crew Foreman



Jeremy Treitline
Customer Service Representative



Josh Tutt
Journeyman Lineman

PKM Electric's advisors

Randy Vetter
Engineer
MEI Engineering Inc.
Fargo, N.D.

Minnkota Power Cooperative
Legal Counsel
Grand Forks, N.D.



Help add your Green Touch to our state parks!

Who: PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc. members who want to lend a hand (all ages welcome)

What: Project GreenTouch is a cooperative program to help spruce up our state parks. Example projects include planting trees, cleaning up trails and helping build picnic shelters.

Where: Lake Bronson and Old Mill state parks

When: Saturday, May 2 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Help beautify Minnesota. This marks the 21st year of a partnership between the Touchstone Energy® cooperatives and Minnesota state parks. GreenTouch Day, and the sponsorship of Minnesota State Parks and Trails, fits well with the Touchstone Energy commitment. During the past 19 years, Minnesota's Touchstone Energy cooperatives have organized more than 9,700 volunteers to donate more than 35,800 hours and have provided funds to help publish the *Guide to Minnesota State Parks and Trails*. "We're very grateful to Minnesota's Touchstone Energy cooperatives for their longstanding commitment to Minnesota state parks," said Erika Rivers, director of Minnesota State Parks and Trails. "All those extra helping hands are much needed and appreciated."

Come join us! Lunch will be served! Each family who volunteers will receive a free park sticker. Bring work gloves and rakes! If you would like to volunteer, call us at 218-745-4711 or email info@pkmcoop.com.



2020 LIGNITE ENERGY EDUCATION SEMINAR



Registration is now open for the Lignite Energy Council's 35th Annual Teacher Education Seminar: Energy, Economics and Environment. The free four-day seminar gives teachers a firsthand look at lignite mining and related energy production. The seminar will be held **June 8-11, 2020, at Bismarck State College's National Energy Center of Excellence, Bismarck, N.D.** Teachers from all grade and subject levels should apply **before April 17, 2020.**

Teachers who attend and complete a lesson plan can choose from one of three North Dakota institutions from which to receive their graduate credits: University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University and

Minot State University. Free lodging, meals and mileage reimbursement are provided.

The seminar provides instruction on history, geology, land reclamation, environmental protection and economics of the lignite industry, the need for more workers, energy conservation and transmission. A tour of a mine, power plant and the Great Plains Synfuels plant are included as part of the seminar. Teachers will take home handouts, videos, coal samples and activities that can be used in the classroom.

For more information and an online application go to:

www.lignite.com/teachers



Annual Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020



4:30 p.m.

- Doors open for member registration
- Kids entertainment.....Jeffrey Salvesson -
Magician and balloon artist
 Ashley Masloski - *Color & Fun face painting*

5 p.m.

- Meal served cafeteria style by PKM directors

5:35 p.m.

- Door prizes drawn

Business Meeting

5:40 p.m.

- Meeting Called to Order..... President Tom Woinarowicz
- Invocation Paul Aakre
- Introduction of Guests..... CEO Mike Schmidt

GRAND DOOR PRIZE:

\$500 energy credit

KID PRIZE:

Apple iPod Touch



Business Session

- Notice of Annual Meeting
- Establishment of Quorum
- 2019 Meeting Minutes Tom Woinarowicz
- President's Report Tom Woinarowicz
- Treasurer's Report..... Karen Olson
- CEO's Report.....Mike Schmidt
- Nominating Committee ReportMike Schmidt
- Approval of Nominated Andrew Sorbo, *Minnkota Director Candidates Senior Manager, Legal Services*
- New Business
- Adjournment of Business Meeting
- Prize Drawings..... Must be present to win
- * Guest SpeakerStacey Dahl, *Minnkota Senior Manager, External Affairs*

Registration, meeting and dinner will be at the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School auditorium and cafeteria located near the west entrance.