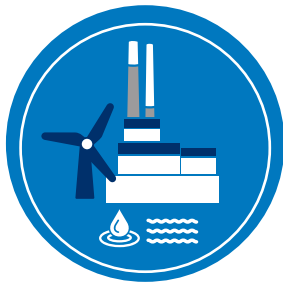


How electricity gets to YOU

Electricity doesn't just happen – it must be generated, sent incredible distances, and then converted to flow safely to farms and communities. Wild Rice Electric works hand-in-hand with wholesale power provider, Minnkota Power Cooperative, to deliver reliable energy at every point in the process.

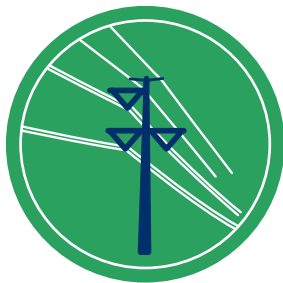


Generation (Minnkota Power Cooperative)

Minnkota produces electricity from a diverse mix of energy sources.

Generation capacity is derived from coal at the Milton R. Young Station in Center, N.D. (near Bismarck). The remainder of Minnkota's generated electricity comes from North Dakota wind turbines, hydropower from Garrison Dam and other resources often referred to as "Market".

- 55%** Coal
- 34%** Wind
- 8%** Hydro
- 3%** Other



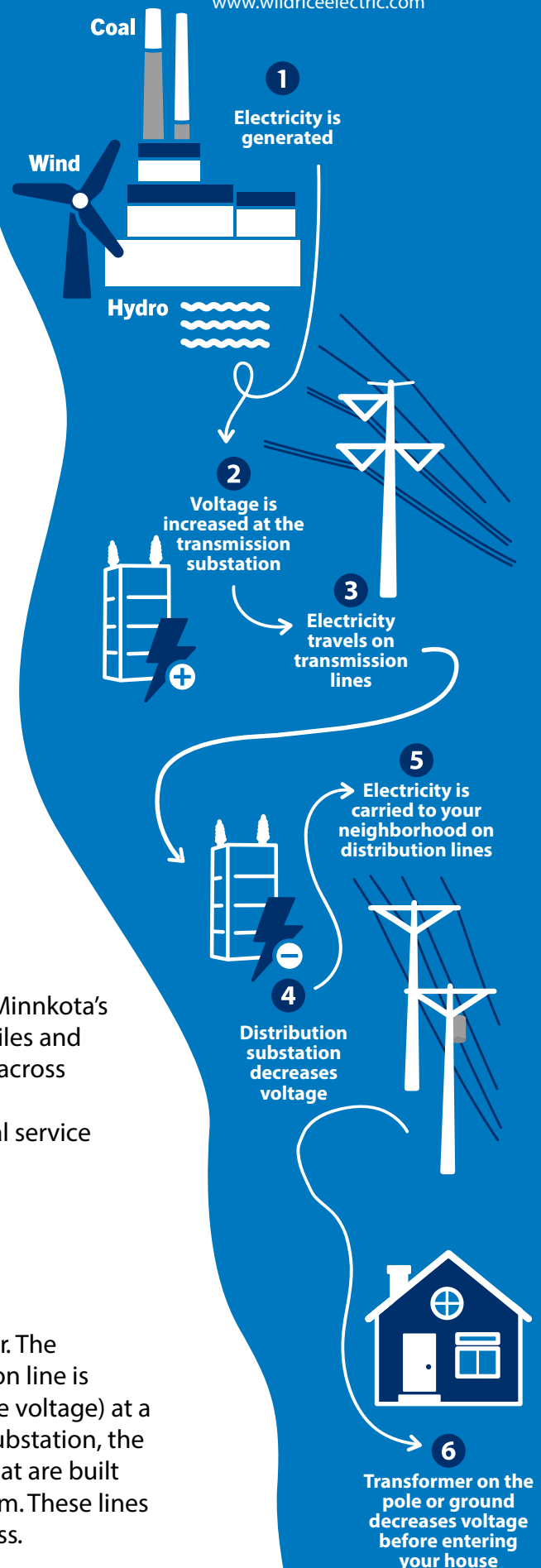
Transmission (Minnkota Power Cooperative)

Once the electricity is created at one of Minnkota's generation facilities, it is sent through miles and miles of high-voltage transmission lines across North Dakota and Minnesota. These lines branch out into multiple local service areas, like Wild Rice Electric Cooperative



Distribution (Wild Rice Electric Cooperative)

This is where your cooperative takes over. The high-voltage power from the transmission line is "stepped down" (or converted to a usable voltage) at a local distribution substation. From the substation, the electricity enters the distribution lines that are built and maintained by your cooperative team. These lines are the last path to your home or business.



STAFF COMMENTS

Director of Operations

AROUND THE CO-

by Thomas Guenther

Line crews continue to work hard on our distribution system with the favorable weather conditions. With these warm temperatures and low snow accumulations, line crews have been able to continue changing out poles and also mow brush efficiently. In past years during late January and into February with below zero temps and heavy snowfall, the crews have been limited to line survey, updating maps, and smaller maintenance and brushing items. This warm weather has been great for productivity but it does come with an elevated risk of a potential ice storm. We were very fortunate over New Years to be missed by the ice storm that caused significant damage to several eastern North Dakota Cooperatives. We were happy to lend a hand to Cass County Electric Cooperative in their restoration efforts with a crew of 5-line workers and various equipment.

Star Energy Services conducted pole testing in October. Every year Wild Rice tests a number of poles to ensure strong reliability on our system. This year we tested 3,340 poles in the Mahnomen, Beaulieu, and Noyahwaush areas. Wild Rice crews will change out as many of these rejected poles as possible during the winter months, once summer construction begins our crews will be busy



Wild Rice Electric Cooperative crews replacing a pole that was damaged by a hit and run driver.

SAFETY TIP

Tips to stay safe while spring cleaning. . .

- Have proper ventilation when using any cleaning products
- Store and properly dispose of cleaning products
- Use protective gear such as gloves, mask, and safety glasses
- Declutter area
- Make sure your stools or ladders are on even ground before climbing on them

building new services and installing underground cable. The poles that our crews were unable to get to will be handed over to a contractor to change out. Carrs Tree Service continues clearing brush from the power line right of way. Throughout winter they will be working on the eastern parts of Wild Rice's service territory in the Richwood and Rochert areas.

Stay safe out there!

Highlights from the Board Room:

The Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on December 19, 2023. During the meeting, discussion was held on the Minnesota Law, Earned Safe and Sick Time (ESST), and Policy BP 5.7 duties and responsibilities of the Financial Review Committee.

A quorum of directors was present and the following actions were taken:

- **Approved** the board minutes, and financial reports and statements for November 2023
- **Tabled** the 2024 Goals and Budget until the January board meeting
- **Accepted** the Operation Roundup report
- **Appointed** two new members to the Wild Rice Electric Cooperative Trust Board
- **Appointed** voting delegates and alternates for the NRECA and NRTC annual meetings
- **Approved** \$500 donation to NRECA International Program designated for the Minnesota 2024 Guatemala project
- **Approved** the monthly board and management policy review
- **Accepted** the department and CEO reports
- **Accepted** the Minnkota Power report
- **Accepted** the Square Butte Report
- **Accepted** the MREA report

The March regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Power Plant Tour

dates have been set

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative is planning a power plant tour to Center, ND for Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th and 13th, 2024. This has been a popular tour for members to enjoy and learn about the delivery of energy to our homes and businesses. Planned visits include Minnkota Power Cooperative headquarters in Grand Forks, Fort Mandan, the Milton R. Young Station and the BNI coal mine both in Center, ND. Preference will be given to those who have not yet experienced this trip. Cost is \$100/person or \$180/double occupancy and seats are limited so please don't delay.

Please complete and return the sign-up form with payment or call 1-800-244-5709 today to reserve your spot.



Sign Me Up

Power plant tour dates
Wednesday & Thursday,
June 12th and 13th.

Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____

Cell(s) #: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Number Attending: _____ **Enclosed:** _____

(\$100/person or \$180/double occupancy)

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

- Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>, for more details and to access the application portal.
- Contact your county EAP service provider for additional information and assistance.

Mahube Community Council
PO Box 76
Mahnomon, MN 56557
218-935-5022

Mahube Community Council
1125 West River Rd
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502
218-847-1385

White Earth Energy Assistance Program
3303 US Hwy 59/ PO Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
218-473-2711 or 888-458-1385

**West Central Minnesota
Communities Action, Inc.**
715 11th St N Suite 100
Moorhead, MN 56560
800-492-4805/ 218-685-4486

Inter County Community Council
PO Box 189
Oklee, MN 56742
218-796-5144/ 888-778-4008

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council
102 N Broadway/ PO Box 607
Crookston, MN 56716
218-281-5832/ 800-584-7020

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative exists because of you, and we are dedicated to the people and communities we serve. If you are having difficulty paying your electric bill and do not qualify for either of these programs, please contact us immediately to work out a mutually agreeable payment plan.

Ads

For Sale

16ft fish house, V nose crank up wheels, \$6,500, 701-866-0093

Home brewing equipment (6) glass carboys brewing buckets, a Keezer that holds (4) ball lock kegs temperature controlled w/ CO2 tank included & more. Also wine bottles, 701-361-3272.

Allis Chalmers tractor w/ bucket/ hydraulics, needs work, \$2,500, 218-937-5451/ 701-403-3249.

2- new Cat batteries group 31 top post 1000 cca CAT Part # 115-2422, \$125 ea. 701-793-6771.

2011 Wildwood Camper, bumper pull, w/ 1 slide-out. Excellent, \$10,500. Also, 2 seat Navigator jogging stroller, \$100. Call/ text: (218) 289-6440.

14' Alumacraft boat, new floor, 3 pedestal seats, depth finder, live well & rod holders. Johnson 30 horse motor, electric start. Roller trailer w/ new tires, \$4,500. 701-238-8578.

New hi-flow radiator & core for T600-T800 Kenworth semi, \$7,000. 8x10 ft sled-bed tilt trailer, \$900. Ruff cut -48" mover, \$850, 218-935-5110.

Black angus cow 4 yr old & 3 yr old angus bull, good despos. Snow-blower walk behind as is new tires, 584-4603.

Lectro Kennel outdoor heated dog pad. 28.5" x 22.5 in". Like new. \$50 Euro Pro-Model F1086. 5-liter electronic deep fryer. Used very little, instruction manual included. \$50 218 847-2877

32 ft gooseneck trailer, triple axle, good tires, ramps \$5,400. Railroad ties \$1 ea. 1952 Ford truck straight 6 cylinder good metal, doesn't run. Dry Guy boot drier, new not used, runs good \$60. No Friday evening or Saturday calls. 701-715-2837

2002 Arctic Cat Panther snowmobile 570 Twin, fan cooled w/ reverse classic touring - 2 up, less than 800 miles on new engine, \$2,495 obo. 1995 Floe pro edition 8'x10' aluminum flame tilt wood bed trailer w/ forever license, asking \$900, 218-356-2638 lv message

2008 GMC Sierra extended cab 4x4 pickup. 178,000 mi. Great tires, \$6,750, 218-261-0291

Skid steer attachments new & used brush grapples, brush mowers, tree pullers, pallets & hay forks, dirt & snow buckets & more 701-261-3574

New Kenworth-high flow radiator core. Sled bed trailer, 8 ft x 10 ft, \$850. Seasoned fire wood. 44" Rhino-ruff cut mower, \$900, 218-935-5110 days.

Handicap electric single bed, \$300, 218-849-0910

Wanted

Old water tanks, condition of bottom doesn't matter as long as sides are solid, 218-849-1700.

Heavy duty brush guard for 2003-2006 GMC 2500hd in good, call or text (218)-849-5989.

Pick up or grain truck from the 1940s-1950s w/ or w/out title, 218-280-9973.

2 young (bred) for April or May black angus cows or heifers that's had 1 calf. Older 4x4 pick-up, 584-4603.

Looking for someone to insulate and finish the inside of my 24 x 30 garage. 701-371-1902

A bucket lift for trimming trees around my house either truck or trailer mounted, 701-330-8140.

Childs 50 cc 4 wheeler, 701-772-3632, lv message.

Snowsled, horse hay, Chickens, Fence Posts, Tractor, 3 point plow and disc, Duck Boat, 218- 945-6646

Our Ad Policy

- No real estate or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads must be typed or in clear readable print. We reserve the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Ads will be abbreviated at the coop's discretion.
- Ads are due by the 10th of the month prior to publication..

You can submit your ad by mail, email, or drop off in office. Phone ads will not be accepted.

• Email ads to: info@wildriceelectric.com

• Mail ads to:
Wild Rice Electric Cooperative
PO Box 438,
Mahnomen, MN 56557

Amended Notice of Annual Meeting

for Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc. Mahnomen, Minnesota

The annual meeting of the members of Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Shooting Star Casino and Event Center, 777 S Casino Rd, in the City of Mahnomen, Minnesota at 6:00 PM on April 18, 2024, to take action on the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and committees.
2. The election of three directors of the Cooperative.

One director shall be elected from District 1 for a term of three years; one director shall be elected from District 2 for a term of three years; and one director from District 3 for a term of three years. A member who is absent from a member's meeting may vote by mail on a ballot (an "Absentee Ballot"). Absentee Ballots are available by request. A properly executed Absentee Ballot must be received on or before, Thursday, April 18, 2024, to be counted as the vote of the absent member at the meeting.

3. All other business which may come before the meeting and adjournment thereof.

Dated at Mahnomen, Minnesota, February 29, 2024.

Mark Habedank, Secretary
Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557

Proof of Mailing of Amended Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MAHNOMEN

Mark Habedank, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says that he is duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc.; that on February 29, 2024, he caused to be mailed to each member of the Cooperative, an amended Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative by having the amended Notice published in a periodical, published by and on behalf of the Cooperative which is mailed to each and every member monthly, and that the attached is a true and correct copy of said notice of said meeting as aforesaid.

Mark Habedank, Secretary
Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557

Save the Date

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative
Annual Meeting is fast approaching...



Thursday, April 18, 2024
(not March this year)

Shooting Star Casino
& Event Center
(also change in venue)

Security light cost adjustment



Following the last cost of service study, the Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of a security light rental cost adjustment. Effective April 1st, 2024, a \$0.50/month increase will be applied to those utilizing this service.

Lights

	Previous Rate	New Rate
Yard light (individual)	\$11.00	\$11.50
Street lights (association group)	\$10.00	\$10.50

Effective April 1, 2024

Starting March 2024

Wild Rice Electric will be introducing a new member feature to help you in managing your account. In the event that your account becomes subject for disconnect due to non-pay, members will receive an automated phone call to the primary phone number on their account reminding them that their bill is due and account is subject to disconnect. Be sure to update your account information by visiting our website at www.wildriceelectric.com or by using our new SmartHub system.

Sample call:

"Jimmy Kilowatt,

As a reminder, your Wild Rice Electric bill is delinquent for the following account: 123146.

Your account is past due in the amount of \$398. Service is subject to disconnection if the past due amount is not paid by Feb 19, 2024."

INSTALLING AN AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMP?

An air-source heat pump is not like a traditional furnace. Instead of creating heat with electricity, it uses electricity to move warm air from one place to another. During the summer months, heat is pushed from inside your home and replaced with cool air. In the winter, warmth is pulled from the outside air and dispersed throughout your home.

EFFICIENCY

Since heat is being moved throughout your home instead of generated, your system can deliver around three times more energy than the electricity consumed by the system.

COLD-WEATHER CAPABILITY

Cold-climate heat pumps have been designed to operate in below-zero temperatures, making them the perfect heating alternative for the region.

BIG-TIME SAVINGS

Not only are you eligible for Wild Rice Electric's off-peak electricity rate – around half of the standard rate – there are also rebates available when installing your new air-source heat pump!



Contact
our Member
Services to learn
more
1-800-244-5709



Scan here to learn more about what an air-source heat pump can do for you or visit ValueofElectricity.com. Scan here to learn more.

HOW DOES CARBON CAPTURE WORK?

You've likely heard about Project Tundra, a carbon capture and storage initiative being pursued by our wholesale power supplier, Minnkota Power Cooperative, and its partners. If successful, this technology would capture approximately 4 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) every year and store it safely and permanently underground – creating a more sustainable power mix for Wild Rice Electric Cooperative.

So how does the "capture" portion of this process work?

Scan the QR codes to learn
more about Project Tundra



WATCH THE
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Representatives from Eide Bailly, LLP (Nathan Horner and Jack Kuppich) performed a review of the financials for year-end 2023. This in preparation of the annual audit report which will be presented to the board at their March 26th meeting.

WILD RICE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. MISSION STATEMENT
Energizing our members' future.