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FROM THE CEO

Annual Meeting Recap



Kirk Girard

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held April 1, 2025, at the Prairie Land headquarters in Norton. A brisket lunch prepared by Pete's BBQ in Smith Center was served to 257 members and guests by Prairie Land's employees and eight members of the Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) from Norton Community High School (NCHS).

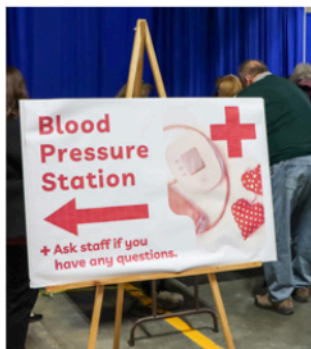
Entertainment was provided by the Jay Singers from NCHS, who performed several songs during lunch. Prairie Land Board President Mike Rogers chaired the meeting and called it to order at 12:45 p.m. He recognized special guests in attendance, introduced the

members of the board of trustees for each district, and then called on John McClymont, attorney for Prairie Land, to give the results of the 2025 trustee election. **SCOTT URBAN** was reelected to District 1; **IVAN BOHL** was reelected to District 2; and **SANDRA BENOIT** was reelected to District 3. Rogers introduced our guest speaker, Lee Tafanelli, CEO of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., who gave the industry update.

CEO Kirk Girard gave the annual report, including Prairie Land's financial status overview and company highlights for 2024. Kody Pounds, Director of Operations, recognized staff efforts during the March 2025 storm restoration.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Gallentine,

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LEFT: Colby Community College nursing students offer blood pressure check station.



RIGHT: Staff showcase the door prizes to be drawn at the end of meeting.

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member services assistant, conducted the drawings for door prizes. Winners were: **CHARLENE WESKAMP** of Norton, STIHL GTA 26 chain saw; **CARL CONKEY** of Edmond, Igloo cooler; **JERRY FOSTER** of Jennings, Milwaukee blower kit; **TRUDY DEGES** of Damar, rechargeable light with stand; **WINONA JARVIS** of Long Island, Bosen kitchen vacuum sealer; **MARY ANN HAGER** of Norton, two heated stadium seats and tumblers from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation; **DAN BRUMITT** of Norcat, STIHL gas-powered leaf blower donated by Solida Tree Service; **MARILYN SCHRUM** of Phillipsburg, \$100 bill credit; **LINDA MILLER** of Agra, **LOIS RUNION** of Phillipsburg, **STEPHEN WASHBURN** of Norton, and **LLOYD TOLL** of Logan, \$50 bill credits.

1. Director of Operations Kody Pounds recognizes Prairie Land Electric staff and lineworkers for efforts during March 2025 storm restoration.
2. Employees manage the registration desk, checking membership status and distributing tickets for the door prize drawing at the end of the event.
3. CEO Kirk Girard presents on March 2025 storm restoration efforts.
4. The Norton Community High School Jay Singers perform during the annual meeting brisket lunch.
5. Lee Tafanelli, CEO of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., discusses industry updates.



6. Congratulations to our door prize winners, some of whom are gathered around the prize table.

7. Lineworkers are being recognized for their efforts during March 2025 storm restoration.





Congratulations, Graduates!



From left: Senior billing clerk Connie Pfannenstiel and her grandson, Brennen Pfannenstiel; journeyman lineworker Garrett Willour and his son, Logan Willour; and Rhiannon Romey with her mom, network administrator Melanie Romey.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

- Check your June bill (for May usage) for your Capital Credit allocation statement.
- Keep your contact information up to date so we can reach you regarding future Capital Credit correspondence.
- Read bill insert or go to our website to learn more: www.prairielandelectric.com/capital-credits



TORNADO SAFETY & Electrical Hazards

BEFORE THE TORNADO:

- ▶ Prepare an emergency kit and keep your devices charged.
- ▶ Know your utility company's contact information.

DURING THE TORNADO:

- ▶ Take shelter in a basement or windowless room.
- ▶ Unplug appliances to avoid power surges and leave one light on to signal power return.
- ▶ Avoid power lines if outside or driving; seek shelter immediately.

AFTER THE TORNADO:

- ▶ Avoid basements and other flooded areas that are in or near electrical outlets or appliances.
- ▶ Do not use water-damaged electrical items until a qualified electrician has inspected them and ensured they are safe.
- ▶ Stay at least 50 feet away from downed power lines and any debris they touch.
- ▶ Call 911 for electrical injuries; don't touch victims of electrical contact.

GENERATOR SAFETY:

- ▶ Use outdoors, 20-plus feet from the home and away from windows and doors.
- ▶ Keep the generator dry by placing it under a canopy.
- ▶ Never plug it directly into wall outlets. This could energize power lines and injure yourself, neighbors or utility workers.

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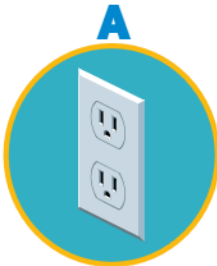
CAN YOU SPOT THE ELECTRICAL HAZARD?

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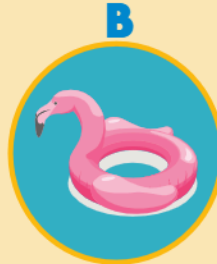
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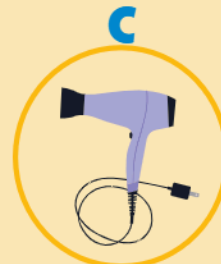
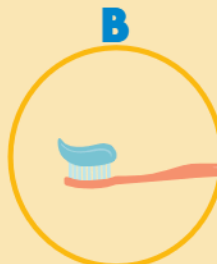
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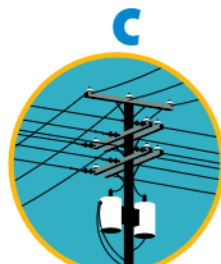
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