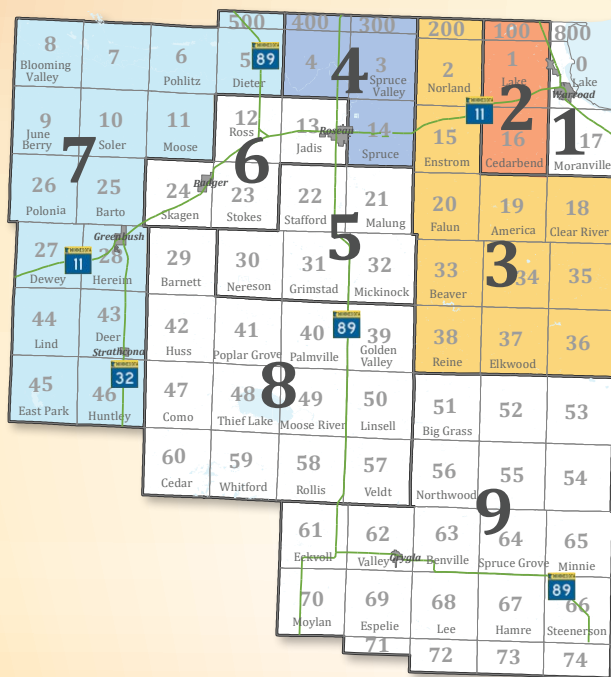
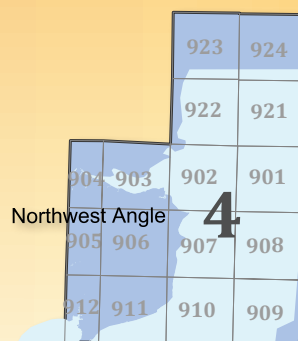


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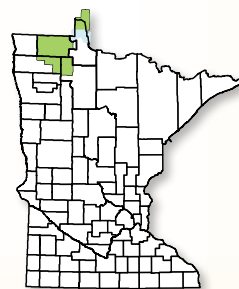


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The State of Minnesota has high wiring standards, which are in the best interest of you and your family or business. Improper wiring can damage your home, your property and equipment, and injure or kill the people you love. Currently, the state does 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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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



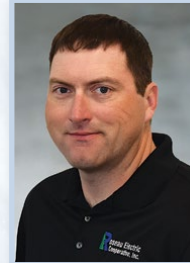
Ryan Severson
Assistant Manager
30 years



Marc Halvorson
Lineman
30 years



Jeremy Lindemann
Member Service Director
20 years



Devyn Brandt
Lineman
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

Bi-County Cap, Inc.

6603 Bemidji Ave. N
Bemidji, MN 56601-8669
(218) 751-4631



Grant Application Deadline Feb. 28, 2023

To be considered at the March 2023 meeting, grant applications must be received by **Feb. 28, 2023**.

Grant applications are available at the REC office or by visiting our website at www.roseauelectric.com.

From the line

Mike Millner, Line Superintendent



We have another year behind us. That means we made it out alive! That is something we can be thankful for, because I'm sure almost everyone lost someone they knew or loved this past year. A new year is like a new birth – we all have a lot to do with how we live it and must focus on what is really important. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I pray that you have a great new year filled with joy and happiness.

Our line crews had a very busy summer construction season. We were down a few new services from last year, but still ended up with 54 new services for the year. The guys were kept busy on several convert line changes, hanging fiber-optic cable on our poles, and high-water outages at the Northwest Angle. They also helped Wild Rice Electric in Mahnomen and Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op in Wadena on some

summer storms. Looking back, we had a great year of progress and without anyone getting hurt. We have a very busy summer ahead of us. I will need a crew up at the Northwest Angle the whole summer just to make all of the repairs and cable replacements due to high-water damage this past year.

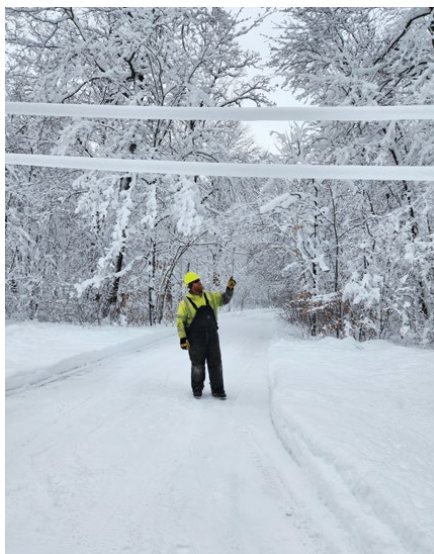
I have the guys mowing right of ways now with two mowers. We are also completing our LED light change-outs. They should be completed by the end of January. Our crews are also doing high voltage breaker maintenance, which entails taking them off the pole, bringing them in the shop, changing oil, running test faults and making any needed repairs. They will also complete the sectionalizing changes for customers on the Polaris and Greenbush substations. I ended up sending two crews down to Crow Wing Power in Brainerd to help with power restoration, and at the time

they had 8,000 customers out of power. My crews gave me some very positive feedback – they were treated very well and would definitely help them out anytime.

Hopefully your deer season was successful. Mine was great just having the kids home. Hope to see you on the lake. If you would like to know where the fish are biting, the last time out it was in the lip. LOL

Before I go, I have a couple quotes to share with you: "Freedom is never more than a generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children what it was once like in the United States where men were free," Ronald Reagan said. And words from Abraham Lincoln: "I would rather be a little nobody, than to be an evil somebody." Until our paths cross...Mike

ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PROVIDES MUTUAL AID TO CROW WING POWER IN BRAINERD



Chad Johnson deicing a power line.



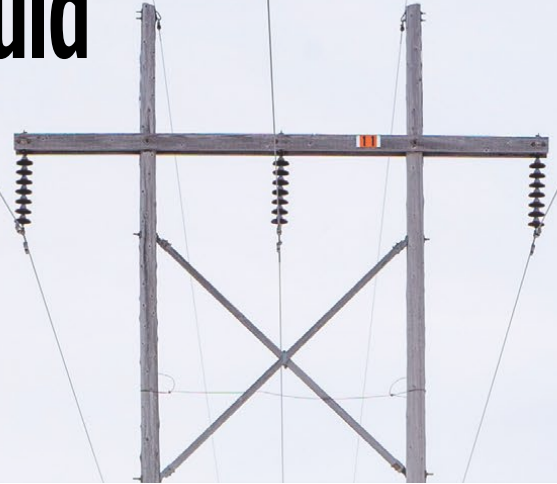
REC crew using a spotlight to locate snow covered power lines.



Luke Holland replacing a cutout.

Nation's electric grid could face winter challenges

NERC ASSESSMENT SAYS RISKS GROW WITH RETIREMENTS OF COAL, NUCLEAR GENERATION



The increasing demand for electricity and the retirement of reliable power plants are contributing to an “unprecedented” risk of power shortages across the United States this winter, according to a report from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

NERC, the entity charged with maintaining the reliability of the electric grid, issued its annual Winter Reliability Assessment in November. This assessment indicates that the shutdown of dependable power plants, inadequate generation weatherization, fuel supply risks and a shortage of natural gas pipeline capacity could lead to requests for energy conservation and the potential for controlled power outages across the U.S.

“The bulk power system is impacted year after year, more than it has ever been,” said John Moura, NERC’s director of reliability assessment. “Weather is the most influential factor. The grid has to constantly balance supply and demand.”

If power supply is not adequate to balance demand, controlled outages must be implemented to avoid

cascading failures. In extreme cold temperatures, short outages can present extraordinary hardships – and can even be life-threatening.

Minnkota Power Cooperative has more than enough electric generation resources (coal, wind and hydro) to meet its requirements throughout the year. However, Minnkota is interconnected with other utilities across the Upper Midwest through an organization called MISO. Challenges in other parts of the MISO region can and do impact Minnkota’s operations.

Since last winter, more than 4.2 gigawatts (equivalent to 4.2 billion watts) of coal and nuclear power plant capacity were retired without adequate replacement in other areas of the MISO system. These resources provide vital reliability and resiliency to the grid because they have the ability to operate on a 24/7 basis and are built to run in subzero temperatures. Conversely, wind and solar farms can be prone to operational challenges in extreme cold conditions – including shutdown.

Minnkota is taking action to ensure it is ready for the winter season and is doing everything possible to

protect its membership from challenges, including:

- Routine maintenance and weatherization of electric generation and transmission assets are conducted to ensure reliability.
- Minnkota continues to operate and maintain its coal-based resources, which have performed well in polar vortex events and during other weather-related challenges.
- Minnkota’s robust off-peak program provides vital grid support during extreme events and helps shield the membership from high-cost energy purchases on the open market.
- Minnkota continues to advocate for a sensible energy transition that works toward environmental goals while still ensuring the reliability of the electric grid.
- Minnkota will continue to work with policymakers to help explain the impacts of legislation on the reliability and affordability of electricity.

2023 director elections

PETITION DEADLINE MONDAY, JAN. 30, 2023

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.

Four directors will be elected at the 2023 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 1 at the Roseau City Center. The directors whose terms expire in 2023 are Jim Christianson, District 2 (2-year term); Dale Moser, District 3 (3-year term); Brian Grafstrom, District 4 (3-year term); and Mike Wahl, District 7 (3-year term). **Dale Moser has 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, 3, 4 or 7 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 Monday, Jan. 30, 2023.

Petition for Nomination

The following members wish to nominate (insert name) _____ for (insert Districts 2, 3, 4 or 7) _____ director position, and to place such name on the ballot for the April 1, 2023 election at the annual meeting of the Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 5 of the bylaws.

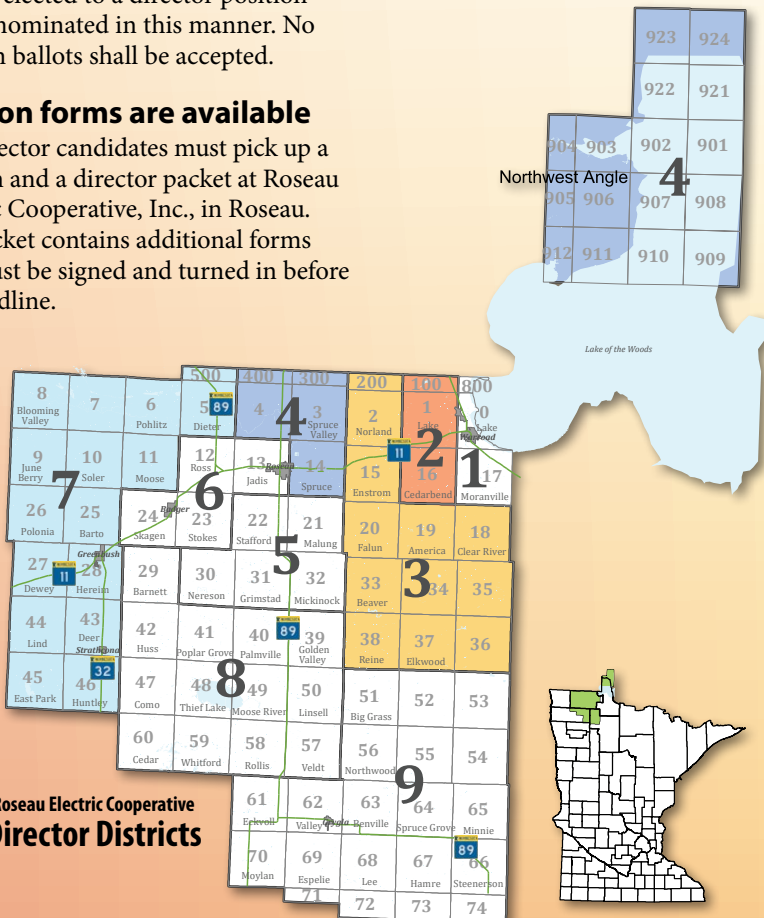
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The Cooperative must receive this completed petition no later than the close of business Monday, January 30, 2023. At the Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday April 1, 2023, elections will be held for one director in District 2, one director in District 3, one director in District 4, and one director in District 7.

The directors whose terms expire in 2023 are as follows:

DISTRICT 2 2-year Term	DISTRICT 3 3-year Term	DISTRICT 4 3-year Term	DISTRICT 7 3-year Term
Jim Christianson	Dale Moser (Open Seat)	Brian Grafstrom	Mike Wahl

Any 10 or more members who reside in Districts 2, 3, 4 or 7 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

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Board 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.

A RESOLUTION TO SAVE

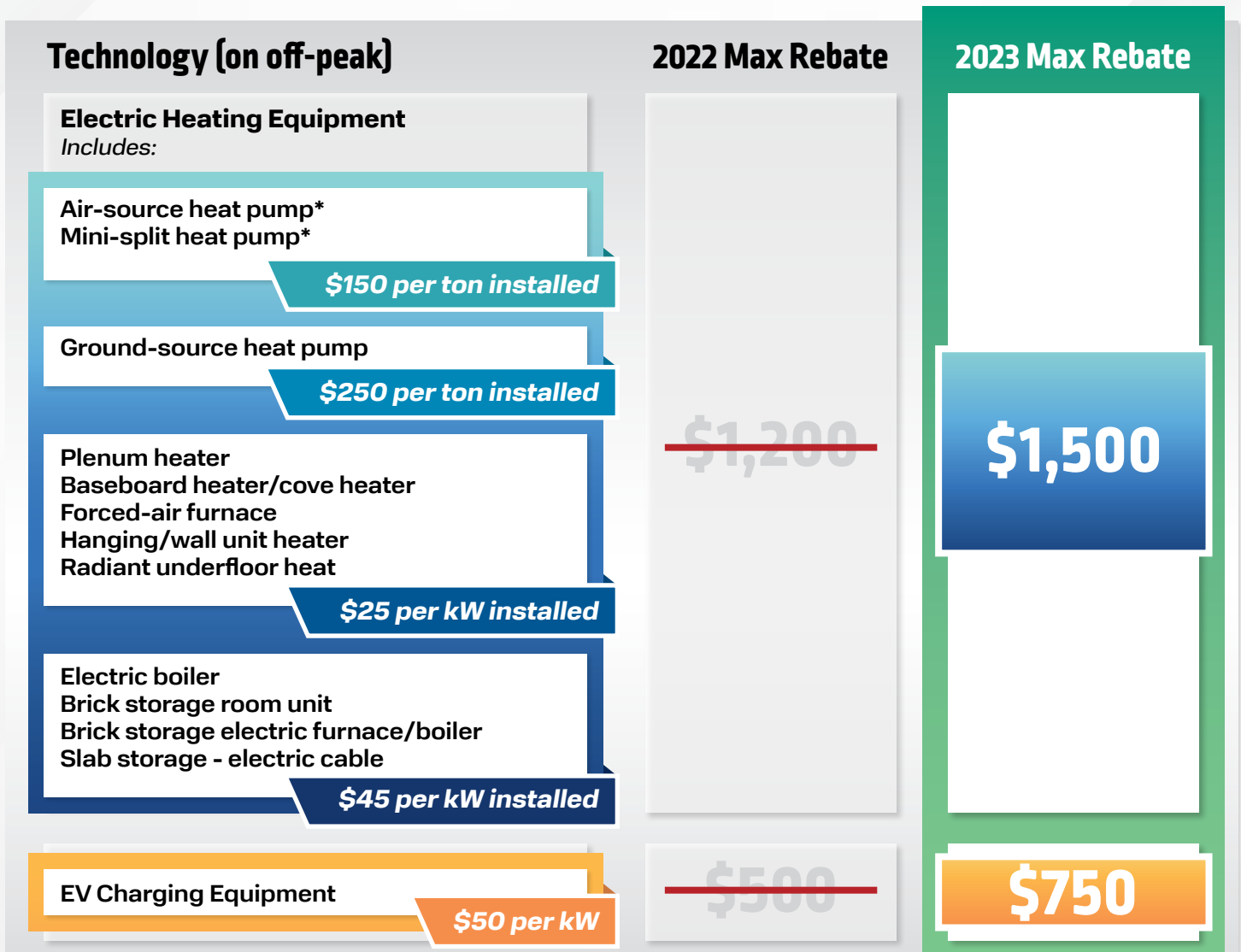
Receive our **LARGEST REBATES EVER** in 2023!

New Year's resolutions can be daunting, whether you want to quit a bad habit, exercise more or learn a new skill. But we're going to make positive changes a little easier for you this time around, because Roseau Electric Cooperative is setting its own New Year's resolutions in 2023.

Resolution 1: Electrify more members' lives | **Resolution 2: Put more money back in members' hands**

How are we going to follow through? We're boosting our maximum rebates on two of 2023's hottest electric technologies: electric heating (including heat pumps) and electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment. All you have to do is enroll in your co-op's money-saving off-peak program. On top of the equipment rebate, you'll receive an exclusive reduced electric rate – nearly half of the standard rate.

2023 is going to be a great year for you. Take a look at all the ways you can save!



**Air-source and mini-split heat pumps do not need to be part of an off-peak heating system to be eligible for this rebate.*

Start the new year right by learning more about Roseau Electric Cooperative's off-peak program options. Just call our friendly member services team at 218-463-1543 or browse the technology options at ValueOfElectricity.com!

The average home in our area can be powered for **\$5 per day** – the price of your favorite winter drink.



VALUING EVERYTHING THAT POWERS YOUR DAY.

THAT'S THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY.



OPERATING STATISTICS

	Monthly		Year to Date	
	November 2021	November 2022	November 2021	November 2022
Members	6,636	6,650	6,636	6,650
kWh purchased	13,703,194	14,790,944	131,630,909	142,585,297
% change		7.94%		8.32%
Revenue	1,642,303	1,781,205	16,381,000	17,547,673
Cost of power	997,621	1,043,672	10,016,903	10,553,977
Other expenses	531,448	506,486	6,101,446	6,121,624
Operating margins	113,234	231,047	262,651	872,072
Nonoperating margins	40,891	16,016	191,468	94,403
Patronage dividends	-	-	179,055	199,013
Total margins	154,125	247,063	633,174	1,165,488

member connection

ENERGY TIP

Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

Source: energystar.gov



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 21

Electric bill is due

April 1

2023 Annual Meeting;
Districts 2, 3, 4, & 7
are up for director elections
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YOUR CO-OP. YOUR VOICE.

The Minnesota legislative session began in January and Roseau Electric Cooperative has been active in advocating for public policy that preserves reliable and affordable energy in our region. There are many new faces in the legislature this year, and it's important that lawmakers know the important role electric cooperatives play in their local communities. Legislative changes can have significant impacts on our operations and can increase costs to our members.

Electric cooperatives have been successful in the past through grassroots advocacy, where directors, managers, employees and member-owners take an active role in the political process to protect their co-op from harmful legislation and regulation, as well as to promote the value of co-op ownership to their legislators.

Here are the legislators who represent Roseau Electric Cooperative members in St. Paul and Washington, D.C.

YOUR COOPERATIVE'S LEGISLATORS



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