

McLeod Cooperative Power NEWS

November 2019

Mankato State students observe construction at Co-op's facility

About ten students from Mankato State University's civil engineering program were invited to the site of MCPA's new facility for a tour. The university occasionally works with Adolfson and Peterson Construction and Wells Concrete to expose students in engineering programs and construction management programs to on-site commercial building construction processes.

The group observed as precast concrete panels were delivered and installed on October 25. See page 2 for more photos and an update from General Manager Carrie Buckley.



Students watch as a 32 foot precast concrete panel is tipped up and prepared for installation at the site of McLeod Co-op Power's new facility.

Director candidates sought for Districts 1, 2 & 3

Members interested in running for a seat on the MCPA Board of Directors in 2020 may submit their application, using the form on page 8. See the information on page 8 for director candidate qualifications also. Applications should be received at the Co-op no later than January 15, 2020.

Elections for directors in Districts 1, 2 and 3 will be in April of 2020. The map below shows the townships in each of these districts.

Volunteers needed for Nominating Committee

To elect directors in Districts 1, 2, & 3 at the 2020 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:

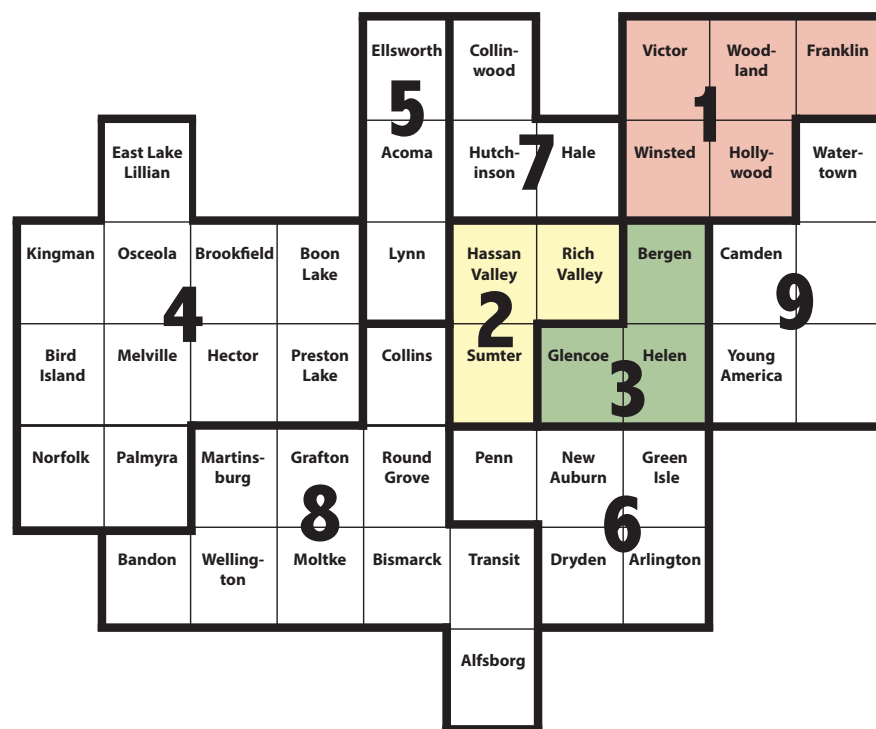
District 1 includes: Hollywood Township in Carver County, Winsted Township in McLeod County, and Victor, Woodland, and Franklin Township in Wright County.

District 2 includes: Hassan Valley, Sumter and Rich Valley Townships in McLeod County.

District 3 includes: Bergen, Helen, and Glencoe Townships in McLeod County.

Call McLeod Cooperative Power at 1-800-494-6272 if you are willing to volunteer for the 2020 Nominating Committee no later than January 2, 2020. Committee meetings are scheduled for January 29 and February 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. The Annual Meeting is planned for April 14, 2020.

Members who serve on the Nominating Committee are paid a per diem for each meeting 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.



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



Construction progressing despite the weather



The water and sewer at the new facility site are in place. The Co-op is working to bring electrical power lines to the site. As of this October 25 photo, most of the pre-cast panels for the office portion of the new facility were up and the crane was setting the panels for the garage/warehouse.



Currently, construction is on-schedule, and weather permitting, the roof should be on and the building enclosed by mid-November so indoor work on the building can be done throughout the winter months. The Co-op is hoping to have the building in Glencoe's East Industrial Park completed in August of 2020.

Our boots and shoes were muddy from walking through the muck, the cold wind bit at our cheeks, the gray and overcast skies threatened more rain, but the Board of Directors and I were smiling as we saw the outlines of the office portion of our new facility.

I am grateful for many things, but as I write my update of our construction progress on the combined facility, I am very grateful for every dry construction day we can get! I am confident our farmers are thinking the same as they attempt to harvest their crops.

Our contractor, Adolfson & Peterson and their subcontractors, have been masterful at scheduling around the wet weather. They have been ever mindful of critical dates, such as the arrival of the pre-cast panels, and making sure the sitework, storm water drainage, and utility road were completed on time. Their attention to sitework detail is top notch.

As of this writing, the office portion of the facility has walls.



The precast concrete wall panels are 22 or 32 feet tall each, depending upon what part of the building they are being used in. Each panel is unloaded from the semi, lifted by the crane, and set in place, while workers attach it to the adjoining wall section and put the temporary supports in place.

When we saw the size of the office portion compared to the sitework remaining for the garage, it was easy to envision what the Board has asked for all along; we are building a garage with some offices attached to it. It will be very functional yet a structure of which the entire membership can be proud.

Here's another project for which I am grateful; our Co-op Bylaw review. Our Strategic planning sessions identified the necessity of keeping our Co-op Bylaws current as part of our governance initiative. The Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws were last reviewed in 2000, so yes, it is time they were updated. The review can be daunting, and I appreciate that we had several Directors step up to join our Governance Committee, which has been meeting after regular board meetings beginning last July. The Governance Committee will suggest changes to the full McLeod Co-op Board who will review and approve recommended changes to be voted upon by the Members. We anticipate the review will be completed by year end. You will receive the recommendations to be voted on in time for the 2020 McLeod Cooperative Power Annual Meeting. Recommendations for the bylaw review will generally cover out-of-date language, changes in associated laws, the adoption of new technology, and adjustments to recommended co-op business practices.

As I reflect on gratitude, allow me to express my appreciation for our employees who work hard to restore power during outages, but also accomplish the necessary everyday tasks which make our cooperative successful.

Happy Thanksgiving to our Co-op members! My sincere wish for you is that your life is full; be it with a bountiful harvest, a dry day, a good cup of coffee, or whatever that might mean to you.

Proud to keep your lights on,

Carrie

Board of Directors

Directors are members of the cooperative and are elected to act in the best interests of the co-op with the same care that an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. Directors set policy, approve strategy and are charged with fiduciary responsibility of the cooperative. Directors do not

oversee day-to-day operation of McLeod Co-op Power. Administration of maintenance, electric service, and operations are the responsibility of employees and staff, under the direction of General Manager Carrie Buckley. Members with questions or concerns about service, billing, outages or other service-related matters should call 1-800-494-6272.

District 1 - Oria Brinkmeier, 320-485-2554

Hollywood Twp. in Carver Co., Winsted Twp. in McLeod Co., Victor, Woodland, & Franklin Twps. in Wright Co.

District 2 - Joe Griebie, Vice President 320-779-1101

Hassan Valley, Sumter & Rich Valley Twps. in McLeod Co.

District 3 - David Resch, 952-449-1793

Bergen, Helen, & Glencoe Twps. in McLeod Co.

District 4 - Doug Kirtz, Secretary-Treasurer dkirtz@mcleodcoop.com, 320-583-7673

Boon Lake, Brookfield, Osceola, Kingman, Preston

Lake, Hector, Melville, Bird Island, Palmyra, & Norfolk Twps. in Renville Co. & East Lake Lillian Twp. in Kandiyohi Co.

District 5 - Allan Duesterhoeft, 320-587-9134

Lynn & Acoma Twps. in McLeod Co. & Ellsworth Twp. in Meeker Co.

District 6 - Gary Burdorf, 507-964-5815

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District 7 - Randy Hlavka, GRE Representative rhlavka@mcleodcoop.com, 320-583-0037

Hutchinson & Hale Twps. in McLeod Co., Collinwood Twp. in Meeker Co.

District 8 - Keith Peterson, President kpeterson@mcleodcoop.com 320-583-0997

Collins & Round Grove Twps. in McLeod Co, Martinsburg, Bandon, & Wellington Twps. in Renville Co., Grafton, Moltke, Bismarck, Transit, & Alfsborg Twps. in Sibley Co.

District 9 - Susan Anderson, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, 20valve90@gmail.com

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Members receiving energy from new wind farm



The electricity serving McLeod Co-op Power's members just got even better as another wind energy project has been added to mix.

The Emmons-Logan wind farm is located in North Dakota and will begin producing electricity Jan. 1, becoming the largest renewable resource serving McLeod Co-op Power. The 200-megawatt project will provide carbon-free electricity to members for the next 25 years.

The wind farm is the newest addition to the portfolio of resources for McLeod Co-op Power's wholesale power provider, Great River Energy. Over the past five years, all of Great River Energy's new energy resources have been renewable.

Great River Energy's carbon emissions have dropped 38% since 2005, and the cooperative continues to seek additional carbon reductions over time. Renewable

energy, specifically wind, is Great River Energy's least-cost resource, so energy has lower emissions while remaining competitive.

The Emmons-Logan wind farm features more than 80 wind turbines that are capable of generating enough clean, renewable energy to power 80,000 homes. With the new project, Great River Energy's wind capacity will include more than 600 megawatts.

Great River Energy met the requirements of Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard in 2017, eight years ahead of the state requirement. In May 2018, Great River Energy established a voluntary goal to provide its all-requirements member-owner cooperatives with energy that is 50% from renewable resources by 2030. The cooperative also set interim renewable energy goals of 30% by 2020 and 40% by 2025.

SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS — *October 22, 2019*

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2019 were approved.

The Operations Manager reviewed the outage report and gave the monthly operations report. The capital project in Melville, Hector and Preston Lake Townships has nine miles of underground line installed and the overhead lines are being retired. Hollywood Township capital project of 7.5 miles of underground cable has begun. A construction update was also provided on the combined facility.

The Customer Services Manager shared an updated report card from an environmental group that rated electric co-ops across the state on information available to members on their websites. MCPA received significantly improved marks since the group's 2018 report.

The IT Manager reported on replacement of a mapping server.

The Manager of Finance presented the Operating Statement and Balance Sheet for the month of September. The Audit Committee reported on their review of the September expenditures. The Consent agenda was approved, including placing the September financial report on file for audit, accepting September general fund checks, approving transfer of patronage capital & refund of patronage capital to estates, and accepting September new & rescinded memberships.

General Manager Carrie Buckley reviewed Great River Energy's (GRE) financial results for September with the Board.

Manager Buckley reported on her participation in a statewide Cooperative Leadership Work Group which is developing guidelines to help cooperatives improve transparency and accountability.

She also reported on an analysis by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) of discrimination testing of the retirement and security plan, to make sure MCPA is in compliance. The Board approved a resolution Authorizing the Amendment of the NRECA 401(k) Pension Plan and the Retirement Security (RS) Plan. Policy changes were

approved for the Retirement, Insurance and Savings Program for Non-Union Employees.

Director per diem was discussed in great detail. A motion was approved to increase per diem effective January 1, 2020 by \$25, resulting in a rate of \$345 per regular meeting and \$275 per day for other meetings, conferences or training, and \$150 for committee meetings.

Policies on Director Meeting Attendance and Director Compensation were discussed in detail. Revisions to these policies will be presented at the November board meeting for approval.

On the advice of the cooperative's insurance company and to further safeguard the cooperative, it is important to perform background checks on all drivers of cooperative vehicles. A newly created policy was approved for Motor Vehicle Driving Record — Background Checks.

A newly created policy on Code of Ethics was approved, requiring the highest level of ethical behavior from directors and employees.

The Directors reviewed the existing Whistleblower policy with no revisions.

Minor changes to the policy on Delegation of Authority were approved.

Several directors were approved to attend the CFC Statewide Workshop for Directors in Minneapolis. Two directors were approved to attend the NRECA Annual Meeting in New Orleans in 2020.

The Great River Energy Board Representative gave his monthly report.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and compensation issues.

The Executive Session was adjourned and regular session reconvened.

A motion unanimously carried to approve an increase in the compensation package for the General Manager.

Automatic standby generator can keep everything in your house running, even when you are not there



Protect your home and family from the expense and inconvenience caused by power outages. A Briggs & Stratton Standby Generator provides automatic back-up power - so you can carry on with life.

Storm season has been a blunt reminder of how inconvenient life can be when Mother Nature knocks out the electricity.

To give our members a peaceful assurance that even when the grid goes out, the power in the house does not need to go out, the Co-op offers automatic standby generators that can power almost everything in the house. The generator will automatically start when power goes out and shut off after power is restored. No need to haul out a portable unit or sit in the dark.

McLeod Co-op Power has partnered with Briggs & Stratton, a 100-year-old U.S. company, on 12-200 kW

generators that can power homes, farms or businesses. The Co-op does a turn-key installation, providing all the expertise to correctly size and safely wire your generator. Fuel supply of propane or natural gas to the generator is supplied by your gas company. Larger commercial generators are also available in diesel models.

Residential or hobby farm installations are commonly a 12 kW or 20 kW generator. The cost for a residential generator plus installation starts at \$6,300 to \$7,800, depending upon size and wiring required. Contact McLeod Co-op Power for details at 1-800-494-6272. The Co-op can provide you with a price quote.



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is being able to check things at my home and business when I'm not there. It's really handy – I can be anywhere and just go on my phone. I had thought something like this would cost more, but the price was great! And...**they're LOCAL.**"

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Electric Heating Sales Tax Exemption

Electricity sold to metered members for their primary source of residential heat is not taxable for the months of November to April. Primary source of heat is the source that supplies more heat than any other source for the largest period of time during the heating season.

To qualify, members must complete an exemption form, available from the Cooperative. If you have signed an exemption previously, you do not need to sign one again. The Co-op keeps it on file. Electric heating systems monitored by load management or off-peak meters are also eligible and will not be taxed if an exemption form is filed. Please call the office with any questions 1-800-494-6272.

Holiday Tree Safety Tips

Ensure a merry and bright holiday season by safely maintaining your tree with the following tips.

Inspect lights:

Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.

Examine cords:

Examine extension cords and lights for signs of damage. Frayed electric cords should be discarded.

Keep away from heat:

Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like an air duct, fireplace or space heater.

Keep it watered:

Fill the water reservoir daily and check the condition of the trunk bark and branches for moisture. Shedding or dry needles could mean the tree is drying out, increasing overall fire risks.

Trim the stump:

Trim the tree's stump by at least two inches on freshly cut trees. Allow it to absorb water for 24 hours before bringing it inside.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

Replace your old water heater before it springs a leak or stops working

Lower your monthly bill and get a \$400 rebate

Are you considering a switch to the storage water heating program? Now may be a good time to take action. The Co-op has water heaters in stock. There is a \$400 rebate currently available when installing a new high-efficiency, large water heater on the ETS (electric thermal storage) water heating program. If you have been wondering how you can reduce your monthly electric bill, the Water Storage Program (with or without the Cycled Air Conditioning Program) can save you hundreds of dollars a year.

Over 1,350 members participate in the program. The Co-op has a satisfaction guarantee on the program. Interest-free financing of water heater is available to any member with good payment history. Payment by check or credit card are also accepted.

Call the Co-op's energy experts today to help you select the proper size tank for your family. Participation in the ETS water heating program is one of the best ways to significantly lower your electric bill every month of the year.

Plus you get:

- a more efficient water heater
- with a lifetime warranty against leaking
- \$400 ETS rebate
- ETS program has satisfaction guarantee



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. 28 & 29. Please use the 24-hour outage number to reach the Cooperative for outages, emergencies or other messages: 1-800-927-5685.

Simple ways to reduce energy bills this winter



- 1 Run your ceiling fans in a clockwise direction. This will push down the heat and redistribute warm air that naturally rises.
- 2 Let the sun shine into your home during the day for free heat gain. Then close window coverings after dark to reduce heat loss.
- 3 Get a heating professional to maintain, clean and service your furnace to make sure it is operating at peak efficiency.
- 4 Change your furnace filter monthly.
- 5 Vacuum and clean vents.
- 6 Do not heat an empty house. A programmable thermostat can help this become automatic. According to the Department of Energy,
- lowering the temperature by 7 to 10 degrees for eight hours a day can reduce energy costs by up to 10%.
- 7 Seal air leaks, weather strip, and insulate attics and outlets.
- 8 Only use bathroom and kitchen ventilation fans when needed and turn off as soon as you can. In the winter, they take precious heated inside air and transfer it outside.
- 9 Increase moisture in your home to make it feel warmer. Using a humidifier will help, however, be cautious adding moisture if you have air leakage into the attic as it can cause damage beneath shingles.
- 10 Add a sweater, socks, or extra blanket before you turn up the thermostat.

Co-op participates in delivery of farm fatigue buckets

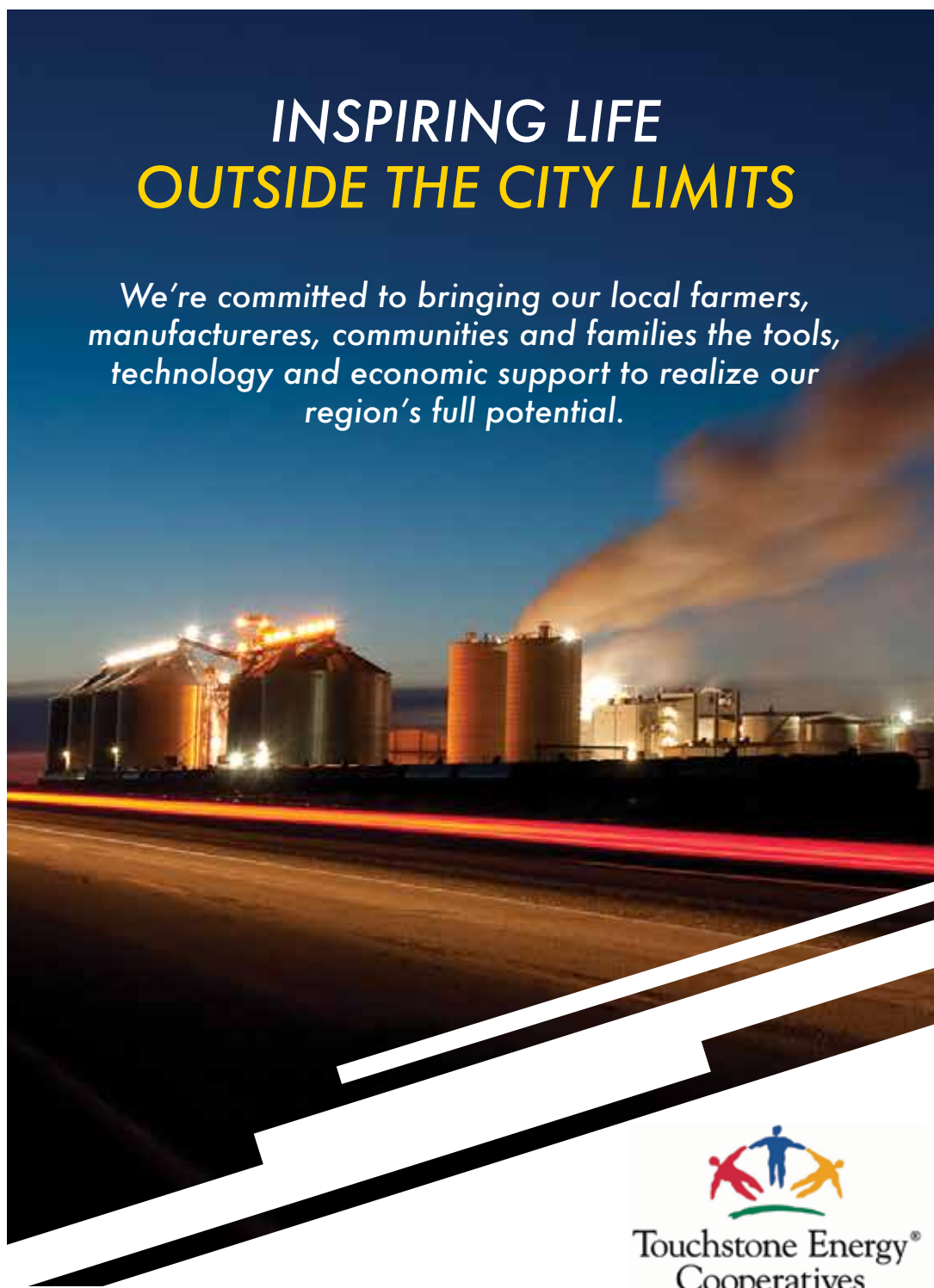
The last week in October, McLeod Co-op Power and many other Hutchinson and Glencoe area Chamber of Commerce members participated in filling and distributing Buckets of Thanks to area farmers working out in their fields during harvest. Chamber Agri-Business Committee members gather donations of food, wellness, and safety items, pack the buckets, and hand deliver them.

The Co-op reminds everyone working in the fields during harvest to be careful around machinery or farming around power lines and equipment, and to be extra diligent when tired. Accidents can more easily happen when farmers are suffering from fatigue.



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We're committed to bringing our local farmers, manufactureres, communities and families the tools, technology and economic support to realize our region's full potential.



Farm equipment is a frequent cause of fall power outages



On Monday, October 28 hundreds of members in and around Mayer, New Germany and other Carver County locations experienced a late morning power outage. A farmer's chisel plow inadvertently hit an electrical cabinet in the road right-of-way near a Co-op substation, damaging the cabinet and interrupting power supply to many members. Crews were able to back-feed electricity and get power restored while the cabinets and wiring were replaced. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident.

Power interruptions during harvest time are commonly caused by farm machinery hitting poles, snagging guy

wires or overhead conductors, hitting transformer boxes or electrical cabinets. We remind all farmers to be careful to watch for electrical equipment and overhead wires.

Coming into contact with energized equipment can be deadly. Please call 911 if wires are down on or near your equipment and stay in the vehicle until power crews arrive. Call the Co-op right away if you hit any equipment, even if no wires or poles are down, as we want to make sure that equipment is operating properly so no neighboring members are out of power. Your safety is important to us and your cooperation is appreciated.

September 2019 Outage Summary

During the month of September the Cooperative had a total of 92 outages. Lightning was the most frequent cause with 24 outages, and 16 were attributed to planned construction or upgrade projects.

Numerous outages were caused by lightning and thunderstorms that moved through on September 2 (Labor Day evening), causing damage in areas surrounding Hutchinson, Silver Lake, Glencoe, Winsted and other isolated areas. A total of 63 members were

without power for about one to four hours, depending upon the specific outage.

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.

McLeod Cooperative Power 2020 Calendar

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Scenic 2020 calendars now available

This year's 2020 scenic Minnesota calendars are now available in the Co-op office. Please stop in and pick up a copy. First come, first serve, while supplies last. Calendars feature photos taken by employees at scenic locations across Minnesota and agricultural scenes from MCPA's local service area.

MCPA News Ads — Free want ad service for members

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 27 to be included in the December issue. Thank you!

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Cleaning out your garage or attic? Have farm machinery to sell?

Members may sell items for FREE using the classified ads in the Co-op newsletter!

There is no charge to MCPA members to place one or more classified ads to sell or give away items in the newsletter. Ads run for one month. See details below.

For Sale Miscellaneous

- OSB panels 32in X 32in X 7/16in. \$1/each. 952-353-2351
- 55-gallon steel drums w/removeable lids. \$15/each. 952-353-2351
- Truck tires 4 Dunlap 285/75R-24.5 low pros. 320-587-5357
- Morehouse wood splitter. 320-587-2116
- Canning jars/lids all sizes. Price negotiable. 320-238-0110
- Oak framed 32 X 24 mirror w/beveled glass. \$30. 320-420-2649
- Grass-fed ground beef. \$4/lb. 612-308-7835
- Upright Whirlpool freezer, runs great. \$20. 320-327-2962
- 1850s barn wood. 320-328-0110
- Antique tractor seats. 320-864-3282
- Cream separator. 320-864-3282
- Muscovy ducks, drakes and hens. 320-522-0930
- Humidifier with supplies. \$75. 320-510-1752

For Sale Farm

- Gehl 100 grinder mixer mill, 100bu, good condition. 320-587-5357
- 2-18.4-28 used tractor tires, 6ply. 320-864-4496

Giveaway

- Farm cats. 320-328-5751
- Beautiful wood upright piano, it works. 763-639-0259
- Bowflex exercise unit, never used. 320-300-8087
- Couch, blue, good shape. 320-300-8087
- Farm cats & kittens, good mousers. 507-995-9683
- Trees down, good firewood. 320-238-0110

Wanted

- Ford Mustang, years 2004-2008. 320-300-8985
- Cleaning lady. 320-238-0110
- ATV tire chains 25 X 10.00-12 tire size. 320-587-7443

How much of the average home's total energy use goes to washing and drying clothes?

If you guessed 10%, you are right.



So what can you do to reduce the energy these two appliances use, other than hanging your clothes out on the clothesline to dry in the wind?

Washing Machine saving strategies:

- 1. Use high efficiency (HE) detergent for front loading or high efficiency top loading machines. These produce less suds and waste less water and time with multiple rinses to get rid of suds.
- 2. Opt for cold water when you can. Except for really dirty laundry or stains you can usually use cold water. This saves on water heater energy.
- 3. Use a higher spin speed to extract as much water as possible. This will reduce drying time.

When a washer or dryer needs to be replaced, look for an energy efficient replacement model. Washers have the Energy Star rating. Dryers do not have EnergyGuide stickers but some models are Energy Star certified and heat pump dryers are now on the market. Heat pump dryers can use up to 40 percent less energy but they still have a fairly high purchase price and they take longer to dry most loads of clothes.

Dryer saving strategies:

- 1. Clean the lint screen before every load.
- 2. Clean the dryer duct regularly.
- 3. If you use dryer sheets, clean the moisture sensors and filter monthly. Check your owner's manual for instructions on cleaning moisture sensors. Scrub the filter once a month with a brush to remove residue.
- 4. Dry lightweight pieces only with other lightweight fabrics. Dry heavyweight towels or jeans only with other heavyweight items. Do not dry the two types together.

Rebate forms for 2019 due to the Co-op by December 20, 2019. Funds still available!

Dehumidifiers.....	\$25
Dryers	\$25
Refrigerators & Freezer (Max of 2/year)	
Refrigerator harvest	\$25
Refrigerator w/recycling	\$25
Freezer harvest.....	\$25
Freezer with recycling	\$25
AC Tune Up (Max of 1 every 2 years)	\$25
Ductless ASHP	\$300
ECM (retrofit only)	\$50
GSHP (\$/ton)	\$400
QI ASHP	
SEER 14.5	\$200
SEER 15	\$400
SEER 16	\$800
ETS Space Heat - per kW	\$50
ETS Water Heating	
100 gallon minimum capacity	\$400
Heat Pump Water Heater	
50 gallon minimum capacity	\$500
LED Yard Light.....	\$60
Swimming Pool	
ASHP	\$400
Pool Variable Speed Pump	\$200
Electric Vehicle & Chargewise	\$500

This is a residential summary only. The Co-op also offers agricultural, commercial and industrial rebates. There is a \$2,500 maximum rebate per member per year. Only ETS space heating and commercial grants/rebates have a \$5,000 maximum cap. All rebates are on a first come, first serve basis, so please turn in your paperwork promptly.

Most downloadable rebate forms are on the Co-op's website www.mcleodcoop.com. Please read the details on specific rebate forms, as some products have limits, require ENERGY STAR certification or other requirements.

Air Source Heat Pump rebate forms must be completed by the installing contractor. Rebates for high efficiency air source heat pumps require installation by a "registered contractor" which has been designated as a QUALITY INSTALLER and is listed on the hvacreducation.net website. A list of all "registered contractors" in Minnesota is on www.mcleodcoop.com website. There are no rebates for central air conditioners. The Co-op encourages any member replacing a central air conditioner to upgrade to an ENERGY STAR rated air source heat pump.

LED yard lights must be installed on consumer owned building or facilities. Lights cannot be installed on Co-op power poles. Rebate for recycled refrigerator or freezer must be for removal of old but still operating unit from location served by MCPA, and receipt from recycler/appliance store showing proof of recycling required.

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- Pat and Colin Y., cooperative members for over 15 years

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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 14, 2020.

- 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: _____

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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.

A member that is an authorized farm corporation, family farm corporation, regular corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership or other business entity may select an individual member residing on or actively operating such business entity to be eligible for election to the Board. A member that is not a natural person may select one of its officers to be eligible for election to the Board, provided that not more than two (2) such officers may serve on the Board at the same time.

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.

Meet the people behind your power

McLeod Co-op Power employees are ready to help when needed. They are ready with energy efficiency solutions, programs that can save your money, and customer service that should exceed your expectations.

Our employees are also your neighbors, friends, and fellow Co-op members. Some employees serve in the community too, by volunteering on local fire departments and as first responders for medical emergencies and accidents.



Shannon Jerabek
Energy Management Specialist
MCPA Member
Brownton Fire Dept. Training Officer/First Responder

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