

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUMMER STORM

PKM Electric Cooperative wants you to stay safe before, during and after a summer storm. Learn more on page 3.



PKM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SUMMER HOURS

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST | 7:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. | MONDAY-THURSDAY (CLOSED FRIDAY)



CEO Report

JEFF RUSTAD
CEO
PKM Electric Co-op

I want to thank everyone who participated in the annual meeting of your electric cooperative. We heard great compliments on the food, and our lucky prize winners are listed in this newsletter. We took your feedback and will discuss some changes next year – I think the hallway to the auditorium was a little farther than most wanted to walk.

Warm weather is here and your line crews are already deep into construction. Many miles of underground wire have been installed already. Many of these projects are overhead-to-underground conversions, either for added load or removing poles from the field. Many projects have contributions in aid of construction from the members. They're working on new services, service upgrades and pole replacements, and when they have time, they're working on a shop remodel project. You may have seen the WAO Industrial Tech class helped us rebuild a wall in the shop. This was an all-wood half wall before and is now a full wall with steel sheeting. We're updating and organizing shelving for our materials, our linemen built a new steel work bench, and we added some storage for organizing tools. It's taking longer than expected since they only work on this during rainy days. It's shocking how much was in those shelves, and it will be nice when it's done.

We've had many calls about equipment in the lines or hitting poles. One individual drove over a junction box and transformer and pushed it up straight. This is very dangerous; the person was lucky to walk away from the situation. With Minnkota Power Cooperative, we are running the Watch the Wires campaign, through which we can provide you with stickers for the equipment cab window explaining what to do in the case of line or pole contact. Signs and handouts are also available. If you need any of this material, please call the office and talk with Danny Schmidt. Make sure you pay attention to these structures whether it's in your yard, along the road or out in the field. I assure you that 7,200 volts is not very forgiving. If the situation is right, you may not walk away from it.

Caleb Novak, our safety coordinator/sub-line foreman in Hallock, just came back from taking students from Hallock and Tri-County Schools out to the Milton R. Young Station in Center, North Dakota. They also toured the Energy and Environmental Research Center at UND in Grand Forks, as well as the Minnkota headquarters building, before they left for Bismarck. I want to thank those who went along to supervise, and our board of directors for making these tours available to our local schools.

Caleb Novak and Nolan Buchner led safety demonstrations for 107 fifth and sixth graders from Kittson County during the Third Annual Ag Safety Day at the Kittson County Fairgrounds. The kids asked many good questions. Your PKM board is happy to have this available to our communities and families. If you know of other groups that would like us to do this, please give us a call.

Thank you for your patience during a situation on the Euclid substation over the holiday weekend. A high side transmission fuse went out and an insulator burnt off, causing partial voltage on some circuits. This ended up being around a four-hour outage, as they needed to deenergize the substation to repair it. PKM linemen and Minnkota linemen worked together to restore power as quickly as possible. Also, if you see power blinks in your home, please call, especially if you see multiple a day. Many things can cause blinks, and sometimes the problem can

be hard to find. This time of year, we see many underground faults, either caused by gopher issues or frost issues. We are receiving calls on the gopher bounty program, but members need to turn those in to their townships. We are currently paying \$1 each to the townships as they invoice us – we do not pay members directly.

We currently have two different contractors testing poles in Kittson County. You may see them on a four-wheeler or side-by-side. The office is working on sending messages to members in the areas in which they are working.

This year has started out very positive for your cooperative – sales have been good and hopefully will stay that way. We'll be adding a few larger accounts this year. Some of these may add to our sales this year, depending on the timing. The Minnkota rate increase was applied April 1, which is 3.5 mills per kilowatt-hour (kWh) purchased monthly by the PKM member. Reminder: The revenue shortfall surcharge started April 1, which your board voted to absorb. This is 1.4 mills per kWh purchased monthly by your cooperative.

Crews have been working 10-hour days, four days a week since May 1 and will continue through August. The office started 10-hour days on June 1 and will be open at 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, until the end of August.

As always, my door is open or call if you have any questions.

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Electrical after-hours emergencies

800-552-7366

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website: www.pkmcoop.com

Next board meeting

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

Officers and Directors

President Mark Hatton
Vice President C.J. Peterson
Secretary-Treasurer..... Wayne Malm
Directors Paul Aakre, Jerred Copp, Steve Goodwin,
Chris Mortenson, Blake Owens, and Tom Woinarowicz
CEO Jeff Rustad
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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUMMER STORM

In June of 2025, North Dakota and Minnesota were hit by a system of devastating storms that impacted the critical power infrastructure of the region. Between lightning, tornadoes and sustained winds, power poles and trees snapped like toothpicks, leaving hundreds of people across many miles without electricity. It took a lot of helping hands to restore power.

These storms left many homes and businesses without electricity for an extended period of time. In hot and humid conditions, it's important to have a plan for when the unexpected occurs. Your trusted local electric co-op is here to remind you about what to do to prepare for summer storms and outages.

BEFORE THE STORM

- Create a plan with your family about what to do if there is a severe storm and power goes out
- Charge phones and power banks
- If you need power for life-saving equipment, sump pumps or other critical items, ensure you have a backup battery or generator
- Build a kit of supplies for your family including:
 - Lots of water
 - Nonperishable foods
 - First-aid kit
 - Flashlight with extra batteries
 - Medications



DURING THE STORM

- Move to an interior, windowless room
- Monitor the local news and weather stations
- Avoid using corded, electrical appliances
- **DO NOT IGNORE EMERGENCY SAFETY MESSAGES**



AFTER THE STORM

- Keep children and pets away from any debris or floodwater
- If you have water in your basement, do not step into it if it could be energized by outlets or plugged-in appliances
- Check your surroundings and report any downed power lines and power outages
- Report power outages to **218-745-4711**

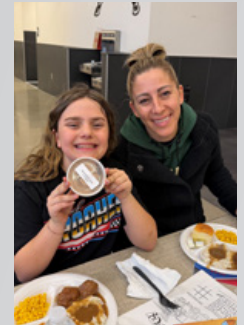


ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON MARCH 31, 2026

The 86th annual meeting was held at the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School in Warren, Minnesota, on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

During the meeting, directors Steve Goodwin, C.J. Peterson and Jerred Copp were reelected for three-year terms. The minutes of the 85th annual meeting were also approved. There were 119 registered members and 206 total attendees at the annual meeting.



STEVE GOODWIN
Polk County



C.J. PETERSON
Kittson County



JERRED COPP
Marshall County



ANNUAL MEETING PRIZE WINNERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

Congratulations to all the winners!

Winner

Prize

- | | |
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| 1. Dennis Hahn | \$25 Energy Certificate |
| 2. John Schulz | Lunchbox Goody Bag |
| 3. Dale Clausen | Igloo Cooler |
| 4. Cecil Anderson | PKM Thermos and \$10 DQ Gift Card |
| 5. Rose Fulton | Shirt and Hat |
| 6. Ann Kmecik | Bird Seed |
| 7. Jerrilyn Potucek | Bird Seed |
| 8. Ralph Rudnik | Bird Seed |
| 9. Clifford Schulz | \$25 Energy Certificate |
| 10. Steve Hamrick | \$25 Scheels Gift Card & Pocket Knife |
| 11. David Larson | Cooler and Hat |
| 12. Phil Klopp | White Sweatshirt and Book |
| 13. Ronald Landgraff | \$25 Scheels Gift Card and Pocket Knife |
| 14. Marie Owens | PKM Goody Bag |
| 15. Wayne Larson | Windbreaker and Thermos |
| 16. Earl Johnson | Hat and Shirt |
| 17. Daniel Kopecky | Round Tabletop Grill |
| 18. Paul Crummy | \$25 Scheels Gift Card and Pocket Knife |
| 19. John Schulz | PKM Goody Bag |
| 20. Roger Anderson | Blanket, Shirt and Bag |

Winner

Prize

- | | |
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| 21. Tom Crummy | ¼-Zip Hoodie and Hat |
| 22. Russel Miller | \$25 Scheels Gift Card and Pocket Knife |
| 23. Robert Thompson | Sweatshirt, Hat and Thermos |
| 24. John Hess | Small Round Grill |
| 25. Robert Bratvold | Shirt, Rain Gauge and Hat |
| 26. Jeff Hahn | 4 Twins Tickets – July 11 vs Angels |
| 27. Scott Billings | Yeti Cooler |
| 28. Keith Britten | 2 Kick'n Up Kountry General Admission Tickets and Shirts |
| 29. Brad Blawat | Milwaukee Blower, Shirt and Hat |
| 30. Larry Larson | \$50 Visa Gift Card and Sweatshirt |
| 31. Michael Boucher | DeWalt Drill and Impact Set |
| 32. Nancy Wimpheimer | \$100 Visa Gift Card |

Grand Prize:

Gordon Kujava \$500 Energy Credit

Kids Prize:

Levi Amiot \$100 Northern Air Gift Card

SAVE MORE WITH AN ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

Your water heater is one of the largest energy users in your home, so choosing an efficient system can make all the difference when it comes to saving. Large-capacity electric water heaters provide reliable hot water to your entire household while keeping costs low.

When enrolled in PKM's off-peak program, the water heater warms water during times of lower electricity demand (at a reduced electric rate) and stores it in a specially insulated tank, keeping it hot and ready whenever you need it.

REBATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS:

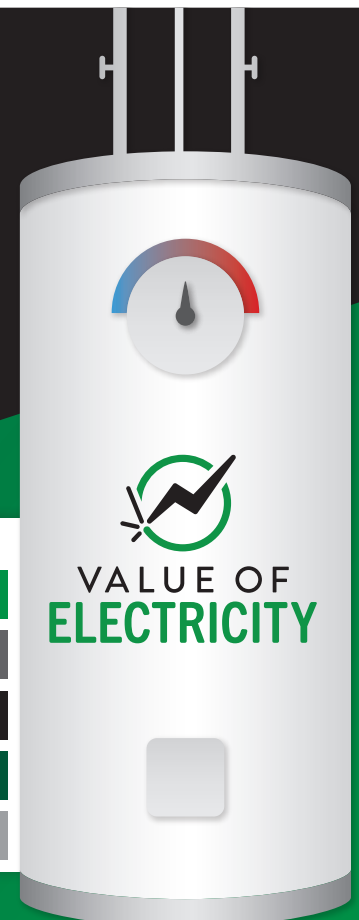
\$300 for 55 gallons or less

\$500 for 56–99 gallons

\$600 for 100 gallons or greater

FREE 50-gallon water heater for new construction

Additional \$250 for converting from natural gas or propane



Visit valueofelectricity.com for rebate eligibility guidelines and limits.

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School Industrial Arts Class Project

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo (WAO) Industrial Arts students completed an on-site construction project with the instruction of their teacher, Phil Klopp, at PKM this May. Students framed and finished a wall inside the Warren shop.

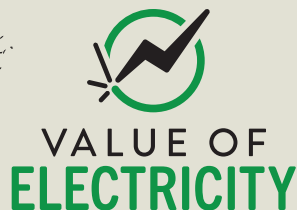


RAISE YOUR COOL FACTOR with a MINI-SPLIT



- A single system delivers heat in the winter and cools your home in the summer
- Rebate of either \$300/ton (<17 SEER) or \$500/ton (>17 SEER) installed
- Eligible for off-peak program rate (around HALF the standard rate)

Check with the co-op for additional rebates and program restrictions.



PROGRESSIVE AG SAFETY DAY

Kittson County fifth and sixth graders gathered at the Kittson County Fairgrounds for Progressive Ag Safety Day — a hands-on event focused on agricultural and rural safety, as well as career exploration in agriculture and related fields.

At PKM Electric Cooperative, commitment to community is one of the cooperative principles we value deeply, and safety is always a top priority. We were proud to contribute to this important event and support efforts that promote safety and learning for local youth.



SAFE DIGGING IS NO ACCIDENT!

One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked AND helps protect you from injury and expense. Safe digging is no accident: **Always call 811 before you dig.**

Color coding for marking underground utilities

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



Visit call811.com for more information.

**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

FARMING SEASON

Farming season is in full swing and PKM Electric Cooperative is here to remind you that one of the best ways to avoid costly accidents is to always watch the wires! While you are in the field, here are a few tips to help keep you and your equipment safe.



▶ Review your work route and mark any potentially dangerous areas

▶ Never assume new equipment fits under power lines

▶ Maintain a 10-foot clearance from all power infrastructure

▶ Call 911 or 218-745-4711 if your equipment comes in contact with a power line

Visit WATCHTHEWIRES.COM to learn more about how to stay safe around power lines.



Welcome to our summer apprentice linemen

PKM Electric Cooperative is excited to have Tucker, Aiden, Chase and Ben join our team, and we look forward to supporting them as they gain hands-on experience in the electric utility industry this summer.



Tucker Franks



Aiden Johnson



Chase Moe

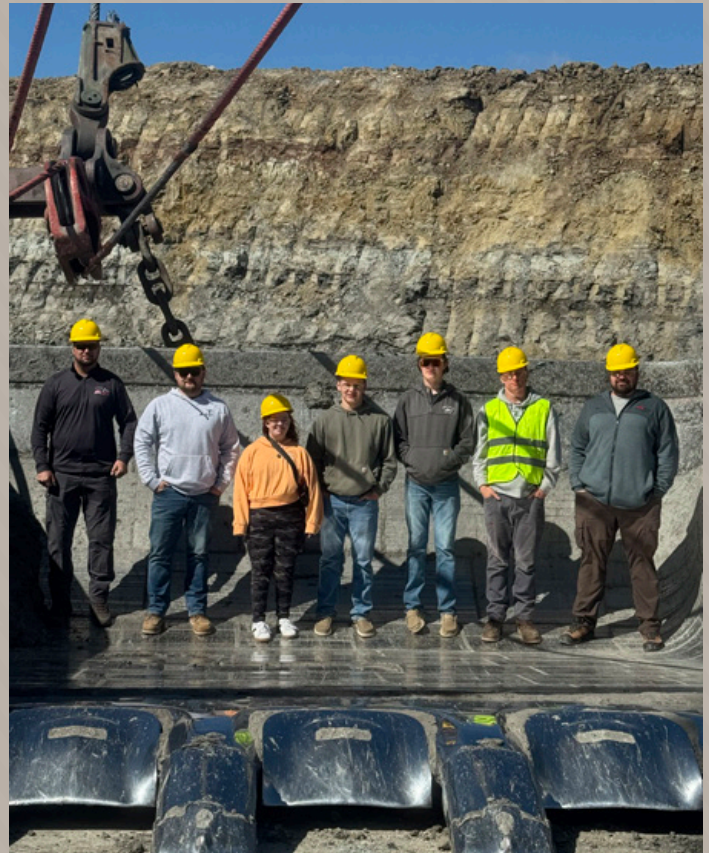


Ben Olson

PKM 2026 BUS TRIP WITH TRI-COUNTY AND KITTSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOLS TO LEARN ABOUT ELECTRICITY



Students on the PKM bus trip from Tri-County High School in Karlstad, Minnesota



Students on the PKM bus trip from Kittson Central High School in Hallock, Minnesota

Juniors and seniors from Tri-County High School and Kittson Central High School had an incredible opportunity, thanks to sponsorship from PKM Electric Cooperative, to explore the many steps involved in bringing power to our communities.

The experience began at the Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where students learned about innovative research processes and

projects, including efforts to mine rare earth elements as well as how to better access the oil in the Bakken oil field.

Next, the group visited Minnkota Power Cooperative, also in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Here, students got an up-close look at how electricity is managed and controlled before being distributed to PKM and other cooperatives.

The final stop brought the students on a tour of the Milton R. Young Station

near Center, North Dakota. Here, they experienced one of the highlights of the trip – climbing into a dragline machine and seeing firsthand how coal is excavated.

Throughout the trip, students gained a deeper understanding of how electricity is generated – from the mining of lignite coal in North Dakota to other energy sources like water and wind – to how it is ultimately delivered to our homes, farms and businesses.

Board meeting highlights *January, February and April*

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026.

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

Line Superintendent Joe Marcotte presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. Curt from MREA was here on Jan. 6 with the topic of personal protective grounding. Scott Slusar has decided to retire and take a job with Federated. We will be hiring another lineman to fill the Hallock position. Marcotte brought attention to the 2025 Field Report, URD Report, 5-year Outage Report and the 2025 Gopher Bounty. Reports were included in the packet and directors posed questions.

The manager of member services, Danny Schmidt, shared activities within his department. He attended the Watts Up meeting at Minnkota and shared information he learned there. There are currently 75:39 minutes of dual heat control, 51:31 minutes of yellow zone and 0 minutes of red zone control. Schmidt let directors know that we will be having the annual meeting at the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo high school again this year with David Lee Catering serving the meal.

The CFO opened her administrative report with an office update. The office is in full swing of year-end activities. The final 219-work order inventory closing for 2025 was processed in December. We will have one final 219 in January to clean up any remaining open 2025 work orders. Books were closed and year-end books will be closed after the meeting.

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 is up \$1,461,470.42 from 2024 and expenses are over budget by \$19,070.74. Other reported numbers were discussed for December 2025 compared to 2024. Vehicle costs are \$2.15 average cost per mile year to date. The current equity ratio is up from last year at 56.6%.

The CEO Jeff Rustad referenced his written report outlining recent meetings. He shared that PKM ended 2025 with the most kWh purchased by PKM from Minnkota ever. For the month of December, PKM's purchases were up 18.8% over 2024 and 45% of 2023. We completed 47% more work orders in 2025 than in 2024. Rustad shared other comparisons for the year 2025.

Upon presentation of the reports from the management staff and CEO, questions and comments from the board 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 December financial review, a motion was made that the board of directors receive the fourth quarter financials.

The CEO stated it would be necessary for the board to select voting delegates to the annual meetings of Minnkota Power Cooperative and Square Butte Electric Cooperative.

The president stated it is necessary for the board to review and determine the disposition of the non-operating margin.

The CEO presented the listing of accounts receivable – electric to be written off with a total of \$4,507.18. The CEO reminded the board that this does not end the collection process and that these accounts are turned over to a collection agency. The recovery process has been successful over the years.

The discussion turned to the desirability of making a general retirement. The financial policy sets a goal of a 25-year rotation. Due to the weather, maintaining a steady

margin is challenging. The capital credit pay-out method was discussed.

Following discussion, a resolution was offered to retire the 2004, 2005 and 37% of 2004 member capital totaling \$399,830.86.

Director Woinarowicz gave his report on Minnkota. With the approaching NRTC annual meeting, the voting delegates stayed the same with Mark Hatton and alternate Paul Aakre.

The annual OSHA Form 300A was presented to the directors. The CEO was pleased with the report's results.

The CEO concluded the meeting with miscellaneous information for the directors including RESCO 5-year purchase history, annual meeting information, financials for Carr's Tree Service for November and December, the cooperative energy sales, REPAC membership, America's Electric Cooperatives PAC and MREA 2026 director election.

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026.

Mark Hatton, president who presided, asked for roll call. Upon calling the roll, the secretary reported that all directors were present with the exception of director Woinarowicz. Director Owens and Goodwin participated via video conference. The Director Gold award was presented to Director Aakre.

The operations manager presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. The crews are busy with line patrol and yearly inventory.

The manager of member services, Danny Schmidt, shared activities within his department. Schmidt received 25 relays, prepped them for the field and brought them up to Hallock to be installed. He has also been busy changing out off-peak meters and missed meter exchanges. There are currently 140:41 minutes of dual heat control, 113:06 minutes of yellow zone and 19:28 minutes of red zone control. Annual meeting planning is in full force, with booking the caterer and ordering the annual meeting gift.

The CFO opened her administrative report with an office update. The office is working on submitting all the documents for our audit, March 16. The capital credit process is underway and will hit the March bills. Disconnect for non-payment will start again in April. Annual physical inventory count is nearing completion. Revenue is up from 2025, we are under budget for the year, and expenses are under budget. The tier and equity are strong.

The CEO Jeff Rustad referenced his submitted written report outlining the recent meetings he attended during the month of February. Rustad shared highlights from the nominating committee meeting, other information on potential new services for PKM and an update on Markit County Grain.

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 nomination of the PKM Electric Cooperative directors to serve on the Minnkota Power Cooperative and Square Butte Electrical Cooperative board of directors respectively were the next items of discussion. Following discussion, it was decided to leave the current nominations in place.

The CFO, Karen Olson, presented the 2025 RUS Financials and Operating Report Form 7 to the directors. The first two pages are included in the monthly board packet and she reviewed the remaining pages in depth with the directors as this information is reported annually to RUS, CoBank, CFC and Minnkota.

The Policy Bulletin No. 1-4.11: Employee Retirement & Insurance Benefits for Group 24-087 (Non-Union) & Group 24-508 (Union) and the Policy Bulletin No. 23-1.1 –

Collection Policy were presented for discussion. The current and recommended changes were discussed and were approved.

Director Aakre gave his report on Square Butte. Rustad gave the report for Minnkota as Director Woinarowicz wasn't present.

The CEO shared miscellaneous information with the directors including NRTC voting, 2025 WC from Federated, Federated Rural Electric letter, Carr's Tree Service financials, cooperative energy sales and annual meeting information.

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

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 Zoom.

Line Superintendent Joe Marcotte presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. Miff from MN Safety was here on April 8 with the topic of hazard communications and MREA was here on April 20 with the topic of storm restoration. We honored our linemen and cooked steaks after the MREA safety meeting. The linemen have been busy finishing up the shop remodel.

The manager of member services, Danny Schmidt, shared activities within his department. Minnkota has had 142:40 dual heat control, 113:06 minutes of yellow zone and 19:28 minutes of red zone for the winter season. Minnkota is holding its annual demand response meeting. PKM is hosting the Hallock and Karlstad students on a bus trip to the coal mine and plant; Caleb Novak, Nolan Buchner and Josh Tutt will be going.

The CFO opened her report with an office update referencing her written report. With the Cold Weather Rule expiring on April 30, we have resumed collections and disconnects for non-payment. We will be doing disconnects starting Friday, May 1. Olson had her statewide meeting; the main topic was fraud and cyber security. The capital credit process has been completed with checks mailed out to inactive members and credits applied to active members bills. There were 44 applications for the PKM scholarships.

The CFO, Karen Olson, continued with the presentation of the Operating and Financial Report for the cooperative. The CFO reported February and March revenue was under budget for the year by \$765,447.77 and expenses are under budget by \$586,036.66. We ended the month with a combined margin of \$544,034.93 year to date. Our equity is at 57.0%. Other financial data was presented and discussed along with the current tier ratio of 3.72.

The CEO referenced his submitted written report outlining the recent meetings, including highlights from his recent Carr's meeting at Stearns Electric in St. Joseph.

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 Marshall, Jamie Overgaard and Melissa Beach from Minnkota Power Cooperative presented about the REDLG loans and grants.

The next presenter, Matt Laughlin of Brady Martz and Associates, arrived and presented the 2025 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 2025 Audit of the Cooperative as presented.

The city of Alvarado is looking add a shop with storage; this was presented to the directors. They are looking to use \$170,000 from the REDLG loan fund. As a requirement for the REDLG loan, they need to have a letter of credit. The directors were good with approving the loan for the city of Alvarado for \$170,000 at 2% if the letter of credit was provided.

The following changes were recommended for the Revolving

Loan Fund USDA plan paperwork – Appendix E. Loan Terms and Conditions under Amount. The RLF will not lend more than 50% of the total amount that is needed for a project after the initial capitalization stage. The maximum amount of any single loan will not exceed \$170,000 after the initial incubator loan, unless additional funds are available and board approved. The minimum loan shall be \$5,000.

Director Woinarowicz and Director Aakre gave their reports on Minnkota and Square Butte. Financials were provided for Carr's Tree Service for February and March, along with information on Minnkota's 2025 capital credit allocation, NCSC Voting, Federated member equity and cooperative energy sales.

MINNKOTA TRANSMISSION LINE INSPECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

Minnkota Power Cooperative, PKM's wholesale power provider, will be inspecting its transmission line structures in preparation for upcoming project work. EXO, a contractor, will be assisting Minnkota personnel in the pole testing. All inspections will be completed using ATVs/UTVs. Minimal 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 or call **701-795-4000**.



Electrical Inspectors

Marshall County

Nick Boman
651-627-2696

Kittson County

Ronald Ditsch
218-779-6758

Polk County

Todd Knaack
763-516-0344

POLE TESTING IN KITTSON COUNTY

PKM Electric Cooperative has contracted Utility Inspection Services and WLK's Inspections to perform pole testing in Kittson County this summer. We wanted to share this information with our members as these contractors may be on or near your property checking poles and we wanted you to know the legitimacy of these services, so you are not alarmed.

Testing will be performed 7 days a week until completed. Please contact our office at **218-745 4711** if you have any additional questions.



Happy 4TH OF JULY

Our offices will be closed Thursday-Friday, July 2-3, in observance of Independence Day.

In the case of an outage, call 218-745-4711 or 1-800-552-7366.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY:
TIP OF THE MONTH**

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return.

– Source: energy.gov



USING A GENERATOR?

8 DANGEROUS MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE



1 IN ENCLOSED SPACES

Always use it in a well-ventilated area.



2 NEAR WINDOWS OR DOORS

Place it at least 20 feet away from windows and doors.



3 IN A GARAGE

Even if the door is up, never use a generator in a garage.



4 IN THE ELEMENTS

Run it on a dry surface under a canopy-like structure (but not in a carport).



5 PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET

This can be deadly to you, family members, neighbors or utility workers.



6 WITH THE WRONG EXTENSION CORD

Use a properly rated cord to plug appliances into a generator.



7 WITHOUT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) TESTERS

CO detectors should be on every level of your home (test them monthly).



8 IN DISREPAIR

Make sure your generator is well-maintained and in good working order.



LEARN MORE AT:

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Electricity.org[®]