

McLeod Cooperative Power NEWS

November 2018

Satisfaction and comfort delivered to members purchasing automatic generators



It is the objective of McLeod Co-op Power to provide a professional, neat, and hassle-free installation of an automatic generator, so that you are no longer inconvenienced when a storm or unwelcomed event interrupts electricity to your home or business. We don't want an ice storm, blizzard, severe thunderstorm, cyberattack of the grid, or unexpected power supply issue to leave you in the dark. Our satisfied customers tell the story best.

"We were very pleased with the installation of our Briggs & Stratton generator by McLeod Co-op Power. Your crew did a great job with the installation and the site looks wonderful," said Dean and Paulette Jopp of Mayer. They went on to explain, "Just two days after the installation, a storm came through and power was out, however, our generator system started up and our lights were on."

McLeod Co-op Power is an authorized sales and installation retailer for Briggs & Stratton automatic standby generators. The Co-op sells automatic, permanently wired generators from 12-200 kW with turnkey installation and

maintenance services. The systems are designed to give homeowners a ready supply of electricity during power outages to keep their home warm, dry, comfortable and well-lit. The systems are highly desirable by snowbirds or weekend vacationers who worry about freezing pipes or a flooded basement. Systems can be configured to power all or most of the appliances in a home.

Residential units are powered by propane or natural gas. Installed cost of depends upon size requirements and wiring. Larger farm and commercial systems are available in many sizes and price

ranges, can be air-cooled or liquid-cooled, and come in single-phase or three-phase models. Systems are available to any person, business or farm in the area, even if they do not receive electrical service from McLeod Co-op Power.

The Co-op can also order portable or inverter Briggs & Stratton generators for members upon request. Members interested in more information should call McLeod Co-op Power at 1-800-494-6272.

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Mayer, MN**

Progress made on facilities plan

McLeod Co-op Power is making progress on plans to build a future office and covered storage facility on a lot just east of USDA and Midwest Research Swine on 11th Street E. in Glencoe (behind Shopko).

The City of Glencoe accepted the Co-op's offer of \$211,000 for 6.6 acres in the city's east industrial park plus 3.3 adjoining acres of agricultural land, on which McLeod Co-op Power hopes to build its future office and covered storage/garage on one central site. This price per acre is similar to other recent purchases of commercial lots within the city. Glencoe is completing the purchase and annexation of these acres. The Co-op is working on the purchase agreement with the City and plans to close on the property early next year.

Although the co-op will utilize city water and sewer services, McLeod Co-op Power will provide electric service to its new facility. "Being able to provide electricity to our new building was a priority for the Co-op and its board of directors," said General Manager Carrie Buckley. She added, "Serving ourselves with power

is allowable under Minnesota Statute and we appreciate the city's willingness to accommodate our request."

McLeod Co-op Power had explored a variety of rural sites, as well as commercial lots in other neighboring municipalities, before settling on this parcel in the Glencoe East Industrial Park. The Co-op learned that to construct a commercial building today in a rural area without municipal water and sewer services can be cost-prohibitive due to requirements for on-site wastewater treatment and fire-fighting water supply.

Soil borings and preliminary site testing is being conducted. Brunton Architects are developing a facility plan and working with staff on meeting the co-ops operational needs. The Co-op hopes to combine it's various

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sites in and around Glencoe into one central location by mid-2020.

One step in the Co-op’s facilities plan called for selling the former Agri-Fleet building, located across from the main office in Glencoe. The Co-op accepted an offer on the building several months ago, however, the closing was postponed due to unexpected delays. Closing on the building should be completed this month. The new owner plans to open Lazy Loon brewery and tap room.



Rebates may be depleted for 2018, but the investment in an off-peak appliance is wise even without a rebate.

The employees and directors of McLeod Cooperative Power wish all of our members and their families a blessed Thanksgiving. Take this time to be grateful for the many blessings we each enjoy.



The MCPA office will be closed Thursday and Friday Nov. 22 & 23. Please use the 24-hour outage number to reach the Cooperative for outages, emergencies or other messages: 1-800-927-5685.

Manager’s Message —
by Carrie L. Buckley, General Manager



We are thankful for your membership

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

In the spirit of this quote by author William Arthur Ward, I’d like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your membership in our electric Cooperative. Because of your connection to McLeod Co-op Power, we are able to make our community a better place.

During this season of giving thanks, I think it’s important to let you and other members know just what an impact you have on our Co-op and the greater community, likely in ways you may not even realize. When you attend Co-op events, alert us to problems, and provide suggestions, you help us improve operations and programs allowing us to better serve the larger Co-op membership.

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is “Concern for Community.” While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy, we also view our role in the community as a catalyst for good. Our Cooperative participates in Farmfest, hosts a MN Twins youth baseball clinic, supports 4-H and FFA organizations, donates annually to Ridgewater College Foundation scholarships, and supports local organizations and events. Our employees are active in local communities by volunteering time for community events, local township government, coaching youth athletics, and participating in various organizations.

Over the years, McLeod Co-op Power has leveraged USDA funds for economic development loans to promote growth and help businesses expand in our area. Many area businesses have received low-interest loans to get started from the Co-op.

We work closely with our local schools to provide electrical safety demonstrations in the classroom each year. We have arranged for the Bakken Museum to present history/science programs in several

area schools. For decades, McLeod Co-op Power has participated in the NRECA Washington D.C. Youth Tour. The Co-op has taken the community’s brightest young people to Washington D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. The trip is inspirational for many students and we are both humbled and honored to be a part of this leadership development journey. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you! You empower the Co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We are thankful that our Co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better informed advisors that serve the Co-op’s interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our line workers and other employees receive from members when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations.

McLeod Co-op Power was originally established 83 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The Cooperative is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. Together, let’s continue making our corner of the world a better place. We can’t do it without you, and for that, we’re thankful for your membership.

Proud to keep your lights on. Carrie

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What You Don't Know About Electric Vehicles Could THRILL YOU

Electric vehicles aren't just for city driving

If you want a really powerful car, maybe one that can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in less than 3 seconds, consider an electric vehicle like the NIO EP9.

You're right, that's too powerful. The NIO EP9 would also cost you more than a million dollars. But even more modest versions offer a respectable kick. The Chevy Bolt and Ford Focus, with price tags in the \$35,000 range, make the jump to 60 mph in 6 to 11 seconds, which is about average for all U.S. cars.

There's a built-in reason electric cars hold their own in performance, says Brian Sloboda, a program and product manager at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

"In an electric car, all of the power is going into the wheels. With a gas-powered car, a lot of power is lost inside the mechanical engine," says Sloboda. "If you sit in an electric car and the driver smashes down on the accelerator, you are going to be thrown into the back of your seat, much more so than many gasoline cars."

In March, Goodyear announced a new tire that would hold up better under the "instant torque from electric motors."

But wait, there's more.

"The battery is at the bottom of the car, so you have a lower center of gravity, which means you can take the corners crisper," says Sloboda. "If you do a lot of driving in the hills or mountains, they are fun."

Electric vehicles hold a lot of other surprises compared to the traditional view of them as a glorified golf cart. Even electric co-ops in rural parts of the country are hearing interest from their members.

About 700,000 electric vehicles drive on U.S. roads today, according to an analysis by CoBank, a financier for electric co-ops. That number could jump to 3 million in the next five years, says CoBank. The U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration projects electric vehicle sales growing from about 1 percent of the market today to 12 percent by 2055.

Car makers are pushing those trends. In October 2017, General Motors said it would launch 20 new electric vehicles by 2023. In January, Ford announced plans to invest \$11 billion in a lineup of 40 hybrid and electric vehicles by 2022. Volkswagen said it had secured \$25 billion in electric car batteries and technology and plans to scale that up to \$60 billion.



One of the most radical new notions about electric vehicles, advises Sloboda, is to think of them not as cars or trucks, but as consumer electronics.

"The internal combustion engine is a perfected technology, so those cars aren't improving at a very rapid pace," says Sloboda. "But electric vehicles are evolving at a very rapid pace, so you're really kind of comparing it to a cellphone or a computer."

What that means for consumers, says Sloboda, is that they might consider leasing an electric car rather than buying one, to make it easier to trade in the car to take advantage of the annual improvements in battery life and other features.

Other unexpected benefits of electric vehicles that could speed their acceptance, says Sloboda, include range, maintenance and more competitive costs.

Will I run out of juice?

The electric vehicle industry has a term for the biggest roadblock to its growth: range anxiety. But Sloboda says the fear of getting stranded far from home with no way to refuel may be overblown and getting less concerning.

"The range on the electric cars you can buy today is perfectly sufficient to cover almost everyone's daily commute," he says. Sloboda says that while electric cars won't work for someone regularly commuting 100 miles a day, "For most people, even in rural areas, that number is under 40 miles a day. Most electric cars on the market today have between a 120-mile range, and some of them are getting close to 200 miles."

The Federal Highway Administration reports the average American drives 37 miles a day.

Less hassle

Electric car acceptance doesn't need to wait for a network or charging stations to appear around the country, says Sloboda. He sees refueling more like this: you plug your car into an outlet in your

garage at the end of each day, and by morning it's fully charged.

"No more having to stop and fill your tank up once or twice a week," he says. "You can charge it at home while you're sleeping and wake up to a full tank every single day."

Electric cars can also save on maintenance, says Sloboda. "With an electric vehicle, you don't have oil changes, and you don't really have transmission fluid changes," he says.

And regenerative braking in electric cars uses the electric motor to slow the car rather than relying only on brake pad friction. Sloboda says, "A lot of electric vehicle owners are saying they've never replaced their brakes because you just don't have the physical wear and tear on the brake pad."

Costs are coming down

Sloboda says electric car costs today make them a luxury car, but that's changing. As electric car research, development and production increases, costs will be coming down. Tax breaks for electric cars at the federal level and in some states can reduce costs by several thousand dollars. And Sloboda notes that electricity costs less per mile than gasoline.

But one of the main reasons drivers buy electric cars is for the environment. Sloboda says an electric car "is cleaner than a gas-powered car, no doubt about it."

Another advantage of an electric car, he adds, is that "you're powering it with electricity from your local electric co-op."

Paul Wesslund writes on cooperative issues for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.

Now is the time to ensure your Dual Fuel system is working as it should.

If you have a Dual Fuel heating system, you know that your primary electric heat shuts down during times of peak energy use and your secondary fossil fuel system (or electric storage furnace) starts up automatically to maintain comfort.

If your Dual Fuel system is working well, the switch is hardly noticeable. However, if one or the other source of heat is not working as it should, you could be in for a “cold” awakening. Here are some tips to make sure your Dual Fuel system will keep you and your family nice and toasty all winter long:

- Inspect your fossil fuel tank’s gauge to make sure you have adequate fuel. Control times may run several hours and you don’t want to run out. It’s always a good idea to call for a fill when the tank reads one-third full. Also, check to make sure you can’t smell the propane. That could signal a leak, which could be dangerous.
- Operate the electric heating equipment to be sure it turns on when the thermostat calls for heat. Make sure you also do this check for the back-up fossil fuel system (or electric storage furnace) to make sure it starts. Throughout the winter, check the heating unit filters monthly.
- Regularly have your HVAC system cleaned and checked by a professional contractor. The Co-op has a list of qualified contractors for your reference.
- If you use an air source heat pump for year-around space conditioning, remember to clean debris from around your equipment that accumulated from summer use and have it checked and cleaned by a professional contractor before the heating season begins. Your ASHP will run more efficiently, saving energy and money.

Once your system has been checked, you can take comfort that your home should stay warm and cozy for less money, no matter what Old Man Winter throws at you.

Staying warm, safe and comfy is easy with these energy-efficient options



Last year’s long, cold and snowy winter made us all long for warmer weather. Minnesota Winters can be hard on our resolve and our pocket books. If you are looking forward to this coming winter with dread, it could be that your heating system isn’t doing the best job in the most cost-effective way. As a Cooperative member, you have a lot of great options for staying warm and cozy this winter, while reducing your energy use and cost.

Your Cooperative also has money-saving Energy Management programs that keep bills in check without sacrificing comfort. Our Energy Management programs mean you can enjoy the warmth and safety of electricity, without breaking the bank. That’s because our programs offer electric rates nearly half off the regular electric rate, which can save as much as hundreds of dollars each heating season, especially if you’re using propane or fuel oil as your heating source.

The Co-op can work with you to choose a heating system that best fits your

lifestyle and budget. There’s no reason to have to suffer through another long, cold winter and high bills.

Some options to consider include:

- Dual Fuel, utilizing electric as primary heat and fossil fuel as a “peak control” back-up
- Air Source Heat Pumps
- Off-peak/Interruptible Water Heating Programs
- Off-Peak Heating
 - Central Storage Furnace (hydronic available for in-floor heat)
 - Storage Room Heaters (for that cold basement guest bedroom, for example)
 - Slab Storage Heat for warmth of floors and more

For more information on any of these options, please call the Co-op or visit the website. Our Energy Management Technicians can assess your home, lifestyle and budget and recommend the best option.



Senate Resolution Recognizes Electric Co-ops

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution (S. Res. 672) recognizing electric co-ops for energy conservation programs that provide savings for co-op member-consumers. Sens. Chris Coons (D-DE) and Cory Gardner (R-CO) introduced the measure on October 10 to recognize the "Beat the Peak" program that a number of electric cooperatives utilize to encourage consumers to reduce energy consumption during peak periods. The Senate passed the resolution later that day, highlighting the importance of innovative programs promoted by electric co-ops to protect consumers' interests.

Electrifying Minnesota comes to Olmsted County

It might come as a shock, but bringing electricity to some parts of Minnesota encountered some resistance. The Olmsted County History Center is hosting a traveling exhibit, "Electrifying Minnesota," through Dec. 1. Created by the Baaken Museum in partnership with the Minnesota History Center, the exhibit shows how electricity shaped our current society. That some people resisted bringing electricity to their homes is one of the more illuminating aspects of the exhibit, said Dan Nowakowski, curator of collections and exhibits at the Olmsted County History Center.

"To the younger generations, electric power is always just a given," Nowakowski said. Parts of the exhibit are interactive and hands on, he added. People can create electricity using small generators on display. With excerpts of first-hand accounts from more than 100 years ago, before electricity was ubiquitous, the exhibit helps visitors imagine what it was like to have electric power at your fingertips for the first time. It also shows how Minnesota's electric power is generated today and some ideas that went by the wayside decades ago. One exhibit shows an animal-powered treadmill that turned a restless dog or goat's energy into electricity. One part of the exhibit details controversy over running 430 miles of upgraded power lines through 460 farm properties in the late 1970s. The plan spurred protests and political resistance but was ultimately built.

~Rochester Post Bulletin

TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:

1. Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)

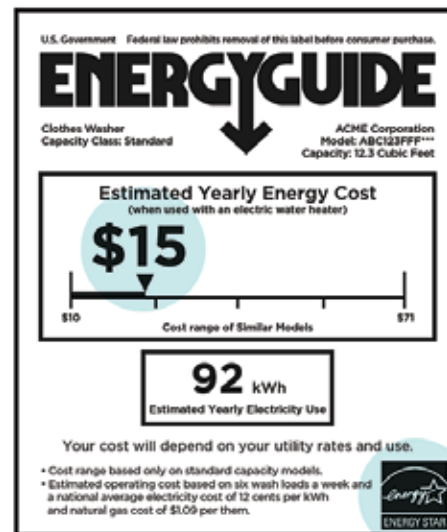


2. Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)



That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- **Look for the ENERGY STAR® label.** ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- **Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.** The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- **Once you choose your make and model, compare prices.** Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- **Recycle or sell your old appliance.** Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!



Source: Department of Energy



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

Source: energy.gov



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Scenic 2019 calendars are available now

This year's 2019 scenic Minnesota calendars are available in the Co-op office. Please stop in and pick up a copy. First come, first serve, while supplies last.

Co-op helps deliver farm fatigue buckets

Each fall the Hutchinson Agri-Business Committee, along with the Glencoe Agri-Business Committee, gather donations of food, wellness, and safety items from Chamber of Commerce members. The donated items are packed in buckets and hand delivered to the local farmers out in the field during harvest time. In October, McLeod Cooperative Power assisted the local Chamber organizations with delivery of buckets of thanks to area farmers.

September 2018 Outage Summary

During the month of September the Cooperative had a total of 64 outages. Planned outages were the most frequent cause of outages, with 15 outages attributed to planned construction or upgrade projects. Eight were caused by lightning.

The outage affecting the most consumers was caused by trees hanging over/into power lines. On September 21, an outage south of New Germany affected 42 members starting at 2:55 a.m. Power was restored in two and a half hours. The second

largest outage affected 38 members north of Hutchinson. It was on September 11 just after midnight. This line section outage was due to an underground equipment failure and members were without power for one hour and 42 minutes.

McLeod Co-op Power regrets any inconvenience these outages caused for our members. The Co-op reminds everyone that any downed power line can be dangerous. People should stay away from downed lines and immediately report the situation to 911, or their utility if they know who owns the power lines.

Going south for the winter

Options are:

- You can pay in advance.
- Have the post office forward your mail.
- You can sign up for auto pay and have the payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.
- You can call us with a credit card payment.

Be sure to make arrangements before you leave by calling 1-800-494-6272.

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Please limit your ad to nine words. Use the coupon printed here or available at McLeod Cooperative's front desk to submit your ad. Ads will be printed for one month only. Please submit a new ad if you want it published more than one month. Include your name and address, which will be used for identification purposes only. Ads must be received by November 28 to be included in the December issue. Thank you!

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- Green steel roofing. Make offer. 320-583-5388
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- Hopper bottom bin. Make offer. 320-583-5388
- Small square wheat straw bales. 320-522-2167

Wanted

- Wood stove for basement heat. 320-979-3580

Giveaway

- Black and grey kittens. Born around May 15. 320-327-6545

What can you safely eat during a power outage?

If the power goes out for several hours or days, what can you feed your family? Or if a blizzard/ice storm is predicted and you are trying to prepare for being confined to the house for a few days, what should you have on hand? Always keep a generous supply of bottled water on hand. That is the most critical.

It is recommended that you shop to fill the pantry at the beginning of storm season with a few extra packages of nonperishable items you use regularly. Rotate your items occasionally so that your stock is fresh. Good options include low-sodium canned beans, vegetables, or fruit (packed in fruit juice). Other good



choices are breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, chicken or other meats, pouches of fully cooked whole grains, nuts, whole-wheat crackers, snack bars, or plant milk that does not need refrigeration. And remember to have a manual can opener in the house to open the cans.

The food in your refrigerator and freezer does not immediately go bad during a power outage. If you keep the doors closed, a refrigerator will maintain a safe temperature (below 40 degrees F) for about 4 hours, according to the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service. A full freezer will stay cold for 48 hours. A half-full freezer for 24 hours. Keep

a thermometer in your refrigerator or freezer to check exact temperature when your power comes back on.

Some food will last a while even if the power has been out longer than four hours. Bread, butter, fresh fruit and vegetables, jelly, and hard cheeses (such as cheddar) will keep at room temperature. So you do not have to be afraid to eat them even if the power outage exceeds four hours. Apples, bananas, avocados, citrus fruit, carrots, celery, cucumbers, grapes, green beans, peppers, snap peas, and tomatoes are fresh foods that can be eaten raw and will be good for days unrefrigerated. They are good items to pick up before a storm.

And for the family that has a garden and cans fruits and vegetables annually, you may have a ready supply of food on the shelf to supply some of your nutritional needs during a storm.

Your cozy electric blanket all winter long

\$35

Electricity continues to be a great value courtesy of your electric cooperative

Over 2,000 members enjoy the safety and convenience of Direct Pay option

This is an especially good time for members to sign up for the Direct Payment (Autopay) Plan. You can get away from writing a check, putting on a stamp and mailing your payment to the Cooperative. It is so simple to sign up. Once on the program, MCPA will automatically take care of the bank draft from your account. You save time and money each month and so does the Cooperative.

Here is how it works:

- You will receive your normal monthly bill around the 15th of each month, giving you 13 days to review the charges.
- Your bank account will not be charged until the 28th of the month (or the next business day if it falls on a weekend).

To get on the Direct Payment Plan, just fill out the Authorization for Direct Payment form and return it to the Cooperative along with a voided check. Please allow 3-4 weeks for your enrollment on the program.

Call 1-800-494-6272 today if you need assistance signing up.

Meet the people behind your power

Being part of the electric co-op family means a lot. I have several family members that work for other rural electric co-ops. We are all dedicated to serving co-op members. It must be in our blood.

My co-workers at MCPA are like family too. We remind each other to work safely. We pull together when we run into challenges.

Terry Underdahl
Line Foreman

McLeod Co-op Power member
Youth athletic coach
School volunteer

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Date _____

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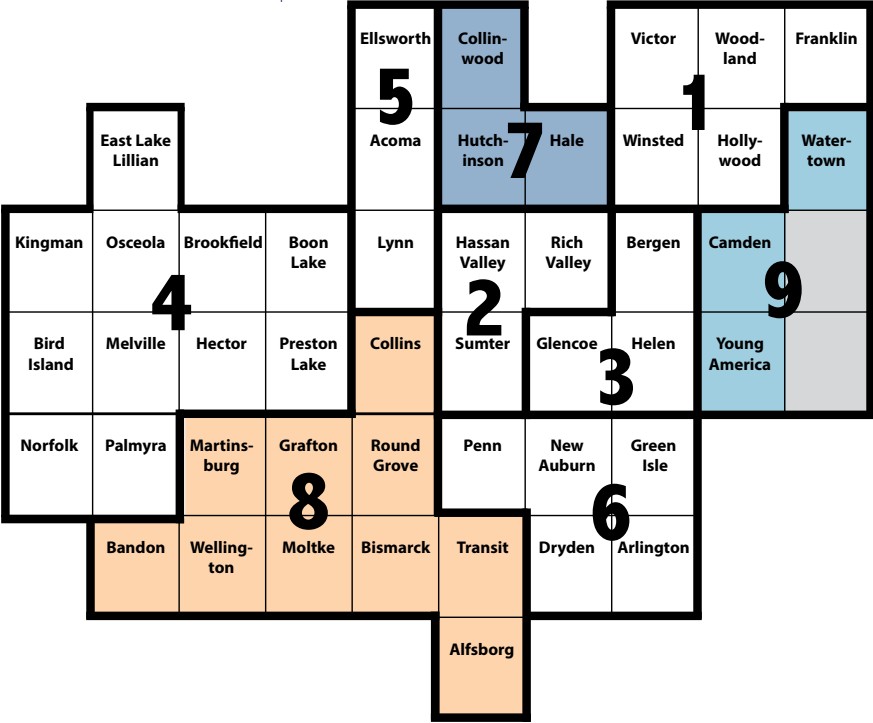
Volunteers needed for Nominating Committee

To elect directors in Districts 7, 8, & 9 at the 2019 Annual Meeting, we need members from those districts to serve on the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee members participate in the election process by selecting director candidates and submitting their names to the Board for approval. They also assist with collecting and counting ballots at the Annual Meeting. Volunteers are needed from the following townships:

- District 7** includes: Hutchinson and Hale Townships in McLeod County; and Collinwood Township in Wright County.
- District 8** includes: Martinsburg, Wellington, and Bandon Townships in Renville County; Grafton, Moltke, Bismarck, Transit, and Alfsborg Townships in Sibley County; and Collins and Round Grove Townships in McLeod County.
- District 9** includes: Young America, Camden, and Watertown Townships in Carver County.

Call McLeod Cooperative Power at 1-800-494-6272 if you are willing to volunteer for the 2019 Nominating Committee no later than January 2, 2019. Committee meetings are scheduled for January 24 and February 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The Annual Meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Members in good standing who serve on the Nominating Committee are paid a per diem for the meetings plus mileage. Nominating candidates to run for board seats is an important part of the democratic process of operating your electric cooperative. We encourage your participation.



What makes a good director candidate?
Should I run for the MCPA board?

The requirements for eligibility of a director candidate are listed on the form on this page. They come right from the Co-op’s by-laws. There are also some important personal characteristics that a director should possess.

Directors should have a sincere interest in preserving the strength of the Cooperative’s operations and maintaining a productive relationship with its consumer-members. They must be accessible to the members who they represent. Directors must work with each other to ensure equitable treatment to all members across the entire distribution system.

Directors must also be willing and able to fully participate in the business activities of the Cooperative. From time-to time,

directors may be called upon to represent the Cooperative at meetings or events, in addition to expected attendance at regular monthly board meetings.

Directors also need to possess basic computer skills to receive electronic communications and reports from the Co-op. Each director receives their materials to review before board meetings via iPad.

Members in the districts with elections, who meet the qualifications and characteristics described on this page and have an interest in helping direct McLeod Co-op Power, should consider being a candidate. Anyone interested may contact the Co-op with questions. We would be happy to provide more information. Call 1-800-494-6272.

McLeod Cooperative Power Association
Director Candidate Application

By signing this application, I certify that I am a member of McLeod Co-op Power Association (MCPA), and I hereby apply as a nominee for director of MCPA from District _____ and request that my name be considered by the Nominating Committee to be placed on the ballot for the next election for director from said district to be held at the next MCPA annual meeting, April 9, 2019.

- I am a member in good standing of the Cooperative and my account is current;
- I am receiving service at my primary residence or principal place of business in the district from which the Director is elected;
- Within the past five (5) years I have not been adjudged to be guilty of a felony;
- Within the past five (5) years I have not been an employee of the Cooperative;
- During the past five (5) years I have not been employed by a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employees of the Cooperative;
- I am not a close relative of a current employee of the Co-op or of an incumbent Director that is not up for re-election (includes child, grandchild, great-grandchild, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece, whether by blood, or in law);
- I am not in any way employed by or substantially financially interested in an enterprise competing with the Cooperative or any Cooperative-affiliated business;
- I am not the full-time employee or agent of another Director;
- If elected, I agree to not be absent without cause from three (3) or more regular meetings of the Board of Directors during any twelve (12) month period, and abide by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and policies of MCPA.

I have read the above requirements and certify that I meet the candidate qualifications. I verify that all information and documentation I provide to MCPA for purposes of nomination or election as a director is true and correct.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Print address: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Return to MCPA by January 15, 2019