



A Legacy of **SERVICE**

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WELCOME

2026 ANNUAL MEETING



Ryan Mueller General Manager

Welcome! Thank you for attending your Annual Meeting to learn what's happening at Central Electric. This year's theme is A Legacy of Service, highlighting our rich history and cooperative partnerships that enable us to continue providing reliable energy to our members. This year also marks the 90th anniversary of the Rural Electrification Act, which enabled rural citizens to gain access to electricity.

Our mission is to provide reliable energy and services with a commitment to safety and member satisfaction. I want to thank our employees and board members for all they do to help make our cooperative successful. Continue reading to learn about our 2025 performance and other cooperative happenings.

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All County
Director-At-Large

Annual Meeting Agenda

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Member Registration

Meal by Central Catering

Youth Photo Booth

7:00-7:45 p.m.

Business Meeting

Call to Order

Invocation

National Anthem

Determination of Quorum

Youth Prize Drawings (Must be present to win)

Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

Report from the President and General Manager

New Business

Member Questions and Comments

Drawing for Electric Bill Credits (Must be present to win)

Adjourn

Meet The Team At Central Electric Cooperative



Brandon Auch
Appliance Repair Technician



Andrew Baier
Materials/Plant Supervisor



Jesse Baker
Kimball Area Foreman



Ryan Bigge
Journeyman Electrician



Kyle Boehmer
Journeyman Electrician



DeEtte Bohr
Accounting & Customer
Service Supervisor



Brian Bultje
Manager of Operations



Dusty Cole
Journeyman Lineworker
Mitchell Crew



Sam Comp
Apprentice Lineworker
Plankinton Crew



Evan Davis
Materials Coordinator



Lincoln Feistner
Sales & Project Manager



Gene Gaikowski
Wessington Springs
Area Foreman



Heather Gales
Administrative Assistant



Dave Henkel
Metering & Utility
Technician



Kevin Johnson
Journeyman Electrician



Kelly Kidwiler
IT Systems Manager



Paul Koch
Journeyman Lineworker
Plankinton Crew



Daniel Koupal
Apprentice Lineworker
Kimball Crew



Davis Mathison
Journeyman Lineworker
Howard Crew



Tara Miller
Manager of
Communications



Landon Laible
Howard Area Foreman



DuWayne Moore
Journeyman Lineworker
Kimball Crew



Tim Olinger
Journeyman Lineworker
Mitchell Crew



Chase Phillips
Journeyman Lineworker
Mitchell Crew

Meet The Team At Central Electric Cooperative



Joey Poppens
Journeyman Lineworker
Mitchell Crew



Aaron Punt
Lead HVAC Technician



Jon Reichert
Plankinton Area Foreman



Cody Riggs
Journeyman Lineworker
Mitchell Crew



Rylee Riggs
HVAC Technician/Installer



Dusty Roskens
Line Superintendent



Tony Roth
Mitchell Area Foreman



Craig Sealey
Journeyman Lineworker
Wessington Springs Crew



Patrick Soukup
Manager of Member
Services & Marketing



Norton Truman
Journeyman Lineworker
Kimball Crew



Dean Uher
Manager of Finance &
Administration



Rodney Weber
Journeyman Electrician



Dustin Weier
Staking Technician



Tanner Wenz
HVAC Technician/Installer



Heather Wiczorek
Customer Service
Representative

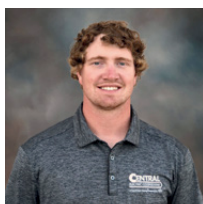
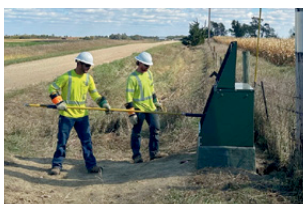


Lindsey Wilson
Customer Service
Representative



Skylar Zomer
Journeyman Lineworker
Wessington Springs Crew

Chandler "Chuck" Bakley - Forever A Lineman



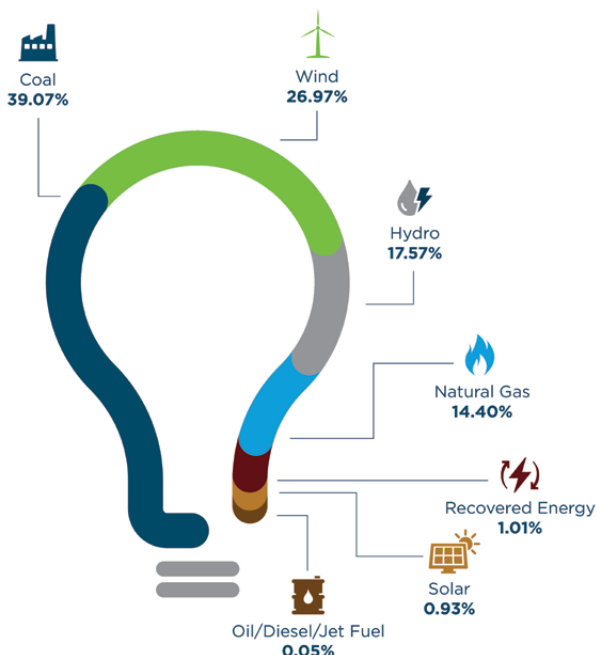
Mitchell Area Lineworker Chandler "Chuck" Bakley lost his life in an automobile accident on January 16, 2026. We mourn with Chandler's wife, Angie, his family, and everyone who cared for him.

Power Supply Update

East River Electric's Power Supply Portfolio

East River Electric Power Cooperative purchases power from both Basin Electric and the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and delivers it to substations to be used by the distribution cooperatives, including Central Electric.

Central Electric purchases all of its power from East River. Here is a snapshot of the power generation portfolio of East River Electric and its member cooperatives.



Basin Electric is Powering Growth Responsibly

Responsible growth has long been a part of the cooperative legacy. However, we are entering a new era with significant interest in large load energy requests. Historically, a three-megawatt or a five-megawatt energy user was considered a large load. Today, some proposed projects would require 50 megawatts or more.

It took more than a century to build the infrastructure that serves today's electric needs, yet the same scale of development is now being requested in just a few short years.

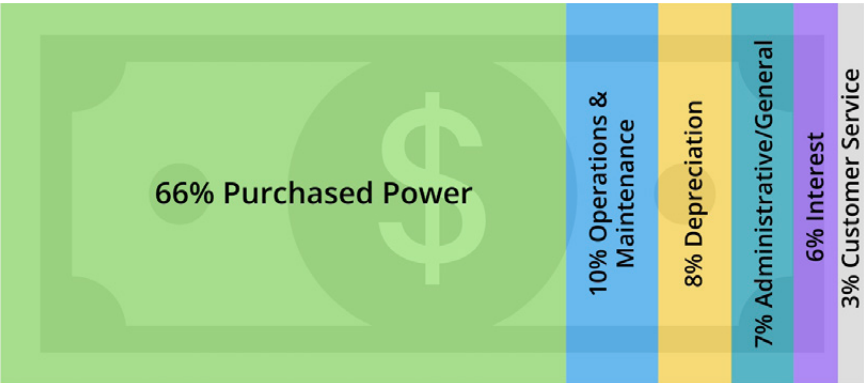
Given the potential magnitude of these projects, and the significant investment required to serve them, Basin Electric worked with its members to develop a large load program with processes that help cooperatives mitigate risk to the current membership. Read more online at: www.BasinElectric.com/about-us/Large-Load-Commercial-Program.

Statistics & Capital Credits

Cooperative Statistics

DESCRIPTION	2025	2024
MEMBERS	4,985	5,008
METERS (MAIN)	7,427	7,373
SUB METERS	2,900	2,889
METERS PER MILE OF LINE	1.64	1.63
AVG. RESIDENTIAL STATEMENT	\$ 245.74	\$ 218.86
AVG. RESIDENTIAL ENERGY USE	1,736 kWh	1,668 kWh

Where Your Dollar Goes



Capital Credit Refunds Issued in 2025

Revenue margins earned by the cooperative are allocated back to members as capital credits in proportion to the amount of electricity billed during the year.

In 2025, Central Electric Cooperative's board of directors approved roughly \$1.28 million in capital credit general retirements, refunding past margins to cooperative members. The refunds included approximately \$600,000 of

Central Electric capital credits, \$182,361 of East River Electric Power Cooperative capital credits and \$498,477 of Basin Electric Power Cooperative capital credits. In addition to general retirements, \$174,800 was paid toward capital credit estate retirements.

Capital credits are fundamental to the cooperative business model. They are a financial benefit for the membership and ensure strong financial standing.

Financial Snapshot

BALANCE SHEET	2025	2024
ASSETS - What we have		
Lines, Office Bldg and Operational Equipment	\$ 121,984,373	\$ 113,099,743
Less Depreciation	32,227,872	29,498,976
Total Electric Plant Less Depreciation	89,756,501	83,600,767
Cash and Investments:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,843,811	3,999,911
Investment (Associated Organizations)	27,805,524	25,731,721
Investments (Other)	99,311	133,757
Total Cash Investments	31,748,646	29,865,389
Accounts Receivable	4,475,928	3,589,370
Materials and Supplies	6,632,412	7,324,695
Prepaid Insurance	227,972	201,295
Other Current and Accrued Assets	6,600	6,600
Deferred Debits	3,074,566	1,581,185
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 135,922,625	\$ 126,169,300
LIABILITIES - What we owe		
Loans Payable to RUS & CFC	\$ 76,885,329	\$ 70,069,788
Accounts Payable	3,036,723	2,472,224
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	1,458,180	1,443,444
Deferred Credits and Regulatory Liabilities	205,743	214,140
Consumer Deposits	236,277	204,061
TOTAL AMOUNT OWED	\$ 81,822,252	\$ 74,403,657
MEMBER EQUITY - What's left after liabilities		
Patronage Capital and Other Equities	\$ 54,100,373	\$ 51,765,643
TOTAL EQUITIES	\$ 54,100,373	\$ 51,765,643
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 135,922,625	\$ 126,169,300

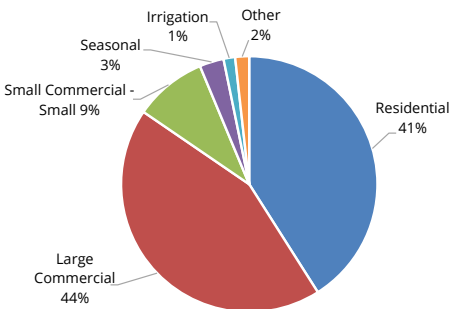
OPERATING STATEMENT	2025	2024
REVENUES - What the cooperative takes in		
Revenue from Sales of Electricity, Wheeling/Fees	\$ 40,040,544	\$ 38,069,932
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 40,040,544	\$ 38,069,932

EXPENSES - What the cooperative spends		
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 25,282,015	\$ 24,291,527
Distribution-Operations Expense	1,530,877	1,282,872
Distribution-Maintenance Expense	2,496,505	2,161,640
Consumer Accounting and Collecting Expense	446,155	465,130
Consumer Service and Information Expense	546,979	517,310
Sales Expense	138,550	88,370
Administrative and General Expense	2,177,207	2,076,670
Depreciation Expense	3,076,894	2,891,134
Tax Expense	560,900	557,054
Interest Expense	2,442,315	2,099,673
Other Deductions	30,951	27,381
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 38,729,348	\$ 36,458,761

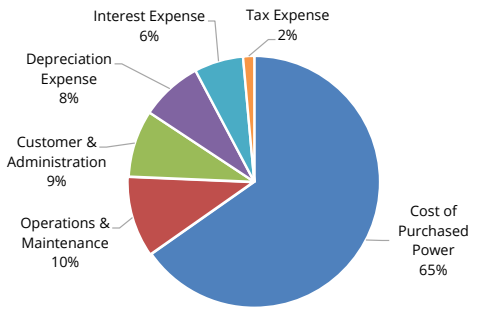
MARGINS - What's left after expenses		
Patronage Capital and Operating Margins	\$ 1,311,196	* \$ 1,611,171
Non-Operating Margins	425,188	198,213
Generation and Transmission and Other Capital Credits	1,962,620	1,670,972
PATRONAGE CAPITAL OR MARGINS	3,699,004	\$ 3,480,356

*Operating Margins included \$1,000,000 in deferred revenue in 2024.

2025 REVENUE



2025 EXPENSES



Operations Snapshot

2025 Department Highlights



- New substation and electrical infrastructure installed at High Plains Processing plant south of Mitchell
- Fedora, Plano and Howard substations were upgraded from 69 kilovolts to 115 kilovolts, enhancing system reliability
- 52 miles of new underground line constructed
- 1 mile of new single-phase overhead line constructed
- 85 new services installed
- 121 service upgrades completed
- 4,527 total miles of line: 3,072 overhead and 1,455 underground
- Progress made on accelerated line replacement (graph below)

Accelerated Power Line Replacement Project



Call Ahead to for New Service & Upgrades

Members planning to build a new home, outbuilding or grain bin should call Central Electric early in the process. This helps set your project up for success and avoid unexpected delays.

For your benefit, we take the time to look at your location, determine your electrical capacity needs and design a plan that will ensure safe, reliable power for years to come. Part of that process is staking, when we come out to your property to map the line route, look for any obstacles and make sure everything is properly planned before construction begins.

Service Department Snapshot

2025 Department Highlights

More than \$2.2 million in gross revenue:

- HVAC revenue \$895,000
- Wiring revenue \$753,000
- Appliance and water heater revenue \$310,000
- Operations revenue \$210,000
- Security light revenue \$56,000

Services Offered

- Appliance sales & service featuring quality brands
- Marathon water heaters (limited lifetime warranty)
- Home heating & cooling solutions
- Agricultural wiring, residential wiring & generators



Marathon

Heating & Cooling
Electrical Wiring
Appliances
Marathon Water Heaters



Call 605-996-7516 for a free estimate.

Member Services Snapshot



Attend the 2027 Basin Electric Bus Tour

Each summer, members hop on a bus for a power supply tour. The bus tour includes stops at the Oahe Dam, Dakota Coal Company, Great Plains Synfuels Plant and Antelope Valley Station. Planning is underway for 2027. Please call the office if you are interested in attending next year!

Call Before Installing Wind, Solar, Battery Storage

Members should contact Central Electric before committing to any wind, solar or battery project. You will want to know historic usage information and the requirements for interconnecting your system to ours. It's also important to review compensation for electricity. We look forward to working with you before you start a distributed energy project.

Rebates Available To Members

Electric Heating Equipment Rebate

Members may be eligible for a \$600 rebate for the installation of an electric heat pump system or \$300 for a ductless system. The structure must receive electric service from the cooperative. Low-interest loans are also available for the installation of electric heating equipment.

Water Heater Rebates

Members could receive a rebate of \$9 per gallon of capacity, provided the water heater meets specified requirements. The water heater must have at least 50 gallons of capacity, a minimum 10-year warranty and it must be hooked up to the cooperative's load management system.

Third-Party Irrigation/Grain Bin Dryer Management Systems

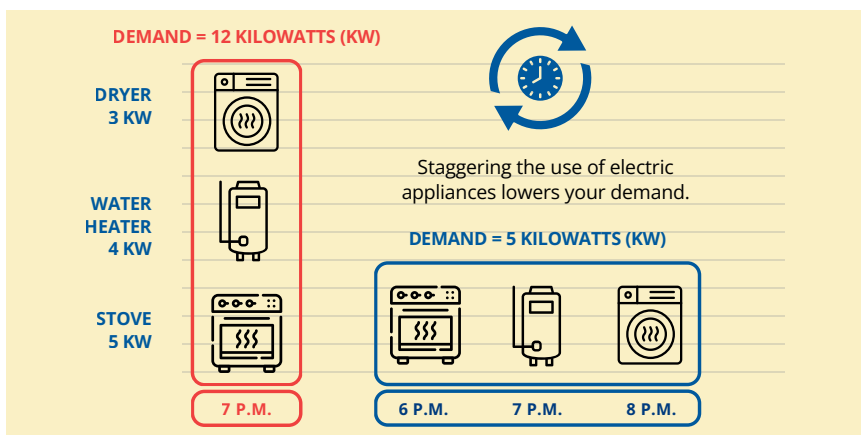
Members may be eligible for a \$750 rebate for a third-party managed irrigation or grain drying system. The equipment must meet specified requirements and it must be hooked up to the cooperative's load management system.

Billing Update

Demand Charge Added to Residential Accounts

Demand is the maximum amount of electricity you use to power your lighting, appliances and electric equipment at the same time. Following the recommendation of the most recent cost-of-service study, residential single-phase accounts now have a demand charge of \$1 per kilowatt.

Staggering the use of electric appliances lowers your demand, as shown below. To monitor your energy usage and electric demand, members can download the SmartHub app on a computer, cell phone or tablet. To learn about our rates, visit www.centralec.coop/rates.



Watch Out for Energy Scams

Scam artists now use phone calls, text messages and emails to create urgency, confusion and fear, hoping consumers will act before taking time to verify the claim. For victims, these scams can lead to financial loss and identity theft. Understanding the most common schemes is one of the best defenses to staying safe.

Common Energy Scams

- The "Past Due" Disconnection Threat
- The "You Overpaid" Refund Scam
- Phone Number Spoofing (It Shows Our Number on Caller ID)
- Gift Card and Cryptocurrency Scams

Central Electric will not request payment without prior notice, and we do not accept gift cards or cryptocurrency. When in doubt, hang up and call Central Electric using the contact information on your billing statement.

Youth Programs

Youth Outreach Programs Promote Safety



Central Electric Cooperative is working to build a bright future through youth education and safety initiatives.

Ag in the Classroom teaches fourth graders in the Mitchell and Pukwana areas about safety around electricity and farm machinery.

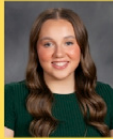
Co-ops in the Classroom teaches kids the basic principles of electricity and electrical safety on the farm.

H.S. Juniors Attend National Rural Electric Youth Tour

The yearly Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C., is coordinated by the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). It provides students with a deeper understanding of history, civic engagement and the role of electric cooperatives in their communities. Approximately 1,350 South Dakota students have participated in the Youth Tour since it began in 1963.



**National Rural Electric Youth Tour
Trip to Washington, D.C.**

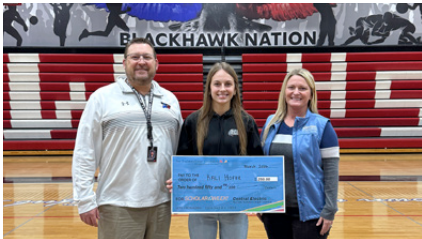
			
Ann Connor Howard High School	Alexis Moore White Lake High School	Delilah Rasmussen Kimball High School	Alexis Roesler Wessington Springs High School

Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week Program

The Scholar of the Week program is a partnership between Dakota News Now Television, Central Electric Cooperative and other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives that honors accomplished high school students.

Central Electric's 2025-2026 honorees were Woonsocket High School senior Kali Hofer and Plankinton High School senior Layce Bruns. Each student received a \$250 scholarship and was featured on Dakota News Now.

Nominations are accepted from school faculty each year during the fall semester. To learn more, visit centralec.coop/scholar-week.



Kali Hofer
Woonsocket High School



Layce Bruns
Plankinton High School

Youth Excursion Trip to North Dakota



Woonsocket High School student Shiloh Senska was selected to attend the Youth Excursion bus trip to Basin Electric this summer, along with 15 other kids from across the state. Youth Excursion is organized by the South Dakota Rural Electric Association and sponsored by participating electric cooperatives.

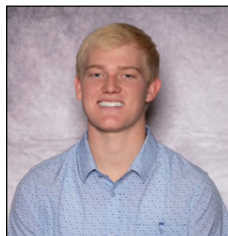
Scholarship Recipients



\$2,500 Basin Electric Power Co-op Scholar
Hope Baysinger
(Woonsocket, SD)
Mitchell High School



\$1,000 Basin Employee Dependent Scholar
Karter Weber
(Plankinton, SD)
Mitchell Technical College



\$1,000 Jay Headley Memorial Scholar
Bryce Larson
(Letcher, SD)
S.D. State University



\$500 Mitchell Technical College Scholar
Alyssa Johnson
(Plankinton, SD)
Mitchell Technical College



\$500 Mitchell Technical College Scholar
Carson Hinker
(Fedora, SD)
Mitchell Technical College



\$500 Brule County District Scholar
Cadence Konechne
(Kimball, SD)
Kimball High School



\$500 Brule County District Scholar
Sydney Stahl
(Kimball, SD)
Dordt University



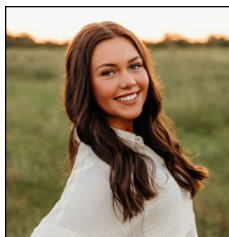
\$500 Buffalo County District Scholar
Remie Roduner
(Miller, SD)
Wessington Springs High School



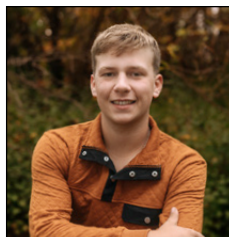
\$500 Davison County District Scholar
Marissa Storm
(Ethan, SD)
Ethan High School



**\$500 Davison County
District Scholar**
Olivia Prunty
(Mitchell, SD)
Mitchell High School



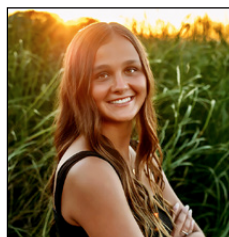
**\$500 Hanson County
District Scholar**
Madelyn Childs
(Mitchell, SD)
Mitchell High School



**\$500 Hanson County
District Scholar**
Landon Berg
(Emery, SD)
Bridgewater-Emery
High School



**\$500 Jerauld County
District Scholar**
Luke Larson
(Woonsocket, SD)
Wessington Springs
High School



**\$500 Jerauld County
District Scholar**
Hailey Rogers
(Alpena, SD)
Huron High School



**\$500 Miner County
District Scholar**
Caden Schwader
(Howard, SD)
Howard High School



**\$500 Miner County
District Scholar**
Kayleigh Schwader
(Howard, SD)
Howard High School



**\$500 Sanborn County
District Scholar**
Corey Roberts
(Woonsocket, SD)
Woonsocket High School



**\$500 Sanborn County
District Scholar**
Jalyn Grassel
(Woonsocket, SD)
Woonsocket High School

Operation Round-Up

In 2025, Central Electric members and employees gave \$28,800 to local projects through Operation Round-Up. This is a voluntary program in which members round their monthly electric bill up to the next dollar.

Operation Round-Up applications are reviewed twice each year, with recurring deadlines on May 1 and November 1.

Organizations that have received funding in recent years include non-profit groups, senior citizen groups, youth clubs, food pantries, fire departments, cemeteries, daycares and municipalities.

Since 2016, approximately \$250,000 has been awarded to support local projects.

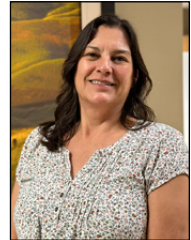
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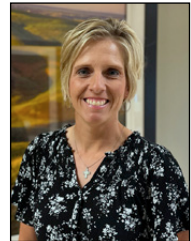
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Learn More and Apply:
www.centralelec.coop/operation-round-up

2025 Operation Round-Up Grant Recipients



ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	GRANT
ARTESIAN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	CONCESSION STAND EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,100
BRIDGEWATER-EMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT	STEM EDUCATION	\$ 1,000
BRULE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,100
CARTHAGE MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,200
CHAMBERLAIN SCHOOL HOSA	EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP	\$ 1,000
CITY OF KIMBALL	BALLPARK IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,000
CROW CREEK TRIBAL SCHOOLS	STAR QUILTS	\$ 1,500
FEDORA FIRE DEPARTMENT	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,500
HANSON COUNTY 4-H LEADERS	BLEACHERS	\$ 1,300
HANSON COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM	OPEN CLOSET PROGRAM	\$ 500
HOPE CEMETERY (WESS. SPRINGS)	CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,500
HOWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT	FARM TO SCHOOL LUNCH	\$ 1,000
JAMES VALLEY DRUG & DUI COURT	PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE	\$ 1,000
KIMBALL SCHOOL DISTRICT	CHILDREN'S THEATRE	\$ 1,000
MISSOURI VALLEY AMBULANCE DISTRICT	REGIONAL TRAINING	\$ 1,500
PLANKINTON SERVICE CLUB	OUTDOOR RECREATION	\$ 500
RURAL OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	SENIOR MEALS	\$ 2,100
SAFE PLACE OF EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA	APPLIANCES	\$ 2,200
SPARTAN TRAP LEAGUE (WESS. SPRINGS)	TRAINING EQUIPMENT	\$ 700
STICKNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	PORTABLE RADIOS	\$ 1,000
SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION (MITCHELL)	CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 800
TOWN N KOUNTRY BLUE GROUP 4-H CLUB (LETCHER)	ALUMINUM CAN BANK	\$ 1,200
WESSINGTON SPRINGS SUMMER REC PROGRAM	BALLPARK IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,100
WHITE LAKE AMBULANCE	APPLIANCES	\$ 1,000
WHITE LAKE FFA	PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 1,000

Past & Present Directors

When rural electric cooperatives first brought power to our service area, it took local people working together with a common goal to make it happen. Many of those early pioneers served on the board of directors of their member-owned cooperative.

Serving on the cooperative board of directors requires a great deal of time and dedication. We thank these past and present board members for all they have done to help make our cooperative successful throughout the decades.



Robert Ruml	1964-2000	Ted Petrak	1999-2000
Keith Kleppin	1969-2000	Donita Loudner	2002-2007; 2017-Present
Gerald Miller	1979-2003	Butch Morrison	2003-2021
Arlan Feistner	1983-2010	Bernetta Burghardt	2004-2022
Adolf Zoss	1987-2000	David Gaulke	2008-2017
Mark Hofer	1991-Present	Todd Van Walleghen	2010-2025
Michael Johnson	1992-2000	Mark Reindl	2010-Present
James Johnson	1992-2002	Roger Campbell	2014-2023
Ron Uttecht	1992-2010	Jeff Gustafson	2021-Present
Lyle Pawlowski	1994-2001	Merl Bechen	2021-Present
Duane Wolbrink	1995-Present	Robert Banks	2022-Present
James Headley	1996-2021	Bradee Pazour	2023-Present
Roger Mentzer	1997-2014	Jeremy White	2025-Present
Janelle Janish	1998-2000		

Intercounty Electric

Benjamin J. Putnam	1946-1955	Robert Ruml	1964-2000
Charles E. Jones	1946-1953	Virgil Heinz	1965-1986
Ralph S. Gulberg	1946-1952	John Robley	1965-1979
G.E. Davis	1946-1954	Norman Holmes	1966-1968
Matt Schroeder	1946-1964	Everett Pitts	1967-1975
Ralph Dennis	1946-1966	Delbert Bender	1969-1986
Otto Buttemeier	1946-1953 & 1961-1969	Lawrence McElvain	1970-1978
Charles Bamsey	1946-1956	Morris Pommer	1976-1981
Clayton Cox	1946-1965	John Bruner	1977-1999
George Pierson	1953-1976	Vernon Berg	1977-1991
Lawrence Schneider	1954-1961	Gerald Miller	1979-2003
George Dodd	1954-1959	Roger Hill	1980-1991
Roy Hamm	1955-1963	Rapahel Jarding	1982-1999
S. Douglas Murphy	1956-1976	Daniel Pierson	1986-1991
Gale Hall	1957-1960	Adolf Zoss	1987-2000
Russell Tilberg	1960-1964	Mark Hofer	1991-Present
Robert Shwader	1962-1997	James Johnson	1992-2002
		Ron Uttecht	1992-2010

Tri-County Electric

Rangvald Sveningson	1947-1969	Roy Bergner	1966-1983
Walter E. Olson	1947-1953	Keith Kleppin	1969-2000
Harry E. Nickles	1947-1966	Melvin Olson	1970-1978
Buford Bevier	1947-1952	Edward Steichen	1979-1993
Hanley J. Scott	1947-1964	Arlan Feistner	1983-2010
Tunis Klein	1947-1960	Ernest Geppert	1986-1997
H.L. Willrodt	1947-1949	Edmund Hanten	1988-1994
Adolph Brchan	1947-1960	Robert Young	1988-1996
R.V. Lloyd	1947-1964	LaRoy Feltman	1984-1998
H.B. Willrodt	1950-1965	Michael Johnson	1992-2000
Elmer Scheel	1953-1964	Gordon Harris	1993-1995
Alvin Barber	1954-1968	Lyle Pawlowski	1994-2001
Robert Kristensen	1961-1987	Duane Wolbrink	1995-Present
William Larsen	1961-1987	James Headley	1996-2021
Norman Thompson	1965-1991	Roger Mentzer	1997-2014
Calvin Berg	1965-1982	Janelle Janish	1998-2000
Robert Moline	1965-1985	Ted Petrak	1999-2000
Larry Prangley	1966-1992		

Management Update

Mueller Named General Manager

Ryan Mueller assumed the role of General Manager on July 1, 2026. For 10 years, Mueller led the cooperative's technology operations, data governance and cybersecurity efforts. He holds bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Marketing with a minor in Computer Information Systems from Dakota State University.

Board President Duane Wolbrink said, "With technology playing an ever-increasing role in the utility industry, Ryan's IT and business expertise position him well to serve as General Manager."

Outside of work, Mueller is active with the Knights of Columbus and volunteers as a youth sports coach, among other community activities. He is originally from Crofton,

Nebraska. He and his wife, Kelli, who works for Dakota Wesleyan University, are raising four kids and have lived in the Mitchell area for 13 years.



Board President Duane Wolbrink, Ryan Mueller and Ken Schlimgen worked together to ensure business continuity during the management transition.

Schlimgen Inducted into Cooperative Hall of Fame

General Manager Ken Schlimgen retired in July after 41 years of dedicated service to Intercounty Electric and Central Electric. In August, he was inducted into the South Dakota Cooperative Hall of Fame for his numerous contributions over four decades.

Ken started his career at the cooperative in 1985 as a Member Services Advisor. From 2015-2026, he served as the General Manager.

His impact will be felt for years to come in the programs he helped build and the culture of safety and teamwork he leaves behind.





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