

Volts & Jolts

Published monthly for the members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc.

SERVING THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA OF MARSHALL, PENNINGTON, RED LAKE AND POLK
and a portion of the lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa

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MARCH 2025

AT A GLANCE

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MEMBER-ELECTED
DIRECTORS

18



FULL-TIME
DEDICATED
EMPLOYEES

ELECTRIC SERVICES

5,811

5,288 residential

437 commercial

44 public st/hwy lighting

42 irrigation sales

2,668

total miles of line

2,287

miles of overhead line

381

miles of underground line

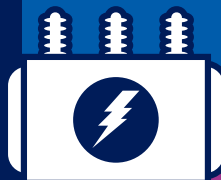
97,218,285
on-peak kWh

17,161,466
off-peak kWh

114,379,751
total kWh sold



SUBSTATIONS



9

\$9,895,564
COST OF
PURCHASED
POWER

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

87th Annual Meeting | March 26, 2025

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Jennifer Benier-Linder, Randy Versdahl,
Lars Dyrud, Krist Olson

Stephanie Johnson General Manager
Steve Conely Manager of Electric
System Operations
Kelli Brateng Manager of Member Services
Christie Klipping .. Manager of Finance & Admin.

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Pennington and Marshall Counties:
RONALD DITSCH: (218) 779-6758

Red Lake and Polk Counties:
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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. Please visit www.dli.mn.gov for more information. The inspectors can be reached weekday mornings between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Red Lake Electric Cooperative to enhance the quality of life for people of our service area by safely and consistently providing quality electric service and other valued services while holding our employees, our community and our environment in high regard.

REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

This month marks Red Lake Electric Cooperative’s 87th Annual Meeting. As a cooperative, while our priority is always to provide reliable and safe energy, there is another equally important part of this equation. Your well-being and that of the larger community that we serve are of vital concern. To us, you are not just a customer – you are a member of our cooperative and the community we love to serve. I will list the top five reasons why we love serving you, the members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative.

- 1 We love serving our members because without you, the cooperative would not exist.** Our purpose is to provide you with reliable, responsible and safe electricity. Simply put, Red Lake Electric exists to serve you. That’s why we were formed in 1938, to bring power to our local area when for-profit utilities would not.
- 2 You enable us to complete our mission by supporting our efforts to give back.** A major part of our mission is to serve our community and the greater good. With your assistance, we are able to help (29080 Nathan Peters) our community through programs like Operation Round Up® that donate to area nonprofit organizations.
- 3 Members of our cooperative also serve on the board of directors.** They provide guidance for setting cooperative priorities and helping make big decisions. Because our board members live in the area, they are able to serve as the pulse of the larger community and identify

immediate and long-term needs. The broader cooperative membership provides helpful input through attendance of district meetings and by weighing in on cooperative and community issues.

- 4 You help us get it right.** Red Lake Electric members are great about keeping us in the know. We do our best to avoid power outages, but Mother Nature can occasionally throw us a curve ball. Our members are quick to report any power disruptions and are patient as our crews work to safely restore power. We know outages are frustrating, and your support (21035 Joseph Hermreck) as we work through storms means so much to our employees. We also appreciate your feedback on cooperative programs and services. Your opinions are critical for the cooperative’s success, and we thank you for that.
- 5 You and other Red Lake Electric members make up the community we serve – and for us, it’s all about community.** Our employees live and work here, too, and care about our community the same way you do. We are invested and work to help it thrive. That is why Red Lake Electric donates to local charities, schools and scholarship funds. It is also why you will see our employees volunteering at local schools, fire departments and other community endeavors.



PETER MOSBECK
Board President



STEPHANIE JOHNSON
General Manager

As a cooperative, our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community and look after its long-term interests. We love serving our members and our local community, and just like you, we want to see it continue to thrive.

INVITATION

We extend to you an invitation to join us and your fellow members for Red Lake Electric’s Annual Meeting to be held at the Legacy Event Center near Thief River Falls on Wednesday, March 26. The annual meeting is a perfect time to visit and ask questions with employees who serve you and directors you have elected to represent you. We will be giving away some door prizes and are providing a meal to those that attend.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

To our members, for your continued patronage this past year. We appreciate your business and the opportunity to serve as your board president and general manager.

We also want to express our thanks and appreciation to our employees. Their constant service, their commitment to the membership and their support of our mission have enabled Red Lake Electric to complete another successful year in 2024.

CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

In observation of Easter, Red Lake Electric Cooperative’s headquarters will be closed Friday, April 18. In case of an electrical outage or emergency, call the after-hours phone number: 218-253-2200. **Happy Easter!**

NOTICE OF HIDDEN NAMES

Hidden within the text of the articles of this issue of Volts & Jolts are the names and account numbers of some Red Lake Electric Cooperative members. They will appear within the articles in parentheses as such (9999999.99 Willie Ray Member). If you find your name and account number, clip it out and send it with your next payment. You will be credited with \$5 on your electric bill.

RED LAKE ELECTRIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pete Mosbeck
President
District 9
Serving since 2007
Serves on Square Butte's board



Bonnie Christians
Vice President
District 1
Serving since 2002



Colette Kujava
Secretary-Treasurer
District 3
Serving since 2010
Serves on Minnkota's board



Cecil Anderson
District 8
Serving since 2018



Lars Dyrud
District 2
Serving since 2024



Mark Hanson
District 5
Serving since 2005



Jennifer Bernier-Linder
District 4
Serving since 2023




Krist Olson
District 7
Serving since 2024




Randy Versdahl
District 6
Serving since 2010


RED LAKE ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES




Kelli Brateng
Manager of
Member Services




Darcy Cardinal
Journeyman
Lineman




Steve Conely
Manager of
Electric Operations




Aaron Derosier
Journeyman
Lineman




Javen Eidsmoe
Power Use
Advisor




Jordon Gervais
Journeyman
Lineman




Stephanie Johnson
General
Manager




Jenny Kelley
Administrative
Manager




Christie Klipping
Manager of
Finance & Admin.




Brett Knott
Lead Lineman



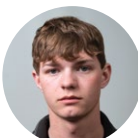
Chris Knott
Engineering
Technician




Melanie LaCrosse
Member Accounts
Specialist




Branden Narlock
Journeyman
Lineman




Sam Olson
Apprentice
Lineman




Cindy Pahlen
Administrative
Assistant



Sam Pahlen
Journeyman
Lineman




Troy Schmitz
Crew
Foreman




Casey Thronson
Crew
Foreman

CAPITAL CREDITS


TYPES OF UTILITIES



Investor-owned
Privately owned by shareholders/investors
Operate for a profit



Municipal Systems
Owned by cities, counties or states
Not-for-profit



Cooperative
Owned and operated by the people they serve – that's you!
Not-for-profit

YOUR MONTHLY BILL

Facilities Charge
Monthly charge that covers the cost to provide electric service (infrastructure)
Included in capital credit allocation

Energy Charge
Charges for energy consumed during the billing period
Included in capital credit allocation

WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS?

- 1 Red Lake Electric Cooperative tracks how much electricity you buy and how much (30218 Becky Malwitz) money you pay for it throughout the year.
- 2 We pay the bills for things like power generation, maintenance and new construction.
- 3 At the end of the fiscal year, the board of directors determines if there are excess revenues, called margins.
- 4 The cooperative allocates those margins to members' capital credits based upon their electric bill.
- 5 Your board of directors decides to retire, or pay, the capital credits when our financial condition permits.

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE CAPITAL CREDITS?

Credit on Bill
Members with an active account

- or -

Checks Issued
Inactive, former members
A minimum \$5 capital credit amount must be met.

\$280,871

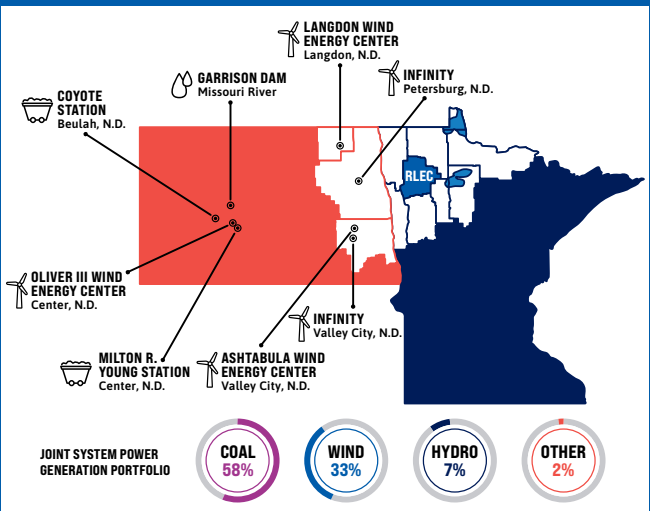
Red Lake Electric Cooperative's board of directors approved the payment of capital credits once again. This payment will include the balance of capital credits earned in 2005 (100%) and 2006 (28.77%). At RLEC, capital credits are paid on a "first in, first out" basis. Capital credits are also paid in the event of the death of a member or their spouse.

QUICK TAKES

A look at some facts from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

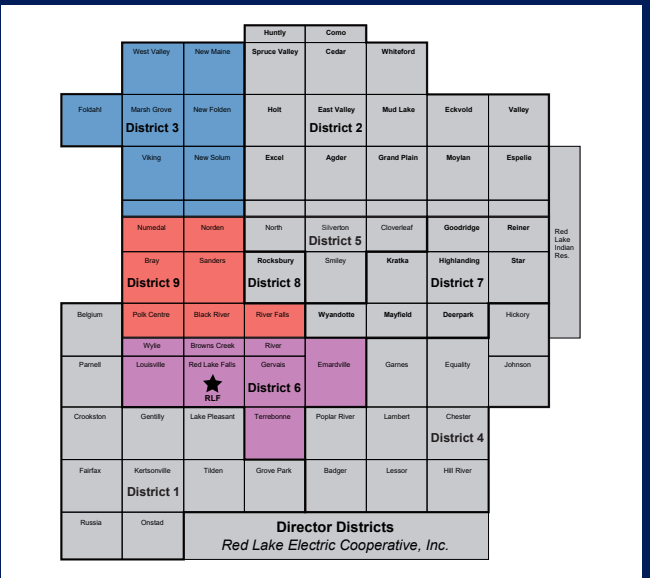
WHERE YOUR POWER COMES FROM

Coal and wind provide the majority of Minnkota's energy capacity resources. About 58% of Minnkota's capacity comes from coal, while about 33% comes from wind. The Langdon and Ashtabula Wind Energy Centers are located in eastern North Dakota. When you include hydro, about 40% of Minnkota's generation capacity comes from renewables. The hydro allocation comes from the Garrison Dam in western North Dakota.



SERVICE AREA

Red Lake Electric Cooperative's service area covers 2,400 square miles. Included are all of Red Lake County and Pennington County, and parts of Marshall County, Polk County and the area served by Red Lake Electric Cooperative on the lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa.



2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE RED LAKE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024, AT THE LEGACY EVENT CENTER, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN

The 86th Annual Meeting of the members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the Legacy Event Center in Thief River Falls. President Stacy Blawat called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 150 members and guests were in attendance.

Blawat then opened the meeting and all attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Colette Kujava, Red Lake Electric board director, gave the invocation; current board members were then introduced by Blawat.

Board Secretary Mark Hanson entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the proof of mailing and the notice of this meeting along with the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting and approve them as they were printed in the March 2024 Volts and Jolts. It was duly moved, seconded and carried to do so.

In her President’s report, Blawat shared how the last year for Red Lake Electric has been very good in many respects. She went on to explain that the average outage time per customer last year was 2.3 hours, which was the same as the previous five-year average of 2.6 hours. Blawat then shared her appreciation and the efforts of the employees to not only restore service quickly, but to also maintain the electric system properly. Blawat noted that the cooperative fared well financially last year which enabled the payout of over \$474,611 in capital credits in 2023. This return in equity to the membership included \$389,611 in general retirements and \$85,000 was paid to estates of deceased members. She went on to say that the board of directors was pleased to be able to make a capital credit retirement close to \$480,000, which was capital credits assigned to the membership in 2004 and 2005. Blawat mentioned the member equity was around 40%, well within the cooperative’s goal. Blawat thanked the membership for attending the annual meeting.

Stephanie Johnson then was introduced and gave the GM report. Johnson gave a presentation on how Red Lake Electric Cooperative is a cooperative, what being a cooperative means and how it differs from an investor-owned utility.

Johnson next gave the 2023 financial report and said operating revenue was \$15.3 million due to selling 116.9 million kilowatts (kWh). Johnson reviewed various operating expenses and said the cooperative’s margins were \$662,907; made up of operating margins of \$370,418 and non-operating margins of \$292,489.

Johnson noted that non-operating margins are only paid to our members when Red Lake Electric receives the payout of the allocated patronage.

President Blawat asked for a motion to accept the preceding reports and it was duly moved, seconded and carried to do so.

Guest speaker Matt Marshall, Member Services, Rates & Economic Development Manager for Minnkota Power Cooperative, gave a presentation about economic development and how cooperative members can participate. He went on to present how economic development can have positive impacts on the entire region.

Election of directors then took place. Secretary Hanson verified the nominees by the submission of a petition in accordance to the Red Lake Electric bylaws, and each district had a single nomination by petition. Blawat then declared the following people duly elected as directors for three-year terms: District 2, Lars Dyrud; District 7, Krist Olson; and District 8, Cecil Anderson.

Years of service recognition awards were presented to Red Lake Electric employees and directors for 2023. 2023 recipients are Melanie LaCrosse – 15 years, Brett Knott – 15 years, Darcy Cardinal – 10 years, Branden Narlock – 10 years, Cecil Anderson – 5 years and Stephanie Johnson – 5 years. Johnson acknowledged Director Stacy Blawat with a plaque for her 12 years of service for directorship of District 2 and noted, as he was unable to attend, that Director Aaron Chervestad would be given a plaque for his nine years of service for directorship of District 7 and thanked them for their dedication and service.

Johnson presented the Red Lake Electric Trust (Operation Round Up) report. Johnson discussed the Operation Round Up program and Director Bonnie Chrisitans introduced Rosaline Groven and a Goodridge High School student as recipients of the Spring 2024 grant of \$500 to help with this year’s convention for Pennington County Teens Towards Zero Deaths. A brief review of the program was given.

Kelli Brateng awarded the door prizes.

Blawat adjourned the meeting.

A sit-down meal was prepared by David Lee Catering and served by the employees and directors of Red Lake Electric.

Stacy Blawat, President
Mark Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer

OPERATION ROUND UP®

The Operation Round Up® program at Red Lake Electric enjoyed another successful and generous year in 2024. A total of \$24,100 was granted to 42 different nonprofit and community organizations. That brings the total of 1,102 grants made since the program began in 1993 to \$684,171.

A nonprofit corporation named Red Lake Electric Trust administers donated funds and determines grants. The five-person board of directors, appointed for three-year terms, meets twice a year to determine (32239 Bryce M Wollan) grants to applying organizations. Red Lake Electric Trust has been granted 501(c)3 tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions made to the Operation Round Up program are tax deductible. There are 4,463 members who contribute to Operation Round Up. They represent almost 97% participation of the 4,611 Red Lake Electric members, an outstanding participation level. For an average of 50 cents a month or \$6 a year, members can be part of a very large, community-wide charitable program.

RED LAKE ELECTRIC TRUST, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stacy Bierman
President

Pamela Vettleson
Vice President

Laura Kasprowicz
Secretary-Treasurer

Bonnie Christians
Ex-Officio Director

Stephanie Johnson
Ex-Officio Director

RED LAKE ELECTRIC TRUST, INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended December 31, 2024

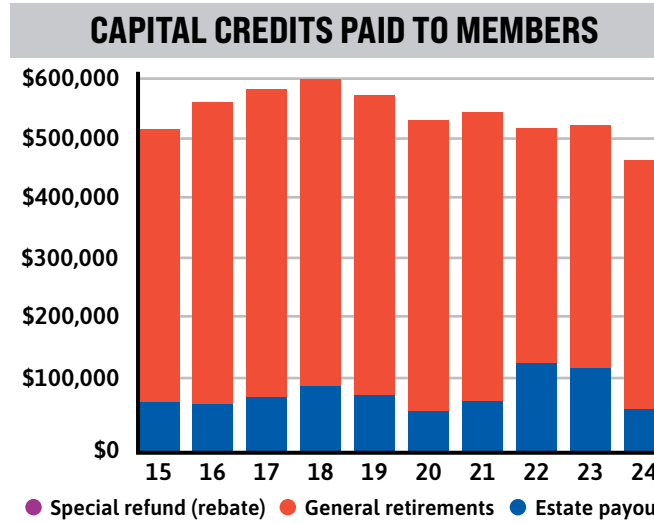
CASH BALANCE FORWARD	\$ 7,224.77
RECEIPTS	
Operation Round Up Donations	\$ 25,852.74
Other Contributions	0.00
Checking Account Interest	20.66
Total Receipts	\$ 25,873.40
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Expenses:	
Director Meeting Fees & Expenses	\$ 377.35
Annual Filing Fee, State of Minnesota	25.00
Annual Compilation (Audit) Fee	300.00
Total Administration	\$ 702.35
Total Grants Made (42)	\$ 24,100.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,802.35
CASH BALANCE December 31, 2024	\$ 8,295.82

2024 RECIPIENTS

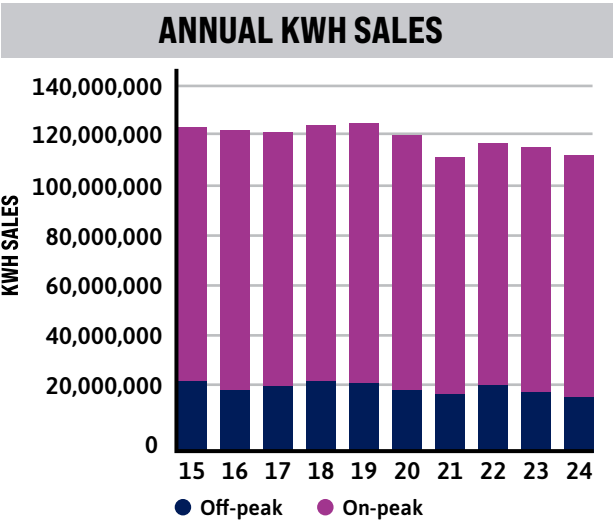
Association of the French of the North (AFRAN)	\$250.00
Blazin’ Saddles	\$500.00
Christmas for Pennington County	\$500.00
Discovery Place	\$250.00
Discovery Place	\$500.00
Falls DAC (TRF)	\$500.00
Goodridge Area Fire and Resuce	\$1,000.00
Goodridge Area Fire Department	\$750.00
Goodridge Area Historical Society, Inc.	\$500.00
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Goodridge Lion Tamers	\$500.00
Goodridge Lions Club	\$500.00
Goodridge Senior Citizens Center	\$500.00
Holt Keenagers	\$400.00
Life Care Center	\$500.00
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota	\$500.00
Middle River Seniors	\$500.00
NCH Trails to Treatments	\$750.00
Northland Community & Technical College - Pioneer 90.1 FM (KSRQ)	\$500.00
Oklee Fire Department	\$750.00
Oklee Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Pennington & Red Lake County Public Health & Home Care	\$500.00
Pennington & Red Lake County Public Health & Home Care	\$500.00
Pennington County Sportsmen Club	\$200.00
Pennington County Teens Toward Zero Deaths	\$500.00
Plummer Area Sportsmen’s Club	\$500.00
Plummer Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Power of Produce Club	\$500.00
Red Lake County Victim Services	\$500.00
Red Lake Falls Volunteer Ambulance Service	\$750.00
Red Lake Falls Volunteer Ambulance Service	\$1,000.00
Re-Turned Pages	\$250.00
RLF Volunteer Fire Department	\$750.00
RLF Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Satisfy the Hunger Backpack Program	\$500.00
St. Hilaire Fire & Resuce Department	\$750.00
Strandquist Area Food Shelf	\$500.00
TRF Area Food Shelf	\$500.00
TRF Chapter of the MN Deer Hunters Association	\$500.00
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Tri-Community Living at Home/Block Nurse Program	\$500.00
Viking Fire and Rescue	\$750.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET		
WHAT WE HAVE (ASSETS)		
	2024	2023
Electric plant	\$ 44,957,315	\$ 43,006,223
Buildings – improvements	1,516,845	1,516,845
Equipment	3,751,189	3,862,680
Less: depreciation	(23,818,391)	(22,896,579)
Net utility plant	\$ 26,406,957	\$ 25,489,170
General funds	1,281,066	1,651,033
Investments in associated organizations	2,574,763	2,527,219
Notes receivable	41,219	32,886
Accounts receivable	1,601,076	1,357,359
Inventories	1,279,254	783,789
Other assets	96,822	83,784
Total assets	\$ 33,281,157	\$ 31,925,239
WHAT WE OWE (LIABILITIES) AND OTHER CREDITS		
Long-term debt – RUS	\$ 15,426,738	\$ 14,435,967
Long-term debt – C.F.C. & CoBank	2,108,487	2,270,743
Liabilities & other credits	2,873,257	2,521,142
Total liabilities	\$ 20,408,481	\$ 19,227,852
WHAT WE OWN (MEMBER EQUITY)		
Capital stock (memberships)	\$ 182,625	\$ 180,140
Patronage capital	12,100,453	11,928,260
Other equities	589,598	588,988
Total member equity	\$ 12,872,676	\$ 12,697,388
Total liabilities & member equity	\$ 33,281,157	\$ 31,925,239

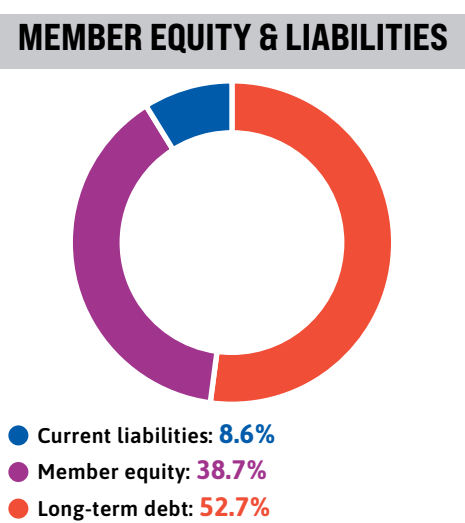
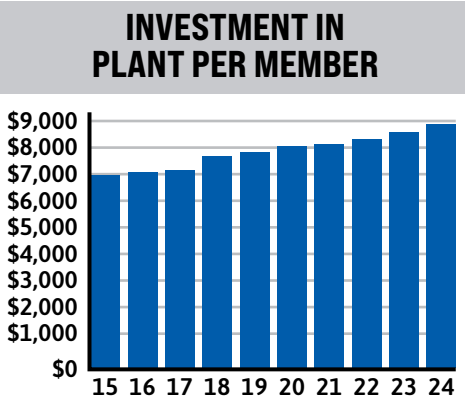
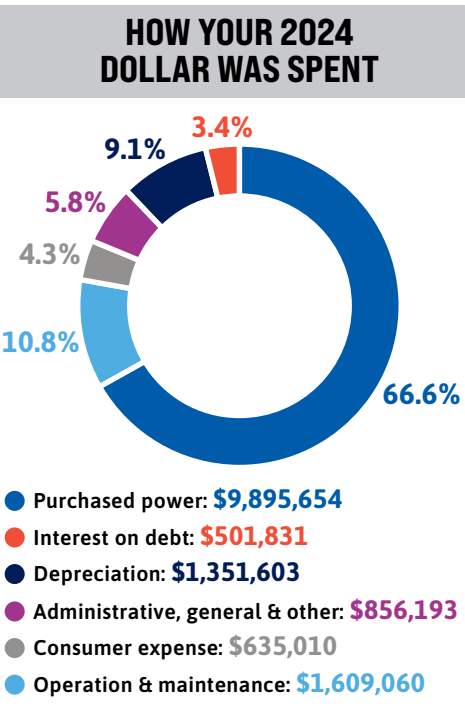


STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
REVENUE		
	2024	2023
Electric energy sales	\$ 15,121,793	\$ 14,969,260
Misc. electric sales	223,579	372,736
Total income	\$ 15,345,371	\$ 15,341,996
EXPENSES		
Power	\$ 9,895,654	\$ 10,115,477
Operation of lines	620,769	633,119
Maintenance of lines	988,291	906,363
Consumer accounts	266,536	251,330
Customer service	341,093	383,797
Sales	27,381	25,524
Administrative & general	838,535	820,488
Total operating expenses	\$ 12,978,260	\$ 13,136,098
FIXED CHARGES		
Depreciation	\$ 1,351,603	\$ 1,334,542
Interest on debt	471,562	420,877
Interest expense – other	30,269	73,825
Other deductions	17,657	6,235
Total fixed charges	\$ 1,871,091	\$ 1,835,480
Total cost of electric service	\$ 14,849,351	\$ 14,971,578
MARGINS		
Operating margin	\$ 496,020	\$ 370,418
Interest margin	64,080	79,787
Appliance/HVAC service margin	(17,085)	(14,705)
Capital credits margin	86,688	227,406
Total margins	\$ 629,703	\$ 662,907



OPERATING STATISTICS

	5-YEAR AVERAGE	2024
Members - at year end	4,411	4,432
Number of accounts billed - at year end	5,756	5,813
Total kWh purchased	123,567,004	121,187,719
Peak demand (kW) - without load control	23,108	18,884
Peak demand (kW) - with load control	18,155	18,179
Investment in plant - total	\$47,147,127	\$50,225,348
Investment in plant - per mile	\$17,789	\$18,825
Investment in plant - per account	\$8,188	\$8,640
Long-term debt - total	\$16,520,447	\$17,535,224
Long-term debt - per account	\$2,869	\$3,017
Miles of line - overhead	2,297	2,287
Miles of line - underground	353	381
COST OF FIRST 1,000 KWH		
General service (25 kVa)	\$148	\$160
Off-peak rate per kWh - long-term control	\$0.056	\$0.056
Off-peak rate per kWh - short-term control	\$0.079	\$0.079
Avg. residential usage - annual kWh	16,807	15,868
Avg. residential usage - monthly kWh	1,401	1,322
Energy account write-offs	2,258	1,948
Number of regular employees	18	18
CAPITAL CREDIT PAYMENTS		
To estates (on behalf of deceased patrons)	\$90,687	\$61,810
General retirement (all patrons)	\$417,675	\$395,458
DEBT/EQUITY RATIOS		
Debt	61.0%	61.3%
Equity	39.0%	38.7%



MINNKOTA ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT OF FLICKERTAIL WIND FARM

On Jan. 15, Minnkota Power Cooperative, your co-op's wholesale power provider, announced plans for the development of Flickertail Wind Farm near New Rockford, North Dakota. The new 370-megawatt (MW) wind project will be owned (31435 Dayle Larson) and operated by PRC Wind, while Minnkota will purchase all energy produced under a long-term agreement.

With construction scheduled to start by 2027, the project is a cornerstone of Minnkota's long-term strategy to diversify its energy portfolio while ensuring the continued delivery of cost-effective and sustainable electricity to its member cooperatives.

"Flickertail Wind Farm represents a tremendous opportunity to enhance our energy portfolio with a carbon-free resource, fulfill the vision of local landowners and harness North Dakota's abundant energy potential," said Mac McLennan, Minnkota President and CEO. "As the demand for electricity continues to grow in our region and across the nation, it's critical for us to develop new energy resources and continue to diversify our power supply strategy."

Flickertail Wind Farm originated as a collaborative effort between local community members and the New Rockford economic development board. To turn their vision into reality, they engaged with PRC Wind as a strategic partner to drive development, secure commercial agreements and bring the project to fruition.

"Flickertail Wind Farm exemplifies the power of collaboration, combining community-driven vision with strong utility partnership to meet the growing demand for electric power," said Paul White, PRC Wind CEO. "We're proud to work alongside Minnkota and its member cooperatives to bring this community-initiated project to life, delivering a cost-

effective and homegrown energy source for the long term."

Flickertail Wind Farm is being developed in Wells and Eddy counties on nearly 43,000 acres. The project is expected to inject approximately \$100 million directly into the local community and create 300 jobs during construction.

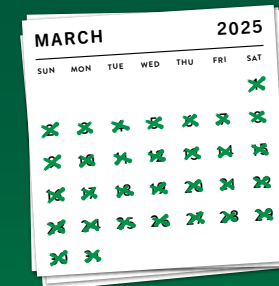
The project will feature up to 112 wind turbines, along with a dedicated substation, 15 miles of transmission line, access roads, and an operations and maintenance facility. It has been carefully planned to support local agricultural activities and protect the surrounding natural environment.

Energy produced will be integrated onto the electric grid on Minnkota's existing 345,000-volt transmission line, which delivers energy to a substation (22772 Sharon Erickson) in Grand Forks. From there, the energy will be sent to communities throughout eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

The project is scheduled to initiate the permitting process at the state and local levels in 2025. Upon securing the necessary approvals, detailed engineering, procurement and construction activities are planned to begin by 2027.



Did you know?



\$ FOR A MONTH OF ELECTRICITY = \$ FOR A NEW SHATTERPROOF BASKETBALL HOOP



*comparison based on average household energy usage

NATIONAL LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

APRIL 14, 2025



On the earliest mornings and latest nights, in the coldest temperatures or on the hottest day, their work keeps reliable power flowing to every member.

Our system depends on those willing to brave the storm and keep the lights on. We are grateful for those whose dedication and service is endless.

Thank a Red Lake Electric lineworker.

SEVEN CO-OP PRINCIPLES: THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE

Cooperatives are special because they are owned by the members they serve and because they are guided by a set of seven principles that reflect the best interests of those consumers. Red Lake Electric Cooperative proudly adheres to these seven guiding principles.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Red Lake Electric Cooperative to enhance the quality of life for people of our service area by safely and consistently providing quality electric service and other valued services while holding our employees, our community and our environment in high regard.

87TH ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 26, 2025

LEGACY EVENT CENTER, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA

9:00 a.m.

Registration begins

10:30 a.m.

Call to order..... Peter Mosbeck

Invocation.....Lars Dyrud

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions..... Peter Mosbeck

Business Session

Notice of meeting and affidavit of mailingColette Kujava

Establishment of quorum.....Colette Kujava

Reading of 2024 meeting minutes.....Colette Kujava

President's report Peter Mosbeck

General Manager's report Stephanie Johnson

Financial report Stephanie Johnson

Guest speakers.....Brianne Ellison, Michael J. Burns

Election of directors..... Peter Mosbeck

Question and answer session

Adjournment of business session

Award presentations

Awarding of prizes

GUEST SPEAKERS



BRIANNE ELLISON

2024 Youth Tour Delegate

Lincoln High School Senior

Thief River Falls



MICHAEL J. BURNS

Michael J. Burns Architects

Michael (Mike) began his career attending NDSU, working as a part-time student in 1975 for Mutchler, Twichell, and Lynch of Fargo, North Dakota, and graduated with a professional architecture degree in 1977. After graduation, he worked for Kenneth R. Johnson Architect and Koehnlein, Lightowler, and Johnson, both of Fargo.

In May 1983, Michael J. Burns Architects was formed. Relying on his general building design experience and emphasizing historic preservation-related work, the firm found a strong niche in historic preservation, providing a service few competitors could match. Six years later, the firm moved to Moorhead to better serve the many opportunities offered throughout Minnesota. In 1998, the firm moved into its current downtown Moorhead location.

Clients have included municipal, county and state governments, universities, public schools, corporations, developers and private homeowners. The firm has also received multiple design awards for various projects. To view additional awards and project information, visit www.mjbald.com.

In 2019, the firm began working on its first rural electric cooperative – Red River Valley Co-op Power in Halstad. Currently, MJBA is completing the bidding documents for Red Lake Electric Cooperative. In January 2025, the firm was retained by Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative in Bagley to assist them with planning their new facility.

Mike has four grown children and seven grandchildren. He continues maintaining the practice that began 42 years ago and has no immediate plans to retire. He loves his work and the joy that comes from knowing and working with many people and helping them successfully realize their building dreams and needs.