

# VOLTS & VIEWS



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Northwest Angle, Kittson, Marshall,  
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and parts of Beltrami County:

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*Inspector list is subject to change at any time.*

The State of Minnesota has high wiring standards, which are in the best interest of you and your family or business. Improper wiring can damage your home, your property and equipment, and injure or kill the people you love. Currently, the state does allow homeowners to do their own residential wiring; however, it is critical that the current electrical code is followed. Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. For more information visit [dli.mn.gov](http://dli.mn.gov) and go to the electrical page.

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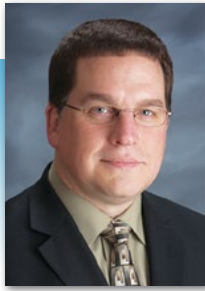


Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Roseau Electric Cooperative is committed to providing its member-owners low-cost, high-quality, safe and reliable electricity with friendly, efficient and knowledgeable service.*

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*



## From the manager

Tracey Stoll, General Manager

### Opportunities to get on board

Our Feb. 1 deadline for petitions is coming up fast. Three seats, in Districts 2, 5 and 8, are up for election. While I fully expect Director Gust to file, Director Amundson (5) and Director McFarlane (2) have chosen not to run again. Please consider this opportunity in serving your cooperative. Packets with the necessary paperwork are available in our office. If you should have any questions not answered by the information page in this issue, please contact me soon!

### NorthStream Fiber: RDOF grant proceeds on the way!

One year ago, I shared the news that we had been declared winners of our second FCC auction — RDOF: Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. It was my hope, at that time, that funding from that auction would start in early summer 2021 which would have made decision-making on things like equipment and material ordering much easier. As it turned out, on Dec. 14, we just received our final notice that all paperwork is accepted and approved, with funding to begin by end of month. This processing delay, mostly attributable to an extended due diligence phase by the FCC during a COVID-related lack of personnel, has served to delay getting this important and oft-requested service to 266 more of our members. It is our hope, that with our proactive staff and the way we have been able to queue fiber orders, that the dreaded supply chain issues will not affect 2022-2023 build-out plans. To date, we have connected 214 fiber customers, many of which take either or both of our additional offerings of television and phone.

We are hopeful that, as we begin the RDOF buildout, while continuing and completing our CAFII (first auction win) buildout, additional funding will be made available to continue this important service effort throughout the whole of Roseau County.

Are you interested in seeing your cooperative's name on the FCC notice, or what other providers were approved in this round? Google FCC DA-21-1560.

### County sales tax

The Roseau County Board of Commissioners, back in August, passed by resolution a Local Options Sales Tax (LOST). This one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax will be in addition to the current 6.875% Minnesota sales tax, and will apply to all your cooperative taxable purchases, on or after Jan. 1, 2022, until rescinded by resolution. This tax, while collected by the Minnesota Department of Revenue, will come back to the county to be used exclusively toward its identified \$61.3M shortfall in the Road and Bridge Construction Program.

Grab a napkin or envelope! A quick calculation of impact to our members: Your cooperative collects and pays close to \$1M in sales tax annually. This new county tax will add just more than \$70,000 annually to our members' electricity bill.

### The new year

As often happens with the timing of this newsletter, I'm writing this before our December board meeting, at which your representatives will consider the 2022 Budget including a possible rate increase. Why a possible rate increase?! Beyond the very real

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## From the line

Mike Millner, Line Superintendent



**H**i everyone, I hope to find you in good health. With Thanksgiving and Christmas behind us, I am looking forward to a great New Year. Looking back on 2021, we had a very productive year. Our crews built 71 new services, we installed over 20 miles of underground cable and hung around 55 miles of overhead fiber optic cable. With all that construction going on, I'm very proud that every one of my guys came home safely ev-

ery night without any accidents. I am very pleased to have Dillion Thompson and Luke Holland join our line crew family, with full-time employment. They both will be a great fit into our company and we're hoping that they will turn out to be great leaders in the future. Dillion is a journeyman lineman and Luke is a second-year apprentice.

I have a very busy winter planned for our line crews. We have an enormous amount of right-of-way clearing to do, so I'm hoping to keep two crews mowing and cutting most of the winter. We have around 1,200 mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium lights to change out to LED fixtures this winter. Our crews have 1 ½ miles of single-phase tie line to build south of Wannaska and 5 miles of single phase line to rebuild in the same area. I also plan on doing some URD inspections. We will replace warning labels, retag

cables, and verify proper phasing and flow with a phase identification meter. We won't be looking for any work, but if you know of a line that needs our attention, give me a call and I will try to address it.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Let's take a little time to count some of our blessings, even if some dark or bad things are hitting us. There are some great things to be thankful for. I know that I have been very blessed in my life with great co-workers, friends and family. Before I go, I will share a couple quotes with you: "The older you get, the more fragile you understand life to be. I think that is good motivation for getting out of bed joyfully each day." (Julia Roberts) And here's one I have to work on: "A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether or not to say it." (Unknown) Until we meet again...Mike

## From the manager

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supply issues including upward price pressures on everything from poles and wire to trucks, your cooperative has experienced 20-year low monthly sales in six of 11 months billed in 2021 (December will be close). A combination of a dry fall (with lower-than-expected agricultural loads) and a warm September-October (with lower off-peak sales) results in downward pressure on this year's operating margins. These margins — what we allocate back to you to be paid in the future as dividends — serve as a health indicator to our lenders that we're collecting enough to pay our bills. Too few margins will drive a rate increase on the too few kilowatts sold.

Our last rate increase was in April 2017. Our last rate adjustment (an effective decrease in main meter kilowatts) was in April 2021 with the restructuring of Minnkota's wholesale rate structure. The calculations will continue this week as we sift the budget, and I'll be back to you with the results!



**Roseau Electric Cooperative's newest lineworkers, Luke Holland and Dillion Thompson.**

National

CUT YOUR 

ENERGY COSTS

Day

JANUARY 10, 2022

## Here are 5 tips to help you save this winter

Minnesotans are no strangers to below-freezing temperatures. As concerns about high heating bills mount, Roseau Electric Cooperative continues to support its members with reliable electric service and ways to save energy during times of increased use.

Reliability is especially important in extreme cold weather. Last year's historic February winter storm that led to rolling blackouts in parts of the southern U.S. and Midwest demonstrated the essential role electricity plays in powering our lives. The ongoing global concerns about energy supply further reinforce the benefits of reliability and affordability that come from embracing an all-of-the-above energy strategy. Your cooperative uses a diverse mix of coal, wind and hydro power to meet your 24/7 needs. Electric cooperatives encourage members to take advantage of options available to better manage energy use and make a meaningful impact on monthly bills.



### 1) Check out your co-op's off-peak program

Members who participate in the off-peak electric heating and water heating programs have seen rates remain relatively flat in recent years, while fossil fuel prices fluctuate consistently. In exchange for the discounted off-peak electric rate (about half the retail rate), consumers voluntarily allow electric heating systems and other interruptible loads to be temporarily turned off or switched to a backup fuel source (like propane) during periods of high demand for electricity across the region. Check with your cooperative about great new incentives and rebates that are available for the installation of new off-peak electric heating systems.



### 2) Weather seal your windows and doors

You'd be surprised to know how much cold air can leak into the home through minor cracks and gaps in windows and doorways. Seal any gaps with a fresh bead of caulk or weatherstripping. You can also install insulating gaskets behind outlet covers and switch plates, while door sweeps help seal the space between the bottom of your door and the door frame. Having a contractor come out and professionally seal your windows and doors or recommend more energy efficient options can be a great way to upgrade your home and save energy.



### 3) Lower the water heater temperature

Your water heater is one of the highest energy users in your home. Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140°, but most households usually only require them to be set at 120°. For each 10-degree reduction in water temperature, you can save about 5% in energy costs.



### 4) Check your furnace regularly

Make sure to change your furnace filter regularly. Contact a heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) professional to inspect/maintain your system as needed. Early attention to maintenance can help prevent failures in the heart of heating season.



### 5) Upgrade your home's insulation

Air that transfers in and out of homes through cracks, crevices and holes can increase energy consumption. By upgrading your home's insulation, you can save up to 30% on your energy costs. If you have R-19 or less insulation in your attic, consider bringing it up to R-49. If you have R-11 or less floor insulation, consider bringing it up to R-25.

## Having trouble paying your bill?

If you are a cooperative member having trouble paying your electric bill, contact Roseau Electric Cooperative to discuss payment plans and receive information on other energy assistance programs and resources for income-qualified households to help with home heating costs and furnace repairs.



# 2022 director elections

**PETITION DEADLINE TUESDAY, FEB. 1, 2022**

Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc., is organized as a cooperative and is owned by its members. The membership elects a board of directors to represent them in the operation of the cooperative.

Three directors will be elected at the 2022 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 2 at the Roseau City Center. The directors whose terms expire in 2022 are: Wes McFarlane, District 2 (3-year term); Roger Amundson, District 5 (3-year term); and Shawn Gust, District 8 (3-year term). **Wes McFarlane and Roger Amundson have decided not to run for reelection.**

## Nomination by petition

No nominating committee will be used. All nominations will be done by petition, including the incumbents.

Any 10 or more members who reside in Districts 2, 5 or 8 may nominate an eligible member for a director position in that district. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. No write-in ballots shall be accepted.

## Petition forms are available

Director candidates must pick up a petition and a director packet at Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Roseau. The packet contains additional forms that must be signed and turned in before the deadline.

## Petition deadline

**The cooperative must receive the completed petition no later than the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.**

**Petition for Nomination**

The following members wish to nominate [insert name] \_\_\_\_\_ for the three-year term in Districts 2, 5 or 8 [insert "District 2, 5 or 8"] \_\_\_\_\_ director position, and to place such name on the ballot for the April 2, 2022, election at the annual meeting of the Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 5, of the bylaws.

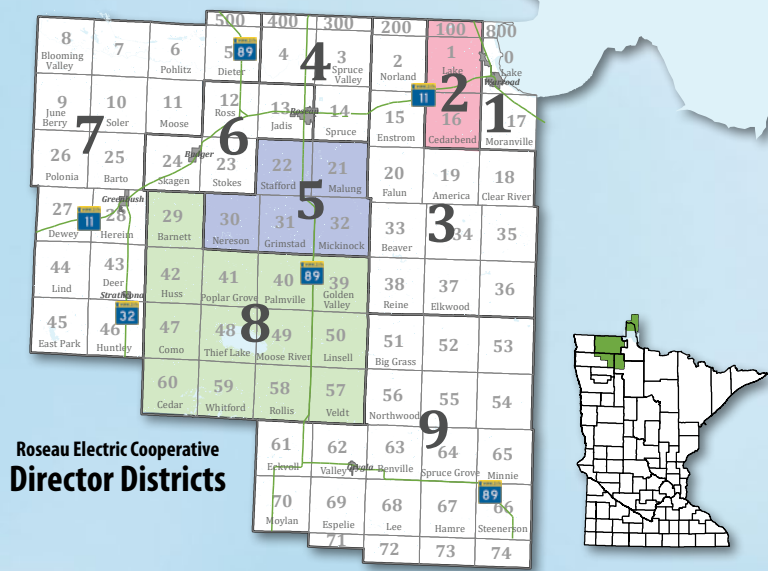
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The Cooperative must receive the completed petition no later than the close of business Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022. At the annual meeting scheduled for April 2, 2022, elections will be held for each of Districts 2, 5 and 8 for a three-year term.

The directors whose terms expire in 2022 are as follows:

DISTRICT 2 3-year term Wes McFarlane	DISTRICT 5 3-year term Roger Amundson	DISTRICT 8 3-year term Shawn Gust
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Any 10 or more members who reside in Districts 2, 5 or 8 may nominate an eligible member for a director position in that district. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. In the event of joint membership, only the signature of one joint member shall be acceptable.



# So, you want to be a director

Three directors will be elected at the 2022 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 2. Directors whose terms expire in 2022 are District 2, Wes McFarlane; District 5, Roger Amundson; and District 8, Shawn Gust.

## Objectives:

- To establish relationships between the board, the membership and the manager
- Define principles and practices
- Delegate authority
- Analyze operations

## Meeting attendance requirements:

- **Monthly board meetings:** Board meetings are held 12 times per year, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Other meetings:** Roseau Electric annual meeting; Minnkota annual meeting; MREA district meetings; other meetings to learn policies and procedures of the electric industry. Expect 5 - 12 extra days per year.

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Report to the membership.
- Hire and delegate authority to the manager.
- Maintain legal entity and practices.
- Review and update bylaws.
- Require a continuous member and public relations program.
- Keep informed and grow in skills of the program.
- See that members are informed of operations.
- See that accurate minutes are prepared and maintained.
- Consider and adopt plans for objectives and goals.
- Review and update policies.
- Examine and approve annual budget and cash flow.
- Review and approve a sound financial plan.
- Establish policies and programs for good employee relationships.
- Assist in planning meetings.
- Establish special or standing committees.
- Review responsibilities of board and manager.
- Approve the selection of consultants and attorney.
- Establish measures and controls to determine effectiveness of management.
- Authorize and review annual financial audit.
- Implementation and enforcement of this position description is the responsibility of the board of directors.

# 2021 uncashed dividend checks

We need your help. The individuals listed below were mailed a dividend check in early 2021. These funds remain unclaimed because either the individuals did not cash their check or because the U.S. Postal Service returned the letter with no forwarding address. If you know these individuals, please have them contact our office. Dividends will be distributed again in spring 2022.

ALEXANDER, MILDRED G. SANDY, UT  
ALLEN, JOE, FARGO, ND  
ALLISON, ELDON, GRAND RAPIDS, MN  
AMUNDSON, BERT, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
ANDERSON, ROSELYN S. CANYON LAKE, TX  
ANTARES GROUP, WARROAD, MN  
AQUILA INC, KANSAS CITY, MO  
ARNESON, DONNA, MIDDLE RIVER, MN  
ARONSON, JAMES R, ROSEAU, MN  
AYALA, SAUL, BADGER, MN  
BACKEN, CRAIG W, ALEXANDRIA, MN  
BATHEL, DAVID F, PRIOR LAKE, MN  
BATTLES, DENNIS, MILTON, FL  
BEGHTEL, LOWELL, STOCKTON, CA  
BELLANGER, JESSE, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN  
BELLANGER-DAHL, JUDY, WARROAD, MN  
BERGE, E ARTHUR, BRADENTON, FL  
BERGGREN, CLAUDIA, ROSEAU, MN  
BERGLUND, KRISANN, TENSTRIKE, MN  
BERGSNEV, ANNETTE, GREENBUSH, MN  
BESSERUD, SCOTT, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
BESSERUD, STUART, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
BEYAK, MITCHELL, ALBERTVILLE, MN  
BIRDSSELL, DELA, WARROAD, MN  
BNSF, OMAHA, NE  
BOAST, KELLY, AUBURN, NY  
BORAH, WALLACE, ROSEAU, MN  
BOROOS, DALE, ROSEAU, MN  
BORRESON, ANGELO, BADGER, MN  
BOWLES, JEFF, SOUTHERLAND, VA  
BOWMAN, RENEE, WADENA, MN  
BRAND, BRIAN V, PLYMOUTH, MN  
BRATENG, MICHAEL, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
BRATENG, ANDREA, BEMIDJI, MN  
BRAZIER, JEROME, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
BREKKE, JAY, MEMOMONIE, WI  
BREVIK, ROGER, KARLSTAD, MN  
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS II, ROSEAU, MN  
BROSDAHL, JAMIE, WARROAD, MN  
BRUMLEY, PAGE, BISMARCK, ND  
BURDA, ANTHONY, MILACA, MN  
BURKEL, CLARICE, GREENBUSH, MN  
BUTLER, MARLIN, SALOL, MN  
BUTLER, TONY, ANGLE INLET, MN  
CAMPBELL, ROBERT, WATERTOWN, SD  
CARLSON, JOHN C, WARROAD, MN  
CARLSON, MICHAEL J, BADGER, MN  
CARLSON, RONALD, WEST PLAINS, MO  
CARLSON, TROY E, WARROAD, MN  
CARLSON II, DON, ROSEAU, MN  
CAUBLE, THOMAS E, BAUDETTE, MN  
CHARPENTIER, EDWARD, WADENA, MN  
CHEVALIER, MARK, FOREST LAKE, MN  
CHITMANY, SOUK, LUVERNE, MN  
CHITMANY, BE, MILNOR, ND  
CHORNOBOY, GARY, WINNEPEG MB, CANADA  
CHRISTIANSON, ROBERT, OKLEE, MN  
CISAR, DARREN, BADGER, MN  
CLARK, DICK, HICKORY HILLS, IL  
COCKRELL, MARTY, ALEXANDRIA, MO  
COLE, AMY, WARROAD, MN  
COUNTRY WIDE HOME LOANS, SIM VALLEY, CA  
DAHL, SCHELL, GATZKE, MN  
DAHL, TONY W, ROSEAU, MN  
DAHLEN, JOHN, NEW PORT, MN  
DALE, WAYNE, VIRGINIA, MN

DEJNO, ROBERT, WARROAD, MN  
DELAINEY, SHANE, BELGRADE, MN  
DELAINEY STARREN ESTATE, NEWFOLDEN, MN  
DIETER, MYRON, ROSEAU, MN  
DOW, DALE, HIBBING, MN  
EDBERG, LINDA, WARROAD, MN  
EFSHEN, YOLANDA D, WINNEPEG MB, CANADA  
ENGLUND, KELSEY, SALOL, MN  
ENNS, CHARLES, ALBERTA CA, CANADA  
ERICKSON, JEFF, ROSEAU, MN  
ERICKSON, JOHN, WARROAD, MN  
ERICKSON, KENT J, MESA, AZ  
ERICKSON, LYDA, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
ERICKSON, MICHAEL C, ROSEAU, MN  
ERICKSON, PAUL, BAUDETTE, MN  
EVENSON, ELDRED, BROOKLYN CENTER, MN  
FAHLSTROM, BRIAN, WARROAD, MN  
FARLEY, DAVE, PINE CITY, MN  
FESSLER, HUBERT L, AUBURN, AL  
FISCHER, KEITH, WARROAD, MN  
FISH, RILEY, BADGER, MN  
FISHER, COLLEEN, COOSBAY, OR  
FITZPATRICK, JEREMY, BAUDETTE, MN  
FLAG ISLAND ASSOC. INC, ANGLE INLET, MN  
FORSLUND, SANDRA, WARREN, MN  
FOSS, GARY, ROSEAU, MN  
FRANKLIN JR, KEN, WARROAD, MN  
FRISLIE, ALLISON, LANCASTER, MN  
GARBER, JAMES, GRAND FORKS, ND  
GEISSER, CAROL, WARROAD, MN  
GILBERTSON, LARISSA, BADGER, MN  
GILBERTSON, LINDA, BUHL, MN  
GILLINGHAM, BRIAN, SPIRIT LAKE, IA  
GLISTER, HELEN, GARFUEKO, AR  
GLAD, JASON, WARROAD, MN  
GLEASON, STEPHEN, ROOSEVELT, MN  
GLENNEIN, JENNIFER, ROSEAU, MN  
GORDON, BENNIE, ROSEAU, MN  
GORNOWICZ, JENNIFER, GRAND FORKS, ND  
GOWAN, JUDITH, GRAND FORKS, ND  
GRAM, RICHARD, MIDDLE RIVER, MN  
GRANDGEORGE, MIKE, WOODSTOCK, IL  
GRAVSTH, VALERIE, LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ  
GRINDSTJEN, FRANCES, ROSEAU, MN  
GROSS, BRIAN J, PELICAN RAPIDS, MN  
GUDBRANDSON, LARRY, WARROAD, MN  
GULLIKSON, TOM, MIDDLE RIVER, MN  
GUNNUFSON, ERROL J, WARROAD, MN  
HAGEN, LUVERNE, BADGER, MN  
HAHN JR, LOUIS, WARROAD, MN  
HALD, RICHARD, LITCHFIELD, NE  
HALVORSON, MICHAEL, HUTCHINSON, MN  
HAMILTON, LES, CROOKSTON, MN  
HAPKA, ROGER, ROSEAU, MN  
HAPKA, JEROME, WARROAD, MN  
HATLESTAD, GERALD, SABIN, MN  
HAYS, TRISHA, WARROAD, MN  
HEDTKE, DAVID, SALOL, MN  
HEFFERNAN, EDWARD, SPIRIT LAKE, MN  
HELEN PETERSON ESTATE, BLAINE, MN  
HEPPNER, AGNES, WARROAD, MN  
HENDRICKSON, JESSE L, ROSEAU, MN  
HERR, DEAN, SALOL, MN  
HETTEEN SR, DONNELLY L, ROSEAU, MN  
HILL, JACKIE, WARROAD, MN  
HOEFS, NEIL, FARGO, ND

HOLLAND, STANTON, RACINE, WI  
HOWARD, KATHY M, ROSEAU, MN  
HOWDAHL SR, HAROLD L, GREENBUSH, MN  
HOWE, COREY, ROSEAU, MN  
HULL, JOAN, SEGUIM, WA  
HULST, TANYA, ROSEAU, MN  
HURST, DERECK, ROSEAU, MN  
IHLA, CHAD, BISMARCK, ND  
JACOBS, JAMES, CROOKSTON, MN  
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JOHNSTON, JEFF W, MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
JONES, BERT, GATZKE, MN  
JOURDAIN, JUDY, WARROAD, MN  
KARLSTAD, LINDA M, MANKATO, MN  
KASTNER, ALLAN, BEMIDJI, MN  
KELLY, BYRON, WARROAD, MN  
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KHAMPHOUNE, KIDENG, IRVINGTON, AL  
KILEN, KEVIN, BRAINERD, MN  
KIRBY, TIMOTHY, BEMIDJI, MN  
KITTELSON, TREVOR, WARROAD, MN  
KITZAN, ERIC, BOWMAN, ND  
KJERSTEN, KEVIN, MAHNOMEN, MN  
KNUTSON, BRUCE, WARROAD, MN  
KNUTSON, JENNIFER, WARROAD, MN  
KOCH, DENNY, BIG LAKE, MN  
KOTZ, FRANK, MOORHEAD, MN  
KRAHN, JAMES C, MOUNDS VIEW, MN  
KROEZE, DIRK, SIOUX FALLS, SD  
KUSS, DON, ROSEAU, MN  
LACKEY, ROBERT, MESA, AZ  
LANDIN, SARAH M, SALOL, MN  
LANGTON, SHAWN, WARROAD, MN  
LARSON, LAURIE, WARROAD, MN  
LARSON, RALPH H, WARROAD, MN  
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LEE, BRENT, WARROAD, MN  
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LESCH, JEFF, WARROAD, MN  
LIND, DALE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
LINDEGREN, ELVIRA, ROSEAU, MN  
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MAAS, ROBERT, SEATTLE, WA  
MARTINEZ, ROCHELLE, ALOHA, OR  
MATLACHOWSKI, DAVE, WARROAD, MN  
MCCOMAS, BUFORD, DELAND, FL  
MCCRITE, KEVIN, MIDDLE RIVER, MN  
MCDONAGH, EILEEN, ALEXANDRIA, MN  
MCGUIRE, RENEE M, WARROAD, MN

MCMILLIN, NIKKI, GRYGLA, MN  
MELICHAR, PAUL, EDINA, MN  
MIKKELSON, DORIS, ROSEAU, MN  
MIREAULT, JAMES, FOSSTON, MN  
MOEN, BRUCE J, LENOX, IA  
MOEN, CLAYTON, ROCHESTER, MN  
MOKHANTHA, SINA, WARROAD, MN  
MONSRUD, DONALD, BADGER, MN  
MOREY, TOD, BEMIDJI, MN  
MORRISON, TARAH, BELGRADE, MT  
MORTENSON, KENNETH, ROSEAU, MN  
MOTT, JULIE, SALOL, MN  
MULLIS, BRIAN K, COLUMBUS, IN  
MUNSTENTEIGER, ADAM, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN  
MYERS, DARYL, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
NAYLOR, KAREN, CHESAPEAK, VA  
NELSON, TRACY, ROSEAU, MN  
NELSON, LARRY J, WARROAD, MN  
NELSON, LOWELL, WARROAD, MN  
NELSON, JESSE, MONTEVIDEO, MN  
NELSON, BRIAN, GREENBUSH, MN  
NELSON, BRIAN, GREENBUSH, MN  
NESHEIM, RALPH, WARROAD, MN  
NEWCOM, RICHARD, WARROAD, MN  
NEWTON, LUTHER, GRYGLA, MN  
NGUJAMSANTH, PHAKOB, REDDING, CA  
NIX, DAVID, ROSEAU, MN  
NIX, APRIL, ROSEAU, MN  
NORDENGEN, OLAF, ROSEAU, MN  
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NORMAN, AMANDA, ROSEAU, MN  
NORTHERN BRAKE INC, TRINIDAD, CO  
NOWELL, LAWRENCE, ROSEAU, MN  
NUNN, ROBERT, MILNOR, ND  
NW ANGLE SERVICES INC, CAVALIER, ND  
OATMAN, MALCOLM, DEVILS LAKE, ND  
O'BRIEN, DENNIS, LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ  
O'CONNOR, EDWARD, RAMSEY, MN  
O&H CAMP, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
OISTAD, BYRON, BUFFALO, MN  
OLSEN, AARON T, ROSEAU, MN  
OLSON, BRANDON J, BADGER, MN  
OLSON, KEVIN, ROOSEVELT, MN  
OLSON, KEVIN J, WARROAD, MN  
OLSON, IRENE E, ROSEAU, MN  
OLSON, SCOTT D, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN  
OLSON, STEVEN, UNKNOWN, MN  
OLSON, ROBERT E, SHAKOPEE, MN  
OLSON, RONALD P, ROSEAU, MN  
OLSON, TERRY L, LAKE BRONSON, MN  
OLSON, VERLYN, WARREN, MN  
OLUND, KENNETH, MENDOTA, IL  
OPTION ONE MORTGAGE, SANTA ANNA, CA  
ORPEN, LEO B, MIDDLE RIVER, MN  
OTTO, ARTHUR F, ROSEAU, MN  
OTTO, MARVIN, ATWATER, CA  
OUNNARAJ, SOUNTHONE, WARROAD, MN  
PAKOSZ, THOR, COOK, MN  
PALM, BRYAN, WARROAD, MN  
PANOVIC, RADOVAN, WARROAD, MN  
PARSLEY, HAROLD R, OKLEE, MN  
PEARSON, KATHY, WARROAD, MN  
PEDERSEN, DAVID D, ROOSEVELT, MN  
PEDERSEN, JAMES M, WARROAD, MN  
PETERSON, LESLIE, ZIMMERMAN, MN  
PHILLIPS, SARAH, SALOL, MN  
PIERCE, J D, FORT ATKINSON, WI  
PILNEY, BRIAN, WEST BEND, WI  
POOLE, JEFF, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
POOLE, GLEN, HOUSTON, TX  
POWERS, STEPHEN, SPRINGFIELD, MN  
PRAZAK, DANIEL, FLOODWOOD, MN  
QUAIFE, RON, WARROAD, MN  
RADAKOWSKI, LUKE C, BOWMAN, ND  
RAMOS, JULIO, ROSEAU, MN  
REESE, JOHN, ROSEAU, MN  
REINHART, GEORGE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
RENEW CLEANING, BADGER, MN  
RESTUCHI, JOHN, ROSEAU, MN  
REVAK, PAUL, WARROAD, MN  
RICHTER, MIKE, WARROAD, MN

RITTENOUR, TIM, GRYGLA, MN  
ROWE, MARK, WARROAD, MN  
RUSSELL, WAYNE, SALOL, MN  
RUUD, ROGER, EL DRADO SPRINGS, MO  
SADOSKI, AMY, WARROAD, MN  
SAENKEOMAHAVONG, K, WARROAD, MN  
SATHER, NEIL, HAMEL, MN  
SCHAPER, PAUL, LAS VEGAS, NV  
SCHMITZ, LAWRENCE, WAUSAU, WI  
SCHUSTER, LEONA, MINTO, ND  
SCRIBE-RITE STEEL INC, GATZKE, MN  
SHAUL, DAN, ANGLE INLET, MN  
SIEVEK, DON, BRAINERD, MN  
SIKORSKI, GARRETT, ROSEAU, MN  
SIMMERS, BRUCE, CARTERSVILLE, GA  
SIMPSON, PHILLIP D, SAMMAMISH, WA  
SKIME, GARY, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN  
SKOGLUND, ERIC, ROSEAU, MN  
SLATER, STEVE, BROOKLYN CENTER, MN  
SMITH, DANA, BEMIDJI, MN  
SMITH, JACK, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
SPARBY, WALLACE, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
SPINDLER, TOM, ROSEAU, MN  
SPRADLIN, RACHEL, WARROAD, MN  
STENE, RHONDA K, OAKES, ND  
STINE, LAUREL, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
STINSON, DAVID, TUCCSON, AZ  
STOE, TERRY, CHAMPLIN, MN  
STOSKOPF RED-MIX INC, WARROAD, MN  
STREIFF, MICHELLE, WARROAD, MN  
STROMBERG, JOHN, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
STYRWOLL, JASON, WARROAD, MN  
SULLIVAN, PETE, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
SUNSET LODGE RESORT INC, BAUDETTE, MN  
SWADINSKY, QUENTIN, STACY, MN  
SWANER, RACHEL, ROSEAU, MN  
TAN, ANGMASTA, WARROAD, MN  
TAYRIEN, EDWARD, MESA, AZ  
TELLINGHUISEN, GLEN, OLYMPIA, WA  
THOMPSON, BYRON L, GRAFTON, ND  
THOMPSON, CRAIG, GREENBUSH, MN  
THOMPSON, JOSHUA, WARROAD, MN  
THOMPSON, JUSTIN M, BADGER, MN  
THOMPSON, KEN, CUMMING, GA  
THOMPSON, NADINE, GREENBUSH, MN  
THORBUS, RUBEN, HANFORD, CA  
TSELLOS, YONNI, GRYGLA, MN  
TURGEON, PENNY, WARROAD, MN  
TURNER, ARNOLD, MENIFEE, CA  
ULLYOTT, SHELLIE, ROSEAU, MN  
ULVIN, JOHN, MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, CROOKSTON, MN  
VACURA, LAURINE, ROSEAU, MN  
VAUGHN, LEWIS, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
VEJTASA, DAVID, ROSEAU, MN  
VERBOUT, LISA, GRYGLA, MN  
VIZANKO, JAMES, ARBOR VITAE, WI  
VOGEL, DAVE, WARROAD, MN  
VOGEL, H C, WOODBURY, MN  
VOIT, KEN, ST CLOUD, MN  
VONGSALY, XAY, WARROAD, MN  
WALKER, TONY, WARROAD, MN  
WALZ, EDIE, ROSEAU, MN  
WARNE, NICK, ROSEAU, MN  
WASKUL, KAREN, BEMIDJI, MN  
WATNE, BOBBY, GULLY, MN  
WELCH, MIKE J, WARROAD, MN  
WHITLOCK, BRETT W, ROSEAU, MN  
WIESE, JASON, DYERSVILLE, IA  
WILLIAMS, DAVID, ROSEAU, MN  
WILLIAMS, DIANNA, WARROAD, MN  
WILLIAMS, NEAL, LONGVILLE, MN  
WILSON, STAN, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN  
WISKOW, DALE, KARLSTAD, MN  
WITTMAN, JODI, WARROAD, MN  
WOJCIECHOWSKI, CAROL, ROSEAU, MN  
WOLDEN, JESSICA, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN  
XAYNHACHOCK, SANCHO, SALOL, MN  
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YE OLDE MERCANTILE, ROSEAU, MN  
ZIMMERMAN, JASON E, SALOL, MN



# Congratulations

to these employees in recognition of their years of service to Roseau Electric Cooperative



**Mark Jennings**  
Staking Foreman  
20 years



**Justin Olson**  
Lineman  
20 years



**Alex McMillin**  
Office Manager  
15 years

## PROBLEMS PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

**Energy assistance may be available!**

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

**Northwest Community Action**  
PO Box 67  
Badger, MN 56714-0067  
(218) 528-3258 or 800-568-5329  
[nwcaa.org](http://nwcaa.org)

**Bi-County Cap, Inc.**  
6603 Bemidji Ave. N  
Bemidji, MN 56601-8669  
(218) 751-4631



## Grant Application Deadline Feb. 28, 2022

To be considered at the March 2022 meeting, grant applications must be received by **Feb. 28, 2022**.

Grant applications are available at the REC office or by visiting our website at [www.roseauelectric.com](http://www.roseauelectric.com).

## OPERATING STATISTICS

	Monthly		Year to Date	
	Nov. 2020	Nov. 2021	Nov. 2020	Nov. 2021
Members	6,563	6,636	6,563	6,636
kWh purchased	14,292,535	13,703,194	140,613,899	131,630,909
% change	-	-4.12%	-	-6.39%
Revenue	1,672,286	1,642,303	17,259,857	16,381,000
Cost of power	1,005,568	997,621	10,340,254	10,016,903
Other expenses	611,709	531,448	5,602,789	6,101,446
Operating margins	55,009	113,234	1,316,814	262,651
Nonoperating margins	(3,714)	40,891	135,391	191,468
Patronage dividends	-	-	25,260	179,055
Total margins	51,295	154,125	1,477,465	633,174

## member connection

### ENERGY TIP

Cover up cold feet. Research shows we are more sensitive to feeling cold when our toes are exposed, and women are more likely than men to have cold feet. Wearing comfy wool socks can help you feel warm all over, and you won't "feel" the need to turn up the thermostat!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 1**  
Happy New Year!

**January 3**  
Office is closed

**January 21**  
Electric bill is due

**April 2**  
2022 Annual Meeting – Districts 2, 5 & 8 are up for director elections  
*See page 5*

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Friday**  
**8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
Phone 218-463-1543

### AFTER HOURS/OUTAGE NUMBER

**Toll-free 1-888-847-8840**  
*(main outage call center)*

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

**1-800-252-1166 or 811**

### PAY BY PHONE

**1-877-999-3412**

### SMARTHUB

<https://roseauelectric.smarthub.coop/>

### WEBSITE

[www.roseauelectric.com](http://www.roseauelectric.com)



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# COLD-CLIMATE HEAT PUMPS

*Your perfect winter accessory*

Have you heard the old rumor that air-source heat pumps just can't keep up with the extreme cold in our neck of the woods? Times have changed, my friend – cold-climate heat pumps (CCHPs) are now the hot-ticket item for every Minnesota home.

CCHPs take the design of an air-source heat pump and kick it up a notch. They integrate a variable speed drive compressor into the technology, keeping CCHPs highly efficient even when the thermometer hits zero. In fact, they've been given higher Heating Season Performance Factor (HSPF) ratings than standard air-source heat pumps.

## JUST HOW EFFICIENT ARE CCHPS?

- When temperatures drop to below 47 degrees, CCHPs can run at 400% efficiency.
- At zero degrees, they still perform at 200% efficiency.
- Some companies even say their models remain efficient at as low as 20 below zero.
- Research has shown that CCHPs have been able to supply 90% of a home's heating needs with a 250% overall seasonal efficiency. That's pretty great, and it will save you a lot of money – especially with the volatile pricing of propane and natural gas these days.

Roseau Electric Cooperative offers incentives of \$500-\$700 per ton and a reduced electric rate if you install your CCHP on the off-peak program. All you have to do is include a backup fuel source for the times when electric demand peaks – usually around 100-150 hours a year.

The added bonus of a CCHP is, like a standard air-source heat pump, the unit also provides your home cooling in the summer. The process is the same whatever the season. The heat pump pulls heat out of the outside air and pushes it inside in the winter, and pulls heat out of your home and expels it outside in the summer. Your house remains consistently comfortable during any wild Midwest temperature swings.

Contact Roseau Electric Cooperative today to learn how you can save big and stay warm with a cold-climate heat pump!

**UP TO \$700 PER  
TON IN REBATES!**

