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PRAIRIE LAND
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NEWS

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FROM THE CEO

Annual Meeting Recap

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held April 9, 2026, at the Prairie Land headquarters in Norton. A brisket lunch prepared by RC RubGrub BBQ out of Glade was served to 217 members and guests by Prairie Land's employees and 14 students from Norton Community High School.



Kirk Girard

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 2026 trustee election. **MIKE ROGERS** was

reelected to District 1; **KEITH ROSS** was reelected to District 2; **RON GRIFFITH** was reelected to District 4; and **LOWELL THOMAN** was reelected to District 5. Rogers introduced the guest speaker, Steve Epperson, CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. Epperson spoke about how power is generated or procured in wholesale markets amid

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POWER LINE ISSUES

Call 800-577-3323 to report outages and other power line issues.



Members connect and catch up before the meeting begins.



Staff check in members and hand them tickets for the door prize drawing.



Linemen step in to serve, plating meals for attendees.



Members receive annual meeting gifts, including branded cups and hats.



CEO Kirk Girard recognizes Nick Withington and Jacob Larson for reaching a major milestone — officially becoming journeyman lineworkers.



Door prize winners celebrate with their winnings.

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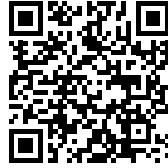
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an evolving energy industry landscape, and its connection to members' retail electric bills.

CEO Kirk Girard introduced the annual update video, which featured Prairie Land's financial overview, project updates, and company highlights for 2025, while also underscoring the 2026 theme, "Reliable Today, Resilient Tomorrow," reflecting where the cooperative stands today and the direction it is heading. There being no further business; it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Prairie Land's member services team conducted the drawings for door prizes. Winners were: **LEONA NEWELL** of Damar, WORX Cordless Blower; **MARGARET WETTER** of Norton, Cuisinart Immersion Hand Blender; **GLENN MULDER** of Almena, Cuisinart Air Fryer; **NORMAN WENDEL** of Almena, Cuisinart Ice Cream Maker; **LARRY HILLMAN** of Norton, Schumacher Jump Starter; **TERRY BABCOCK** of

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Phillipsburg, Ninja Sizzle Pro XL 20-inch donated by Sunflower Electric Power Corporation; **PHYLLIS MERKLEIN** of Prairie View, Frigidaire Mini Fridge donated by Wesco; **BARNET COX** of Norton, Farberware Knife Set donated by Wesco; **DICK AMES** of Long Island, 4-quart Crock Pot donated by Wesco; **WANDA SCHNEIDER** of Prairie View, leaf blower donated by Solida Tree Service; **ALBERT GODFREY** of Long Island, \$100 bill credit; and **LEANNA DAVIGNON** of Damar, **LEROY ROEDER** of Prairie View, **TERRI BAKER** of Phillipsburg, and **DEBRA WYATT** of Norton, \$50 bill credits.

Our annual report and video are available online at www.prairielandelectric.com/annual-reports.

DISTRICT 4 TRUSTEE UPDATE

During its March meeting, the board of trustees accepted the resignation of **OTTO LEVIN**, one of two representatives for District 4 (representing Smith, Jewell, Osborne and Mitchell counties), due to a change in residency. The board expressed their appreciation for his years of dedicated service. The District 4 seat will remain unfilled until the 2027 election.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During warm months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check. SOURCE: NRECA

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



- ▶ Check your June bill insert (for May usage) for your capital credits allocation statement.
- ▶ Keep your contact information up to date so we can reach you regarding future capital credits correspondence.
- ▶ Visit www.prairielandelectric.com/capital-credits to learn more.



Our office will be closed
Friday, July 3, for the holiday.

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- ☀ OPEN TO HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS
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LIGHTNING SAFETY WORD SEARCH

DID YOU KNOW JUNE 21-27 IS NATIONAL LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK?

Lightning can happen fast and be very dangerous but staying safe is easy when you know what to do! Read the following safety tips, then find and circle the **BOLDED** words in the puzzle below.

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- ▶ When thunder roars, go **INDOORS!** If you can hear thunder, **LIGHTNING** is close enough to be dangerous.
- ▶ Stay away from all **WATER** sources. Don't swim, use hoses or play near standing water when a **STORM** is present.
- ▶ Avoid tall things and open spaces. Stay away from **TALL TREES**, poles and open fields where lightning tends to **STRIKE**.
- ▶ Wait 30 minutes after the last sound of **THUNDER**. Even if the rain stops, **WAIT** at least 30 minutes before going back outside.