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VOLTS & VIEWS

Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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Second Annual Farm Safety Day

Safety was the focus as students from five area schools, along with local homeschool students, gathered at Haugen Family Farms for the second annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day. Students rotated through 10 educational stations featuring hands-on activities and valuable lessons on farm safety and injury prevention.

Roseau Electric Cooperative was proud to be among the local businesses and organizations sharing important safety information with area youth. Our electrical safety demonstration trailer helped students see firsthand the dangers of electricity and the importance of staying safe around power lines and electrical equipment.

If you have a fourth grader, be sure to ask them about the exploding hot dog! It's one demonstration they won't soon forget!

We are grateful for the opportunity to help educate our area youth and participate in an event that teaches valuable lessons that could one day save a life!











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MINNESOTA STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS
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:
Curt Collier – 218-966-5070

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 serving its member-owners with safe and reliable services through efficiency, knowledge and accountability.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF FEDERAL LIFELINE PROGRAM AND TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PLAN

You may be eligible for assistance on your telephone or internet bill if you receive benefits from certain low-income assistance programs. There are two programs:

The Federal Lifeline Program offers a monthly discount of $5.25 on some landline and wireless telephone service plans. Lifeline also offers discounts of $9.25 on some broadband internet service plans. You may receive the Lifeline discount on one service per household. The definition of a "household" is anyone living at an address including children, relatives, people not related to you, etc., who share income(s) and household expenses.

Minnesota's Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) offers a monthly credit of $10 on your landline telephone service plan. You may receive the TAP credit on one landline per household.

Qualifications: The telephone or broadband service must be in your name. You must show proof that you or a member of your household participates in at least one of the following programs or is income eligible:

Household Size	Income (48 contiguous states, D.C., and territories)
1	$21,546
2	$29,214
3	$36,882
4	$44,550
5	$52,218
6	$59,886
7	$67,554
8	$75,222
For each additional person, add $7,668	

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

If you do not participate in any of the programs listed above, you may qualify if your income is at or below 135% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact Roseau Electric or download an application at mn.gov/puc. One application may be used to apply for both the Lifeline Program and TAP. Return the application and proof of eligibility to our office. It can take up to two months for discounts to appear on your bill. Discounts cannot be applied to past-due bills. You must pay the phone bill until that time.





OPERATION ROUND UP®

MADISON STRAND, *FINANCE MANAGER*

What can less than a dollar do? When Roseau Electric members participate in Operation Round Up, their small monthly contributions join together to make a big difference in our communities. Each electric bill is rounded up to the next whole dollar. For example, a bill of $132.48 becomes $133.00, with the $0.52 contribution listed as "Operation Round Up" on the member's bill. In September, those contributions helped the Operation Round Up board award nine grants totaling $13,400. Since 2013, the program has contributed $376,538 to local organizations.

The Trust Board for Operation Round Up meets twice a year, in March and September. The board reviews grant applications and determines how available funds can best support needs within Roseau Electric's service territory. Funding is generally awarded to nonprofit organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for projects in four areas: community service, economic development, education and youth, or the environment. In making their decisions, the board considers each project's eligibility, community benefit, proposed use of funds and expected impact.

Organizations interested in applying for a grant can find the Operation Round Up guidelines and application at **www.roseauelectric.coop/your-cooperative/operation-round-up**. Applicants should first review the guidelines to confirm that their organization and proposed project are eligible. Completed applications may be submitted by email, by mail or in person at Roseau Electric Cooperative. **The next application deadline is Feb. 28, 2027**. If your organization has received a grant in the past, we would love to see photos of the project and hear how it made a difference. We are proud to see members' small contributions at work in our communities, and we look forward to learning what local organizations have planned next!

The Operation Round Up® (ORU) board met recently and a total of nine grants totaling **$13,399** were awarded.

At the discretion of the ORU board, grants may be denied for a number of reasons. The top two reasons for most denials are funds would be spent outside of our service territory and/or funds would be spent for disposable or supply-type items.

Do you know of a worthy nonprofit organization in Roseau Electric's service territory that is raising money for a project? Please print an Operation Round Up Grant Application and Guidelines form from our website and get it to the organization. **The next application deadline is Feb. 28, 2027**, with the decisions made and grant awards paid out by the end of March 2027. Thank you for your part in Operation Round Up.

The ORU board of directors is as follows: Phil Kazmierczak, Chair (District 6); Marilyn Grafstrom, Vice Chair (District 4); Laurie Polansky, Secretary-Treasurer (District 8); Allison Harder (District 7); Arvid Janson (District 2); Beth Karol (District 3); Kandy Sundberg (District 9); Tim Kuehn (District 1); and Jodi Sorenson (District 5).



The following organizations have been awarded Operation Round Up® grants

Four Seasons Senior Center *LED Lights and Dimmable Bulbs*	**$1,000**
Greenbush Community Partners *Outdoor Fitness Equipment*	**$1,000**
Roseau County Agricultural Society *Grandstand Audio Improvement*	**$2,000**
Roseau County Historical Society *Museum Technology Upgrade*	**$899**
Roseau County Trailblazers *Westlin Road Bridge Improvement*	**$2,000**
Roseau Fire Department Relief Association *AED & Saw Equipment*	**$2,700**
Ross Community Rink & Rec *Player Bench Project*	**$1,000**
Warroad Lost River Sportsmen Complex *AED*	**$2,500**
Warroad Senior Sunshine Club *Ice Maker*	**$300**
Total	**$13,399**



ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Roseau Electric Cooperative and our partners will again provide an opportunity for area electricians to obtain credits for license renewal by attending one of the six continuing education classes being offered throughout eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. This 2027 informative class taught by instructor Tim Pull is titled "Branch Circuit Conductors, Feeder Conductors and Service Conductors."

The seminars are approved in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota for eight hours of continuing education credit necessary for renewing electrical licenses. The classes will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday, January 6, 2027
Fargo Holiday Inn
3803 13th Avenue South
Fargo, ND

Thursday, January 7, 2027
Fargo Holiday Inn
3803 13th Avenue South
Fargo, ND

Thursday, January 14, 2027
Bemidji Eagles Club
1270 Neilson Avenue SE
Bemidji, MN

Thursday, January 21, 2027
Bigwood Event Center
921 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN

Wednesday, February 3, 2027
Minnkota Power Cooperative
5301 32nd Avenue South
Grand Forks, ND

Thursday, February 4, 2027
Minnkota Power Cooperative
5301 32nd Avenue South
Grand Forks, ND

This marks the 39th year of the successful program, which is aimed at providing area trade allies with the latest information on electrical code and practices. Taking the class on multiple days will not qualify for 16 code credits. **The registration fee is $85 for eight code credits.** Registration can be done online at minnkota.com and must be completed at least seven days prior to the seminar. For residential building contractor continuing education workshops, contact your local home builders association.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
MINNKOTA.COM

For more info about the program, please call **(701) 670-1899** or e-mail any questions to **contractortraining@minnkota.com**.

$85 TO REGISTER FOR EIGHT CREDITS

2027 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

PETITION DEADLINE **TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 2027**

Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc., is organized as a cooperative and is owned by its members. The membership elects a board of directors to represent them in the operation of the cooperative.

Three directors will be elected at the 2027 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 3 at the Roseau School Theater. The directors whose terms expire in 2027 are: Ron Storey, District 1 *(3-year term)*; Bob Tuttle, District 6 *(3-year term)*; and Mark Sax, District 9 *(3-year term)*.

NOMINATION BY PETITION

No nominating committee will be used. All nominations will be done by petition, including the incumbents.

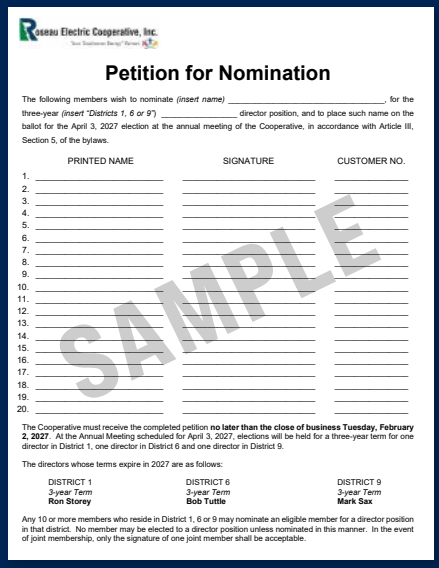
Any 10 or more members who reside in Districts 1, 6 or 9 may nominate an eligible member for a director position in that district. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. No write-in ballots shall be accepted.

PETITION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE

Director candidates must pick up a petition and a director packet at Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Roseau. The packet contains additional forms that must be signed and turned in before the deadline.

PETITION DEADLINE

The cooperative must receive the completed petition **no later than the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2027.**



Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Petition for Nomination

The following members wish to nominate *(insert name)* _____, for the three-year *(insert "Districts 1, 6 or 9")* _____ director position, and to place such name on the ballot for the April 3, 2027 election at the annual meeting of the Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 5, of the bylaws.

	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	CUSTOMER NO.
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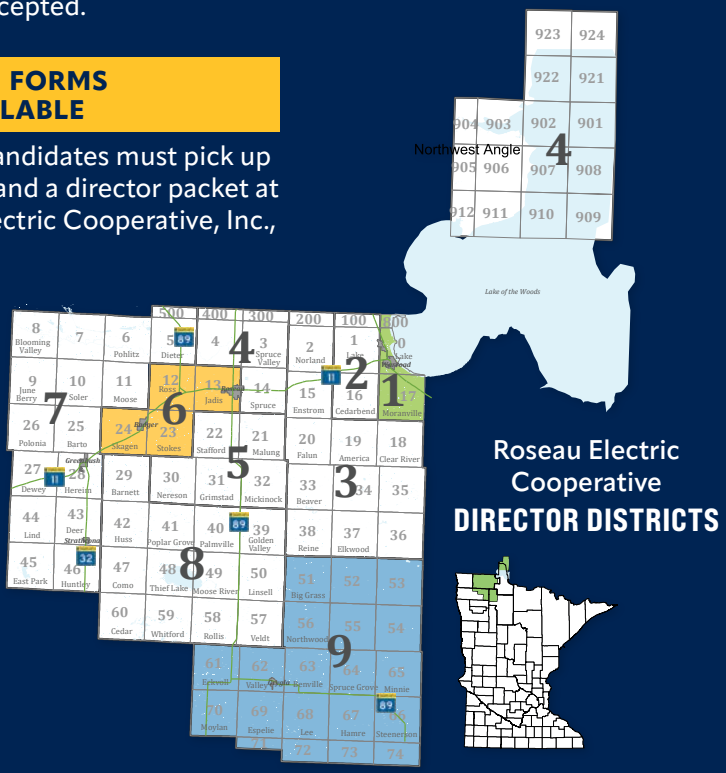
SAMPLE

The Cooperative must receive the completed petition **no later than the close of business Tuesday, February 2, 2027**. At the Annual Meeting scheduled for April 3, 2027, elections will be held for a three-year term for one director in District 1, one director in District 6 and one director in District 9.

The directors whose terms expire in 2027 are as follows:

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 6	DISTRICT 9
3-year Term	*3-year Term*	*3-year Term*
Ron Storey	**Bob Tuttle**	**Mark Sax**

Any 10 or more members who reside in District 1, 6 or 9 may nominate an eligible member for a director position in that district. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. In the event of joint membership, only the signature of one joint member shall be acceptable.



SO, YOU WANT TO BE A DIRECTOR

Three directors will be elected at the 2027 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 3. Directors whose terms expire in 2027 are: Ron Storey, District 1; Bob Tuttle, District 6; and Mark Sax, District 9.

OBJECTIVES:

- To establish relationships between the board, the membership and the manager
- Define principles and practices
- Delegate authority
- Analyze operations

MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- **Monthly board meetings:** Board meetings are held 12 times per year, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Other meetings:** Roseau Electric annual meeting; Minnkota annual meeting; MREA district meetings; other meetings to learn policies and procedures of the electric industry. Expect 5 - 12 extra days per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Report to the membership.
- Hire and delegate authority to the manager.
- Maintain legal entity and practices.
- Review and update bylaws.
- Require a continuous member and public relations program.
- Keep informed and grow in skills of the program.
- See that members are informed of operations.
- See that accurate minutes are prepared and maintained.
- Consider and adopt plans for objectives and goals.
- Review and update policies.
- Examine and approve annual budget and cash flow.
- Review and approve a sound financial plan.
- Establish policies and programs for good employee relationships.
- Assist in planning meetings.
- Establish special or standing committees.
- Review responsibilities of board and manager.
- Approve the selection of consultants and attorney.
- Establish measures and controls to determine effectiveness of management.
- Authorize and review annual financial audit.
- Implementation and enforcement of this position description is the responsibility of the board of directors.

Reach out for WARMTH

Roseau Electric donates to Northwest Community Action



Sharon Millner (left), executive director of Northwest Community Action, and Madison Strand, finance manager at Roseau Electric Cooperative, celebrate a combined contribution of more than $47,000 from Roseau Electric Cooperative and CoBank.

Once again, Northwest Community Action is grateful for the support of Roseau Electric and CoBank toward the Reach Out for Warmth (ROFW) program.

"We have many families facing obstacles that make it difficult to maintain their obligations to their utility company," says Sharon Millner, executive director. "The ROFW program is a blessing to many who may 'fall through the cracks' due to income, medical issues and other circumstances. These donations allow our agency to come alongside our northwestern neighbors in a time of need. We all know how critical our utilities are in maintaining our homes. We are thankful for our partners like Roseau Electric and their generosity."

CoBank and Roseau combined to make a donation of more than $47,000 to Northwest Community Action. The CoBank money comes from its Sharing Success program.

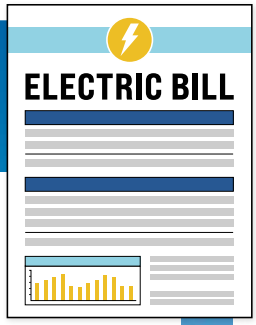
A national nonprofit cooperative bank, CoBank matches contributions made by customers to the charitable organizations of their choice, with a maximum of $15,000.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



A deteriorated pole blew over west of Greenbush on a Saturday night. Crews supported it with a track digger until it was replaced Monday, all without interrupting power to members!

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, the following 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.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION
PO Box 67, Badger, MN 56714-0067
218-528-3258 or 800-568-5329 | nwcaa.org

BI-COUNTY CAP, INC.
6603 Bemidji Ave. N, Bemidji, MN 56601-8669
218-751-4631

YOU CAN ALSO APPLY ONLINE:
https://energy-assistance.web.commerce.state.mn.us

Celebrate WITH SAVINGS

LED Holiday Lighting Rebate

Buy energy-efficient holiday lights and decorations

How to Apply:

Power SAVERS
Working together to save energy

1. Purchase LED holiday plug-in (not battery-operated) lights and decorations in 2026.
2. Complete this rebate form and submit it to your utility or cooperative by Dec. 31, 2026, with a copy of your sales receipt and the packaging showing the number of lights per string. ENERGY STAR® LEDs are recommended.
3. Select the appropriate rebate in the box below. **(Rebate cannot exceed 50% of cost. Maximum of five strings per customer.)**

Name _____ City/Zip _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Lights on String	Rebate per String	Total Rebate
Fewer than 99 lights	$3	
100-199 lights	$6	
200-299 lights	$9	
Greater than 300 lights	$12	

MAIL TO: Roseau Electric Cooperative
1107 3rd Street NE, Roseau, MN 56751

OPERATING STATISTICS

	Monthly		Year to Date	
	September 2025	September 2026	September 2025	September 2026
Members	6,737	6,741	6,737	6,741
kWh purchased	10,082,761	9,938,789	108,776,009	110,965,832
% change		-1.43%		2.01%
Revenue	1,628,428	1,610,179	14,960,498	16,211,211
Cost of power	895,778	945,701	8,709,522	9,460,667
Other expenses	693,047	607,225	5,480,846	5,982,477
Operating margins	39,603	57,252	770,130	768,067
Non-operating margins	(81)	3,460	65,906	(93,753)
Patronage dividends	16,116	15,948	153,034	118,956
Total margins	55,639	76,661	989,071	793,270

member connection

ENERGY TIP

Adjust your water heater settings to save energy. As cooler weather arrives, your water heater may be working harder to keep up with longer, hotter showers. Check its temperature setting and consider lowering it to 120°F, which the U.S. Department of Energy recommends for most households. Lowering the temperature can reduce energy use while also helping prevent scalding. Always check the owner's manual before making adjustments.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11
Veterans Day; Office is closed

November 21
Electric bill is due

November 26
Happy Thanksgiving; Office is closed

April 3
2027 Annual Meeting
Districts 1, 6 & 9 are up for director elections

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Monday – Friday
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https://roseauelectric.smarthub.coop/

WEBSITE

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CO-OP APPRECIATION DAY

Thanks to all who attended and made the day a success!







2026 PRIZE WINNERS

REC $50 BILL CREDIT	REC $100 BILL CREDIT	NORTH STREAM FIBER PRIZE PACKAGE	THE MEAT HOOK MEAT BUNDLE	MELISSA'S HOMEMADE CARAMELS GIFT BASKET
Stephen Dahl Michael Lundbohm Richard Engelstad Edward Desrosier Alvin Larsen	Neil Vagle	Rose Strandlund	Kent & Melanie Sikorski	Cornel & Rosie Rygh