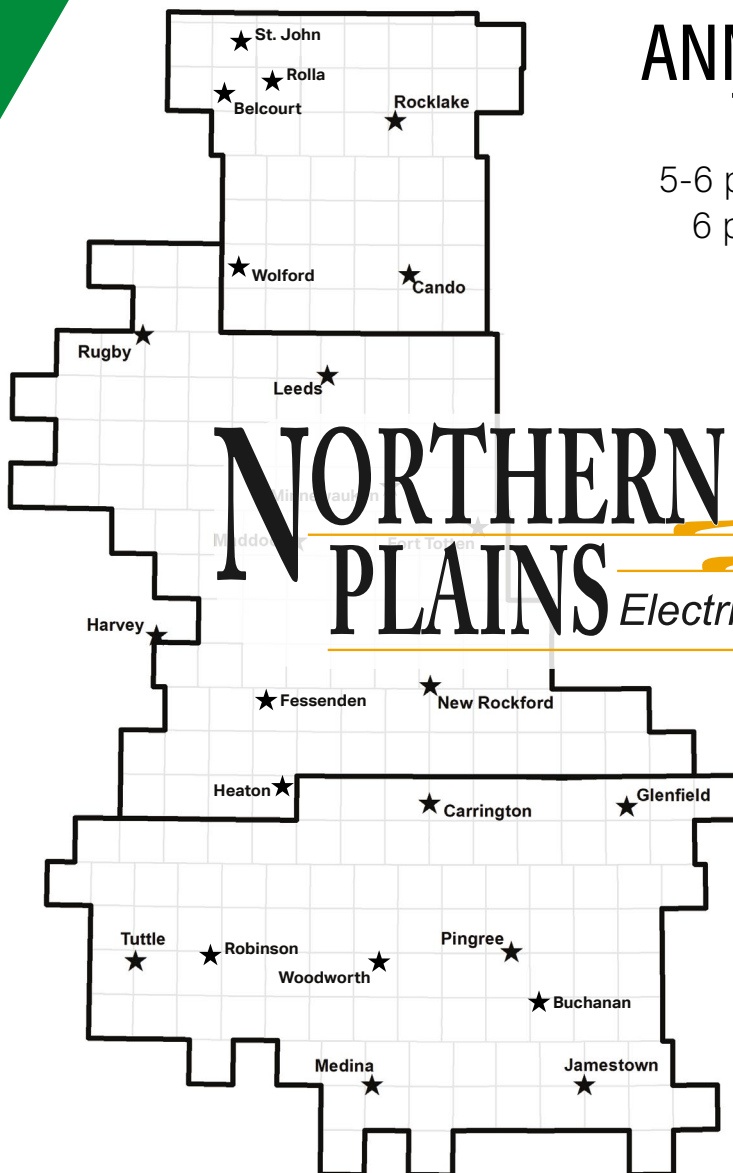


# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



## ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, June 11

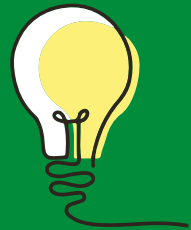
5-6 p.m. Registration & Meal

6 p.m. Business Meeting

North Star Gymnasium

418 2nd Ave., Cando

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PLAINS** *Electric Cooperative*



Energizing  
Your Future

# Notice of annual meeting

The 28th annual meeting of the members of Northern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) will be held Tuesday, June 11, at the North Star Public School gymnasium in Cando. All members are invited to join us for a complimentary meal starting at 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting beginning at 6 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To pass upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, including acting upon reports of directors.
2. To elect three directors. NPEC held an open call for three open seats on the board of directors as the current seat holders' terms were coming to an end. The cooperative received four qualified petitions by the following candidates. NPEC bylaws state if petitions have been properly received for each district, there will be no nominations from the floor.
  - District 1 – Tracy Boe (incumbent)
  - District 2 – Randy Simon (incumbent)
  - District 3 – Judy Geier (incumbent)
  - District 3 – Jim Harmon

## How to vote

Members may vote in person at the annual meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, or by mail. Ballots were mailed to the membership the end of May. Voting instructions were included.

## More information

To learn more information about the candidates, biographies were included with the ballots. One can also view them on our website, [www.nplains.com](http://www.nplains.com). To go direct to the website, scan the QR code. ■



## Luck-of-the-draw college scholarships at the annual meeting

Northern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) will award three \$1,000 luck-of-the-draw scholarships at our annual meeting on June 11 in Cando at the North Star Public School gymnasium. Qualifications include:

1. Students must be a graduated senior, class of 2024, who is attending college in the fall of 2024.
2. Students must be a dependent of an NPEC member.
3. Students must be present to win and register using their guardian's NPEC account information. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.



# Message to our members

BY SETH SYVERSON, GENERAL MANAGER, AND TRACY BOE, PRESIDENT



**N**orthern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) is proud to report we had another productive and successful year in 2023. We are privileged to be

part of your everyday life as your trusted electric service provider. We would like to highlight the accomplishments and challenges throughout the past year.

## Commitment to community

As our members and their communities grow, the cooperative is here to help. NPEC's cooperative model is tailored to serve the members and communities in which it operates. The board of directors is comprised of nine members who live and work within our service territory. NPEC employees support their communities by being a part of the school and church boards, engaging in their local chambers of commerce, coaching sports and volunteering with fire departments.

2023 was another great example as we were able to support local initiatives by donating more than \$36,000 through the Operation Round Up program and supporting various schools, clubs and organizations with over \$72,000. NPEC was also able to facilitate \$1.5 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development loans.

## Reliability

Now, more than ever, it is essential to provide safe, affordable and reliable power. The cooperative strives to maintain reliable service and this includes replacing aging infrastructure, performing routine maintenance and utilizing new technologies. We were experiencing strong reliability metrics for 2023, but unfortunately the Christmas ice storm impacted the cooperative's overall reliability.

The storm event started late on Christmas. Throughout the following days, the cooperative experienced 152 broken poles and at one point had 1,704 members out of power. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of all NPEC's lineworkers, office staff and cooperative mutual aid, all members' power was restored by New Year's Eve.

## System improvements

Investment in the electric infrastructure continued with

the installation of 25 miles of new underground cable, the addition of 125 new services and upgrades to 45 existing services. Approximately 550 poles were replaced based on results from ongoing pole testing. To support additional capacity and improve reliability, the Spiritwood Lake substation was constructed in tandem with Central Power Electric Cooperative.

NPEC was awarded a grid modernization grant through the N.D. Transmission Authority for \$586,000 to install electronic supervisory control and data acquisition reclosures. We've also recently applied for the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program to replace overhead lines with underground cable.

## Financial wellbeing

The cooperative ended the year in strong financial condition, with total margins of \$3.4 million. This was supported with an increase in annual energy sales of approximately 1.37% or 5.8 million kilowatt-hours (kWh). Year-end energy sales totaled over 436 million kWh and an annual revenue of \$41.2 million. Having a strong bottom line allowed the board of directors to approve \$1.46 million in capital credit retirement to members who purchased electricity in the years of 2008, 2009 (partial) and 2022 (partial).

## Power supply

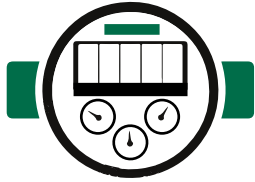
Our power suppliers have been able to maintain stable rates over the past few years, but the upcoming years may be challenging from the power supply aspect with the pressures of environmental regulation on fossil fuel generation.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative has identified the need to build new generation and transmission facilities to support the growth across their cooperative membership and to prepare for future generation constraints. NPEC's largest expense is purchasing power and we will see an impact in the upcoming years. We will continue to work with our power supplier in an effort to control expenses and keep costs down, while not sacrificing reliability.

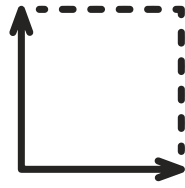
## Thank you

On behalf of the board of directors and employees, we want to thank you for your support and ownership in your cooperative. We are excited for your future and honored to be your electric provider. Please join us at the 2024 annual meeting in Cando on June 11. We look forward to seeing you! ■

# NPEC BY THE NUMBERS



11,941  
meters



8,800  
square miles



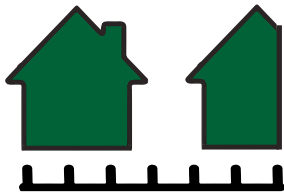
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members



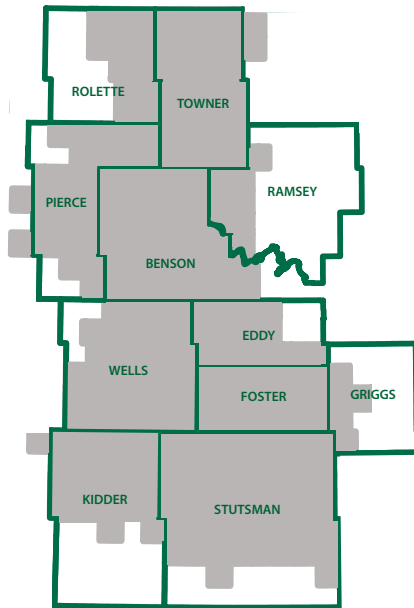
436,170,606  
kWh sold



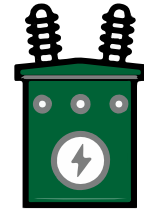
74,000  
poles



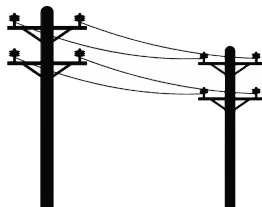
1.7  
meters per mile



11  
counties served



43  
substations



6,666  
miles of line

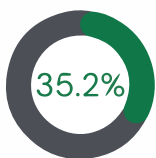


42  
employees

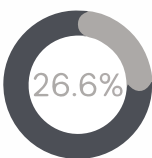


1.46 M  
capital credits  
retired to members

3,807 overhead  
2,859 underground



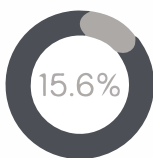
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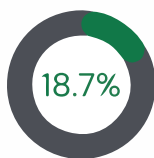
WIND



HYDRO

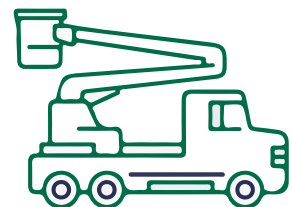


NATURAL  
GAS



OTHER

power mix



125  
new services

# Operation Round Up report

Some 80% of all Northern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) members participate in Operation Round Up (ORU). This program rounds participating members' monthly statement to the next dollar and places the funds in an Operation Round Up trust. A five-member board of directors meets quarterly to disburse the funds to worthy individuals and organizations and oversees the trust.

ORU has helped everybody from victims of cancer, heart attack and stroke to communities helping senior citizens, food banks and fire departments. The money is kept in the community, addressing local need.

NPEC contributes a small number of resources each year to administer the program. This year, ORU awarded \$36,650 to help 37 individuals and organizations. Since the program was implemented in 1998, the trust has disbursed \$936,887 to 1,291 causes. ■



Back row from left to right: Secretary/Treasurer **Angie Freund**, Vice President **Deb Leapaldt**, President **Joan Copenhaver**. Front: **Rachelle Williams** and **Peg Hendrickson**.

## 2023 ORU financial report

**Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2023) .....\$3,509.98**

*Income:*

Operation Round Up contributions ..... \$36,775.37

Operation Round Up donations ..... \$13.48

**Total income.....\$36,788.85**

*Expenses:*

Grants given in 2023 ..... \$36,650

**Ending balance (Dec. 31, 2023) .....\$3,648.83**

## 2023 Recipients

### ORGANIZATIONS

- Alano Society, Jamestown
- Bowdon Development Center Inc.
- Cando Area Food Pantry
- Carrington Daily Bread
- Circle Cross Riding Club, Jamestown
- Community Action, Jamestown
- Elks Camp Grassick, Dawson
- Father's Farm, Wolford
- Fred C Wagner Post 235, Rolla
- Frontier Village, Jamestown
- Hungry Free Food Pantry, New Rockford
- Kidder County Food Pantry
- Maddock Community Food Pantry
- Mt. Pleasant School Backpack

### Program, Rolla

- North Star Music Europe Trip
- Pierce County Food Pantry
- Presbyterian Church of Rolla/St. John
- Ramsey County Fair Foundation
- The Bread of Life Food Pantry, Cooperstown
- The Hope Center, Devils Lake
- Towner County Historical Society
- Viking Lutheran Church, Maddock
- Wells County Social Services

### INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES

- Arme, Edith
- Belgarde, Steven A.
- Desjarlais, Myron and Kristie

- Higgins, Dan and Debra
- Ludwig, Sharon
- Neidert, Sharon
- Olson, Jeremy
- Peterson, Shane
- Sand, Kelly Jo
- Schley, Bruce
- Shipley, Peggy L.
- Speldrich, Connie
- Wanzek, Jarrid
- Zupan, Randy L.

# 2022-23 BALANCE SHEET AND OPERATIONS STATEMENT

## Balance sheet

As of Dec. 31, 2023 and 2022

### ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

	2023	2022
Total Utility Plant	\$ 163,914,805	\$ 153,840,993
Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization	\$ -69,233,463	\$ -66,381,412
Net Utility Plant	\$ 94,681,342	\$ 87,459,581
Total Other Property & Investments	\$ 43,849,144	\$ 39,244,275
Cash & Temporary Investments	\$ 1,020,169	\$ 6,229,618
Material, Accounts Receivable		
Notes Receivable and Other Assets	\$ 10,313,134	\$ 7,855,273
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 149,863,789</b>	<b>\$ 140,788,747</b>

### LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS

Long-term Debt	\$ 73,370,144	\$ 69,919,205
Other Liabilities (Accounts Payable, Deposits, Regulatory, Taxes)	\$ 14,745,007	\$ 11,331,139
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 88,115,151</b>	<b>\$ 81,250,344</b>

### MEMBER EQUITY

Patronage Capital	\$ 44,020,208	\$ 41,523,382
Total Margins for the Year	\$ 3,413,996	\$ 4,445,465
Other Equities	\$ 14,314,434	\$ 13,569,556
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>\$ 61,748,638</b>	<b>\$ 59,538,403</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 149,863,789</b>	<b>\$ 140,788,747</b>

## Statement of operations

As of Dec. 31, 2023 and 2022

### INCOME

	2023	2022
Electrical Sales	\$ 41,213,368	\$ 41,977,178

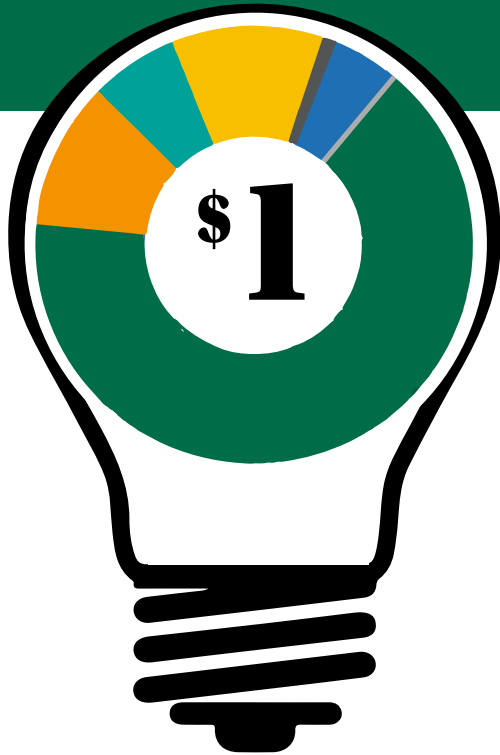
### EXPENSES

Purchased Power Cost	\$ 27,115,940	\$ 26,879,661
Distribution Operations	\$ 2,113,121	\$ 2,579,635
Distribution Maintenance	\$ 2,059,756	\$ 1,886,784
Customer Accounts Expense	\$ 485,977	\$ 455,055
Customer Service & Sales	\$ 220,355	\$ 203,227
Administrative & General	\$ 2,073,553	\$ 1,996,952
Depreciation Expense	\$ 4,928,468	\$ 4,599,336
Tax Expense	\$ 316,040	\$ 324,247
Interest Expense	\$ 2,093,985	\$ 2,101,484
Other Expense & Deductions	\$ 72,948	\$ 39,809
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 41,480,143</b>	<b>\$ 41,066,190</b>

### MARGINS

Operating Margins	\$ -266,775	\$ 910,988
Interest Income	\$ 648,256	\$ 238,243
Other Nonoperating Margins	\$ 279,046	\$ 262,558
G&T/Other Capital Credits	\$ 2,753,469	\$ 3,033,675
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$ 3,413,996</b>	<b>\$ 4,445,464</b>

# Where Does Your Dollar Go?



**65.4 ¢**

Cost of Power

**10.1 ¢**

Operations & Maintenance

**6.7 ¢**

Administrative & Customer Service

**11.9 ¢**

Depreciation Expense

**.8 ¢**

Tax Expense

**5 ¢**

Interest Expense

**.1 ¢**

Other Expense & Deduction

## Capital credits

### What are capital credits?

Northern Plains Electric Cooperative is a cooperative owned by its members. That means the co-op doesn't earn profits. If the co-op earns more revenue than it needs to do business, the co-op returns that money to its members.

### Who receives capital credits?

The amount of the check depends on how much electricity the member purchased. In 2023, the board of directors approved the retirement to members who earned patronage by doing business with the cooperative in 2008 and portions of 2009 and 2022. Members also received capital credits from our generation and transmission (G&T) from years 1993 to 1997. ■

### 2023 capital credits paid

100% of 1993-1997 G&T .....	\$189,804
100% of 2008, 19% of 2009, 9% of 2022 co-op	\$644,008
Estates.....	\$439,856
20% buyouts.....	\$188,022
<b>Total retired.....</b>	<b>\$1,461,690</b>



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capital credits  
retired to members

**RETURNING  
MONEY  
BACK TO YOU**  
CAPITAL CREDITS



## Board of directors



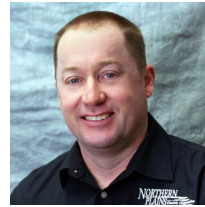
**Tracy Boe**  
President



**Curtis Wiesz**  
Vice president



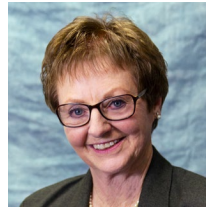
**Randall Simon**  
Secretary/treasurer



**David Teigen**  
Assistant secretary/  
treasurer



**Mark Brehm**



**Judy Geier**



**Curtis Hanson**



**Bruce Olsen**



**Lori Carlson**

## Executive staff



**Seth Syverson**  
General manager



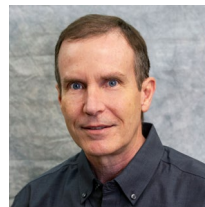
**Ashten Dewald**  
Engineering manager



**Cheryl Belle**  
Business manager



**Josh Cabler**  
Operations manager



**Scott Buchholtz**  
Manager of information  
technology

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District 1.....	Bruce Olsen, Cando
District 3.....	Lori Carlson, Jamestown
District 3.....	Judy Geier, Heaton
District 3.....	Curtis Hanson, Pettibone
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Manager of Engineering.....	Ashten Dewald
Manager of Operations.....	Josh Cabler
IT Manager.....	Scott Buchholtz
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