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PRAIRIE LAND  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# NEWS

## PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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## FROM THE CEO

# Planned Rate Study Underway

Have you ever wondered how the rates for electric service are established?

All operations of an electric cooperative are funded through the rates paid by the members. As a not-for-profit member-owned business serving your local communities, Prairie Land has two primary obligations. First is to provide safe and reliable service to the members at fair and sustainable rates. Second is to maintain sound financial operations that satisfy the requirements of our lenders. Our member-elected board of trustees and the cooperative's management must examine rates periodically to ensure they continue to fulfill these obligations while keeping rates fair and reasonable for the members.

For this reason, Prairie Land is currently undergoing a rate study. Cooperatives use independent rate consultants to ensure the process is completed without bias. We have retained the services of Power System Engineering, Inc. to conduct our rate

analysis using industry-accepted standards. The rate study has three main stages:

► **REVENUE REQUIREMENT:**

First, the process must calculate how much revenue is needed to continue to operate the business successfully in the upcoming years.

► **COST OF SERVICE:** Next, there is an analysis that identifies how much each type of service (rate class) is responsible for in the identified revenue requirement.

► **RATE DESIGN:** Finally, rates are designed to ensure fair revenue collection between and within the rate classes while also meeting any other goals identified by the board. When the rate study is completed, it will be reviewed by the board in detail. The board takes its responsibility to set



Kirk Girard

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## POWER LINE ISSUES

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



## Look Who's Graduating!

Join us in celebrating the May 2026 high school graduates whose parents are Prairie Land employees. We are proud to recognize these students and their hard work, dedication, and achievements. Congratulations, graduates! We wish you continued success as you begin this new stage of life.



Crew Foreman Matt Knox (right) with his son, Baylor.



Area Supervisor Waylon Lawson (right) with his stepson, Coleman.



Director of Operations Kody Pounds (left) with his son, Kaden.

## Planned Rate Study Underway

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fair rates very seriously. After all, they are members of the cooperative and pay the same rates.

The board will review, determine if there needs to be a discussion and vote on any potential rate changes. Kansas law requires that we provide the membership with notice of the time and place of any meeting of the board of trustees where rate changes will be discussed and voted on.

Rate change meeting notices will include as many details as possible about any proposed changes. Members will have the opportunity to attend the board meeting to hear the discussion and vote of the board, and express opinions on the changes. Members can find the notices for these meetings inserted in your monthly bill, in the *Kansas Country Living* centerspread, or on our website.



## JOHNSON CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**CORY JOHNSON** began his employment on May 12, 2006, as a summer intern and was later hired as an apprentice lineman for the Stockton area. In 2007, he transferred to Phillipsburg and now serves as a construction foreman. Cory enjoys spending time with his daughter, Kolbie, 12, especially taking her to rodeos and horse shows, as well as hunting, fishing and camping together.



Cory Johnson

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As temperatures start to rise, many homeowners focus on staying cool. Don't forget about the small gaps around windows and doors. Tiny cracks and worn weatherstripping allow cool, conditioned air to escape and hot, humid air to seep indoors. This forces your air conditioner to work harder than necessary and increases energy costs. Take a few minutes to check for drafts, replace weatherstripping and seal leaks. A tighter home keeps you more comfortable and helps manage energy use. SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV



# 2025 Financial Report

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Total Utility Plant	230,926,012
Less Depreciation	(92,047,516)
<b>Net Value of System</b>	<b>138,878,496</b>

Cash and Temporary Investments	1,952,078
Investments in Assoc. Organizations	54,435,417
Receivables	7,542,619
Materials & Supplies	2,811,011
Pre-payments	420,329
Other Current Assets	580,036
Deferred Debits	2,059,951
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>208,679,937</b>

### LIABILITIES

Long Term Debt	100,284,808
Deposits	770,568
Notes and Accounts Payable	4,457,183
Current Liabilities	3,170,146
Deferred Credits	523,382
Equities and Margins	99,473,850
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>208,679,937</b>

## INCOME STATEMENT

### INCOME

Electric Revenue	74,959,385
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### EXPENSES

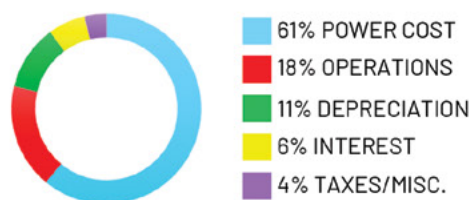
Power Cost	44,330,851
Operations	12,969,116
Depreciation	8,074,581
Taxes	2,510,794
Interest	4,619,607
Miscellaneous	193,353
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>72,698,302</b>

<b>OPERATING MARGIN</b>	2,261,083
<b>NON-OPERATING MARGIN</b>	3,798,877
<b>TOTAL MARGINS FOR 2025</b>	<b>6,059,960</b>

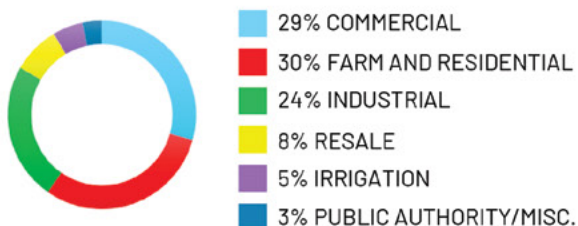
## 2025 STATISTICS

# of Prairie Land Members	13,635
# of Connected Meters	24,544
Miles of Line	6,992
Meters per Mile of Line	3.5
Investment per Mile of Line	\$33,027
Investment per Meter	\$9,409
Kilowatt Hours Purchased	748,501,089
Kilowatt Hours Sold	713,552,144
Kilowatt Hour Losses	34,948,945
Line Loss %	4.67%
Long-Term Debt	\$99,610,808
Plant Additions	\$9,896,903
Plant Retirements	\$3,426,231
# of New Services Added	162
# of Services Retired	77
# of Full-time Employees	84
Capital Credits Retired in 2025	\$2,921,364
Capital Credits Retired All Years	\$23,455,832

### OPERATING EXPENSES



### ELECTRIC SALES REVENUE



## Tornado Safety and Electrical Hazards

Tornadoes can strike with little warning, leaving behind downed power lines, damaged electrical equipment and dangerous debris. Preparing before a tornado — and knowing how to stay safe afterward — can help prevent electrical shock, fire and injury. Make sure your emergency plan includes electrical safety steps so you and your family are ready to act quickly and safely.

### BEFORE A TORNADO:

- ▶ Prepare an emergency kit with water, battery-powered flashlight, radio, extra batteries and portable phone charger.
- ▶ Keep Prairie Land's phone number (1-800-577-3323) handy in case you need to report an outage or downed line.
- ▶ Fully charge cell phones and backup power banks before severe weather hits so you can use them in an emergency.

### DURING A TORNADO:

- ▶ Seek shelter immediately in a basement or a small, interior room with no windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- ▶ Turn off and unplug appliances and electronics to protect them from power surges. Leave one light on so you'll know when power is restored.
- ▶ Do not stay inside a vehicle or try to outrun a tornado. Exit the vehicle and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If none are available, lie flat in a low-lying area away from the vehicle and power lines.

### AFTER A TORNADO:

- ▶ Stay away from downed power lines and any-

thing they could touch, such as trees, fences or debris. Always assume they are energized.

- ▶ If you see a downed line while driving, do not exit your vehicle. Call 911 and Prairie Land and warn others to stay away.
- ▶ Do not touch anyone who is in contact with a power line. Call 911 immediately and wait for emergency responders.
- ▶ Do not enter damaged buildings until electricity and gas are shut off by professionals. Never attempt to turn off power if you must stand in water to reach the breaker.
- ▶ Avoid flooded areas with electrical outlets, appliances, or cords, and never touch electrical equipment when wet or standing in water.
- ▶ Have all water-damaged electrical systems, appliances and devices inspected by a licensed electrician before use.

### POWER OUTAGES AND GENERATOR SAFETY:

- ▶ Never use a generator indoors or in partially enclosed spaces such as garages or porches, or near open windows and doors. Place a generator at least 20 feet away from your home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ▶ Keep the generator dry by placing it on a tarp or under a canopy and follow all manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ Never plug a generator directly into a wall outlet. This can inadvertently energize power lines and pose a lethal risk to you, neighbors and utility workers.

Stay informed, stay alert, and share this information to help protect your family and community during severe weather events.

## SAFETY TIP

If you're outside during a tornado, get to a sturdy building if possible. Never stay in a vehicle during a tornado or try to outrun it. If no shelter is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area away from cars, trees and power lines.

Protect your head with your arms. SOURCE: WWW.SAFELECTRICITY.ORG

