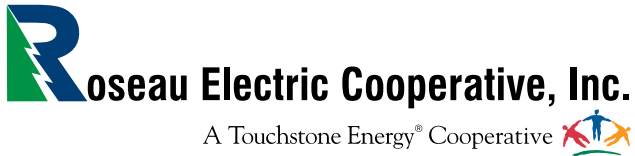


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CONGRATULATIONS

— to the 2026 Cooperative Knowledge —
\$1,000 Scholarship Winners



MYA BENNETT
Greenbush High School



KATE JOHNSON
Warroad High School



JANESSA TORGERSON
Grygla High School



ANNA ULVIN
Roseau High School

*Thank you to all the seniors
who participated. **Best wishes
in your future endeavors!***

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7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

*Northwest Angle, Kittson, Marshall,
Pennington and Roseau counties
and parts of Beltrami County:*
Ronald Ditsch - 651-368-2195

Lake of the Woods County:
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Inspector list is subject to change at any time.

The State of Minnesota has high wiring standards, which are in the best interest of you and your family or business. Improper wiring can damage your home, your property and equipment, and injure or kill the people you love. Currently, the state does allow homeowners to do their own residential wiring; however, it is critical that the current electrical code is followed. Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. For more information visit dli.mn.gov and go to the electrical page.

Gopher State One Call
1-800-252-1166 or 811
www.gopherstateonecall.org



Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Roseau Electric Cooperative is committed to providing its member-owners low-cost, high-quality, safe and reliable electricity with friendly, efficient and knowledgeable service.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



REC and Northstream Fiber crews working together to install three-phase wire and fiber for the Highway 11 road construction project

KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE

Has your address changed? Do you have a new cellphone number? Did you drop your landline? Then it's time to contact your electric cooperative to verify and/or update the information we have on your account. By keeping your contact information up to date, you can ensure your cooperative is able to reach you regarding billing and account information, outage notifications, capital credits and more.

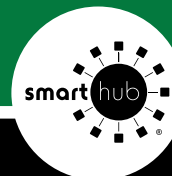
You can verify and update your information by logging into **SmartHub**. You may also email rec@roseauelectric.coop or call the office at **218-463-1543** or **888-847-8840**.



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“WHAT GETS MEASURED, GETS DONE”

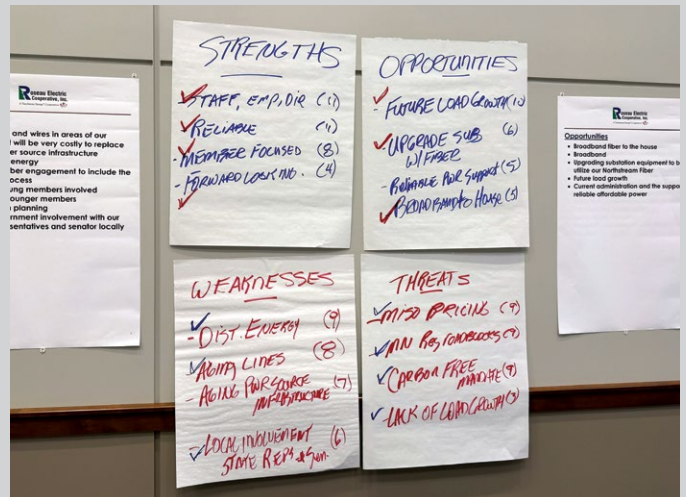
Your board of directors and cooperative staff recently participated in a strategic planning session focused on the future of our electric cooperative and the communities we serve.

During the session, we reviewed industry trends, evaluated opportunities and challenges facing the electric utility sector,

and discussed priorities that will help guide our cooperative in the years ahead. Topics included maintaining reliable service, managing costs, investing in infrastructure and technology, and continuing to meet the evolving needs of our membership.

Strategic planning is an important part of ensuring that our cooperative remains strong,

financially sound and prepared for the future. By working together, the board and staff are committed to making thoughtful decisions that support our mission of providing low-cost, high-quality safe and reliable electricity to our membership. We appreciate the trust you place in us and look forward to continuing to serve you and our communities.



Roseau County Fair

JULY 19-24

Stop by our booth starting the evening of July 21.

Fun kid activities throughout the week, plus special guest appearances from LED Lucy & Solar Sam!

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 **218-463-1543**



TREES AND POWER LINES DON'T MIX



We're proud of our trees in the Upper Midwest. They shelter our crops from wind and create shade in the summer heat. Knowing how to properly plant and care for trees and other vegetation is important not only for the plants themselves, but also for the safety and reliability of nearby power lines.

When it comes to trees, it's always important to **WATCH THE WIRES**.

YOUR CO-OP'S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

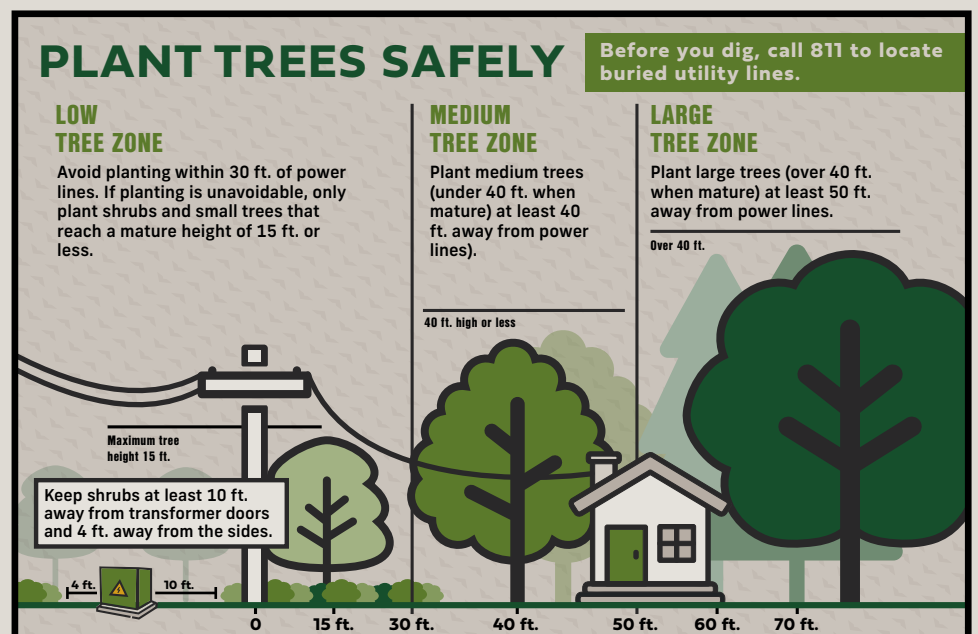
In collaboration with our wholesale power provider, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Roseau Electric Cooperative uses an integrated approach to vegetation management that supports sustainable plant growth while discouraging plants that pose safety and security concerns – like tall trees that grow into (or fall into) power lines. We monitor and maintain growth around our lines to meet regulatory and environmental compliance requirements. Some of the procedures we use include:

- ▶ Tree pruning
- ▶ Tree removal (if necessary)
- ▶ Mowing
- ▶ EPA-approved herbicide application

We must keep our right-of-way corridors (the area beneath and to either side of the power line) clear of hazardous vegetation for two important reasons: **SAFETY** and **RELIABILITY**. Improperly maintained trees and plants can spark fires, create power outages or hinder crews from making emergency repairs. If you're a landowner, don't trim or remove tree limbs if they are anywhere near power lines. If you believe a tree is growing too close to a line and could be a hazard, please give us a call right away.

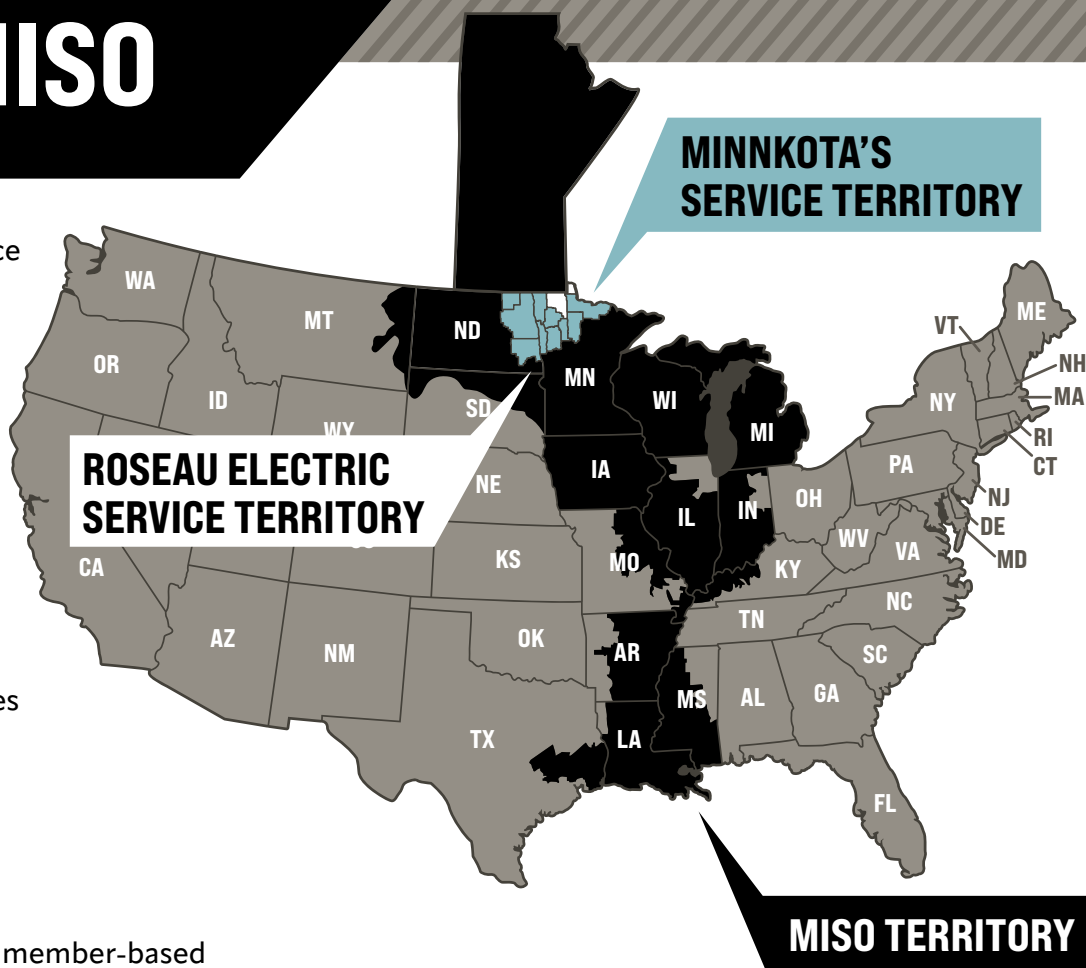
PLANTING RESPONSIBILITY

Power lines move in certain conditions – they sag on hot days and sway in the wind. Nearby trees must be planned and maintained accordingly. Before planting, consider mature size and crown spread of trees. The clearance distances required for power lines vary depending on line voltage – the higher the voltage, the greater the required clearance distance. If you're unsure, don't hesitate to give your co-op a call.



MEET MISO

We occasionally reference the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) in the pages of this newsletter, because MISO is an important partner in making sure our co-op has the reliable, affordable electricity it needs. We thought we'd take a moment to introduce you to MISO and the service it provides to our regional grid.



What is MISO?

MISO is a not-for-profit, member-based organization that oversees electric grid operations in the middle of the country, with a territory that extends from Manitoba, Canada, through 15 U.S. states down to Louisiana. Its grid footprint serves more than 45 million people through 79,000 miles of transmission power line.

Roseau Electric's energy provider, Minnkota Power Cooperative, participates in the MISO wholesale energy market to both sell and buy surplus power to and from other utilities. Simply said, when Minnkota needs more power, it can purchase some from its neighbors. If it has extra power, it can sell it to those who need it. MISO makes sure the grid remains balanced between the sales of more than 550 market participants.

MISO also plays a role in helping to plan future regional generation and transmission additions. Although MISO doesn't own any generation or transmission infrastructure, their team helps guide utilities to ensure that the right amount of energy is being produced to cover the demand of the entire region, and that transmission capacity is adequate to get power where it needs to be.

MISO's role in balancing the grid

Like an air traffic controller manages the movement of airplanes from different airports, MISO manages the movement of energy from different utilities and generation sources.

If there is a problem on the grid, such as a failure at a power plant or a damaged transmission line, MISO must assess whether electricity supply can still meet demand. They may ask generators to ramp up production or ask utilities to reduce load by using demand response programs or asking the public to conserve. In rare emergency cases, they may call upon utilities to implement controlled temporary outages on noncritical loads. Even if a utility like Minnkota has enough generation to meet the load of its own members, emergencies in other areas of the country could impact MISO's requests in our region.

Want to learn more about MISO?
Visit misoenergy.org.

For **2 cents**, your standing fan keeps the cool air moving while you hide out from the heat.



For **10 cents** more, you can keep your favorite popsicle flavors frozen and ready for additional chill.

THAT'S THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY

*Based on average household energy usage

member connection

ENERGY TIP

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, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14
Flag Day

June 21
Electric bill is due
Father's Day

June 24-25
Bus Tour

July 4
Independence Day

July 19-24
Roseau County Fair

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Happy 4TH OF JULY

Our offices will be closed **Friday, July 3**,
in observance of Independence Day.

In the case of an outage, call 1-888-847-8840.

OPERATING STATISTICS

	Monthly		Year to Date	
	April 2025	April 2026	April 2025	April 2026
Members	6,713	6,733	6,713	6,733
kWh purchased	11,494,801	11,998,366	59,678,018	60,073,465
% change		4.38%		0.66%
Revenue	1,619,246	1,747,484	7,306,479	7,969,984
Cost of power	968,082	1,043,107	4,293,003	4,643,280
Other expenses	614,664	680,559	2,310,048	2,734,276
Operating margins	36,500	23,818	703,428	592,428
Non-operating margins	12,654	(11,611)	53,844	(56,151)
Patronage dividends	22,617	9,217	109,574	83,324
Total margins	71,771	21,423	866,846	619,601



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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 Roseau Electric Cooperative'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 BELOW ARE AVAILABLE FOR UNITS HOOKED TO OFF-PEAK

Up to \$375 for 55 gallons or less

Up to \$600 for 56–99 gallons

Up to \$900 for 100 gallons or greater

Additional \$100 for new construction

Additional \$250 for converting from natural gas or propane

Visit valueofelectricity.com for rebate eligibility guidelines and limits.

