

MCLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER NEWS

JUNE 2021



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JULY 13

As a member-owner of McLeod Co-op Power, you are also an owner of the cooperative. As an owner, you have a voice in the operation of our organization. Through attendance at the Annual Meeting and the election of Directors, you help set the future direction of our Cooperative.

Join us to hear from your co-op leaders who will discuss priorities for the Cooperative, challenges we face, our financial health, and operational plans for the coming years. In addition, members will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain helpful information about the electric industry and the Cooperative. As a member of our community, you have a valuable perspective—and we invite you to share it with the co-op.

MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Date & Location:
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Hutchinson Event Center

9:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

- Members are asked to RSVP for the meeting by calling (320) 864-3148 or toll free (800) 494-6272. RSVPs will also be accepted by email at mcpainfo@mcleodcoop.com.
- All members present at the Annual Meeting will receive a \$10 electric bill credit.

- Door Prizes include an electric EGO lawn mower, a STIHL electric leaf blower, and a STIHL electric lawn trimmer. (Must be present to win. Door prizes subject to change without notice.)
- Grab and Go lunches will be provided following the meeting, catered by Chef Craig.

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Members in Districts 4, 5, and 6 have the opportunity to vote for a director to represent their respective district on the Cooperative's Board. Profiles of each candidate are included with each election ballot and are included in this newsletter on page 3.

Mailed ballots must be received in our office by 4:30 p.m. on July 12. If you prefer, you can bring your ballot with you to the Annual Meeting. Director elections will come to a close at the Annual Meeting and the results will be announced after the votes are counted.

This is YOUR Cooperative. To remain healthy and strong, we need to have continued active participation and support from you. If you have not attended the Annual Meeting in the past, or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to join us. McLeod Co-op is connected to you by more than just power lines. We are your neighbors and we look forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting.

2021 DIRECTOR
CANDIDATE PROFILES

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MCLEOD CO-OP POWER OFFICES CLOSED

McLeod Co-op Power will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. Please call (800) 927-5685 in the event of an outage or emergency

LATE FEES AND COLLECTIONS TO RESUME

McLeod Co-op Power will be resuming its charges for late payments and collections services beginning on August 1, 2021. As a reminder, payments must be received by the 28th of the month to avoid late payment charges. Members are encouraged to contact our billing office if payment arrangements are needed.

ANNUAL REPORT

NOW AVAILABLE

2020 was one of the most challenging years in our nation's history. Despite many hurdles, we came together not only to make strides as a Cooperative, but also to serve our community.

Each year, McLeod Co-op Power publishes an annual report for our membership that details the events, challenges, successes, financial strength of the previous year.



This year's annual report illustrates the compassion, resilience and strength of McLeod Co-op Power and captures what it looks like when we power on together.

VIEW THE REPORT AT:
www.mcleodcoop.com/about/co-op-info/

**DON'T MISS THESE GREAT
DOOR PRIZES AT THE ANNUAL
MEETING ON JULY 13!**



CEO MESSAGE

WHY AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP? DID SOMEONE SAY "DOOR PRIZES"?

While during our Annual Meeting we will hold an election of the board of directors, share financial information, and occasionally vote on other matters such as bylaw changes, one of the most important reasons for the Annual Meeting is to check in with you, our members. McLeod Co-op Power's annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors- or catch up with old acquaintances. It also gives members a chance to meet McLeod Co-op's employees and directors, face to face. As our lives get busier with the 'errands of life' and it seems that more of our interactions are online, we must renew the value of human connections.

McLeod Co-op's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable and affordable electric power is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

We look forward to seeing you on July 13! Oh, did I mention there will be great door prizes!

Cooperatively, 



CEO RON MEIER

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

TO THE MEMBERS OF MCLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION GLENCOE, MINNESOTA

You are hereby notified that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Members of McLeod Cooperative Power Association will be held at the Hutchinson Event Center at 1005 Hwy. 15 S. Plaza 15, in the City of Hutchinson, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, on July 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the following matters:

- 1. The reports of officers, directors and committees.
- 2. The election of directors of this association for director districts numbers 4, 5 and 6. The polls for the election of directors will be opened at the meeting place at 9:00 a.m. and will be closed at 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, for voting by members who have not returned their ballots by mail.
- 3. To transact any other business which may properly come before said annual meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated at Glencoe, Minnesota this 25th day of May 2021.

Susan Anderson, Secretary

MAY 2021 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

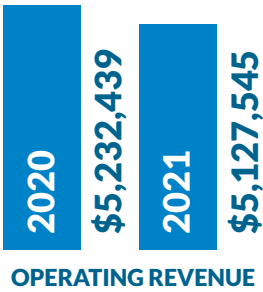
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of McLeod Cooperative Power Association was held on May 25, 2021 at McLeod Co-op headquarters. All nine board members, the attorney, CEO Ron Meier, and department managers participated in the meeting.

Highlights of the meeting included:

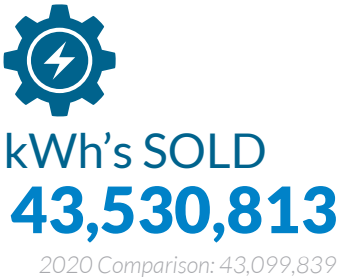
- The outage report for the month of April 2021 was provided with a total of 74 outages, affecting 152 consumers.
- The tentative Annual Meeting Schedule was provided. Members attending the meeting will receive a \$10 bill credit. A grab-and-go boxed lunch will be provided at the end of the meeting. Members will be requested to RSVP if they plan on attending.
- A motion was carried to approve the Annual Meeting Notice.
- A motion was carried to approve the action of the 2021 Nominating Committee for Districts 4, 5, and 6.
- Finance Manager Steph Jakel presented the Operating Statement and Balance Sheet for the month of April 2021.
- The Audit Committee reported on their review of the April expenditures.
- A motion was carried to approve the changes to industrial Rate #25.
- An update was provided on the Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act that was passed by the State Legislature. The ECO Act makes smart improvements to our state's energy efficiency program by supporting a greater range of technology and fuel choices available to Minnesotans.

BY THE NUMBERS | Q1 2021

McLeod Co-op Power's leadership spends substantial time managing and providing oversight of the Co-op's operations, including ensuring that the organization remains in a strong and stable financial condition. Below is an overview of our First Quarter Unaudited Financial Report.



	2021	2020
Cost of Purchased Power	\$3,354,626	\$2,963,076
Other Operating Expenses	\$2,017,063	\$1,993,221
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$5,371,688	\$4,956,297

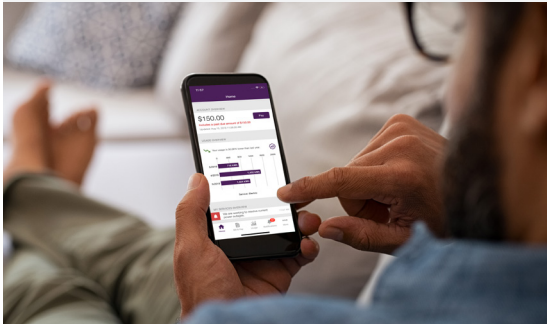
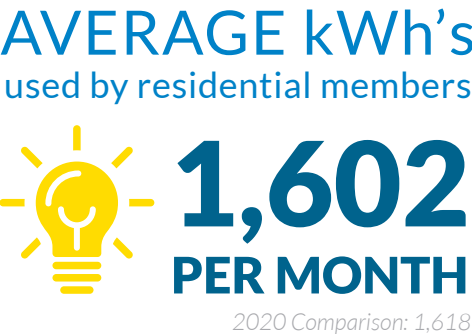


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	2021	2020
Operating Margins	\$(139,249)	\$171,248
Non-Operating Margins	\$26,243	\$75,633



2021 CANDIDATE PROFILES

The Nominating Committee is required to select two names in each of these districts to appear on the ballot. Below are the candidates they have selected for Districts 4, 5, & 6.

DISTRICT 4

Kingman, Boon Lake, Preston Lake, Brookfield, Hector, Osceola, Melville, Bird Island, Norfolk, and Palmyra Townships in Renville County, and a portion of East Lake Lillian Township in Kandiyohi County.



Doug Kirtz

Doug is currently the District 4 director and the board president. He operates Kirtz Farms, a farrow to wean hog operation, by Hector with the assistance of his wife Lorie and children Seth, Eli, and Sadie. Lorie is also a full-time financial advisor with Ameriprise. Doug and his family are members of St John's Lutheran Church near Cedar Mills. He is currently serving as a deacon on the church council. He has also served in leadership positions with the Renville County Pork Producers, BLHS Scouts, and youth sports. Doug has served on the MCPA board for the past 20 years. He is committed to keeping your Cooperative fiscally sound now and for years to come, with good reliable service for its members. He believes having affordable electrical rates as well as identifying new programs and services that can add value to the Cooperative and its members are priorities in the years ahead. Environmental stewardship is also a priority for Doug. He will strive to keep the Cooperative strong for those that rely on McLeod Co-op Power for their energy and consumer products for homes, farms, and businesses.



Frank Berg

Frank is a resident of Renville County in Palmyra Township. His career included being a full-time farmer in Meeker County as well as 27 years in law enforcement. This included serving as the Chief of Police for the City of Buffalo Lake. This experience gives him a sound understanding of budgeting processes as well as leadership traits that he believes would serve him well as a board member for McLeod Co-op Power. He also has experience serving on the Co-op's Nominating Committee assisting with elections and the annual meeting. Currently, Frank works part-time for a local farmer. He also spends time on the Forest City Threshers board of directors and volunteers time putting on a tractor pull in Buffalo Lake. Frank would like to see the Co-op continue to invest in underground wire to cut down storm and ice damage. Likewise, he would like to see reliability and affordable rates continue to be priorities. He believes having new representation on the Cooperatives board is important to bring different ideas and solutions to the table. Frank is committed to serving if elected.

DISTRICT 5

Lynn and Acoma Townships in McLeod County and Ellsworth Township in Meeker County.



Allan Duesterhoeft

Allan lives about eight miles southwest of Hutchinson. He sold his dairy herd in 2009 and now buys bull calves and feeds Holstein steers. Allan is a member of Zion Lutheran Church and serves as congregation treasurer. He also is a member of Heartland Corn Products and the Hutchinson Co-op. Allan would like to continue as a director because of the tremendous importance electricity has in our lives. Allan would like to see McLeod Co-op Power continue to prioritize reliable service to its members at affordable rates. Employee safety is another one of his priorities. He looks forward to providing leadership and direction to accomplish these goals. Allan believes electric vehicles and other new technologies are matters that the MCPA Board of Directors will need to be thoughtful in how to meet member demand while forecasting growing electrical loads to ensure reliability. Allan is committed to working with the other board members and management team on a strong long-term future for the Cooperative.



Karl Reinhard

Karl and his family reside north of Hutchinson and are 4-year McLeod Co-op members. He served in the U.S. Army for 28 years – retiring as a Colonel in 2010 and then completing his Ph.D. in Electric Power Engineering in 2017. Karl gained broad leadership experience commanding the 3rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Battalion (2000-2002), 71st EOD Group (2005-2008), and Combined Joint Task Force Troy (counter-IED, Iraq, 2006-2008). Following these assignments respectively, he served in the Pentagon on the Army (2002-2004) and Department of Defense (DoD) (2008-2010) Staffs – working with large, complex organizations delivering high-quality, meaningful outcomes. Karl gained a detailed understanding of power generation, transmission, distribution, and renewable energy sources as a Ph.D. student and Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He worked as a Director at Open Systems International (specializing in power system control room software, 2019-2020, Medina MN). He is a licensed Professional Engineer. Karl's interest in serving the community by understanding current power needs throughout District 5, anticipating future requirements in a rapidly evolving energy delivery landscape, and working in concert with the McLeod Co-op Power staff to continue exceptional power delivery to all cooperative members – rural and urban.

DISTRICT 6

New Auburn, Green Isle, Arlington, and Dryden Townships in Sibley County and Penn Township in McLeod County.



Gary Burdorf

Gary farms 120 acres (beef and crops) in Green Isle Township, Sibley County. He has lived on the farm for 44 years, where along with his wife Carol, they raised four children. They also have seven grandchildren. Gary is a graduate of Sibley East High School. He served in the US Army and is a Vietnam veteran. He is a life-long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington. Gary is retired from driving a school bus for the Sibley East School District. He has served as a Green Isle Township Supervisor for 24 years, a board member for the MN Association of Townships, and a trustee for the MN Association of Townships Insurance Trust. Gary has served on the Governor's Clean Water Council. He has experience working with elected officials at the state and federal level advocating for electrical cooperatives. Gary would like to work together with the current board and management team to ensure our Co-op continues to run smoothly. He feels that it is very important to stay in tune with local, and particularly rural, needs. One of Gary's priorities is for the Co-op to focus on providing reliable service to its members.



Avery Grochow

Avery is a resident of Sibley County in Dryden Township. He was a graduate of Gaylord High School and Mankato Area Vocational Technical School. His professional career was as a land surveyor. He owned and operated Sibley Surveyors for 30 years. His past volunteer experience included serving as a City Council member for the City of Gaylord. He also is currently serving on the Sibley East School Board and the Chairperson for the school district's parent community organization, which has him involved with numerous fundraisers benefiting local students. Avery has been a McLeod Co-op Power member for 17 years. If elected, he would like to see the Cooperative continue to focus on excellent service and focus long term on expanding its service territory. Avery's greatest interest as a candidate for the Board of Directors is to have the opportunity to work for the members of the Cooperative.

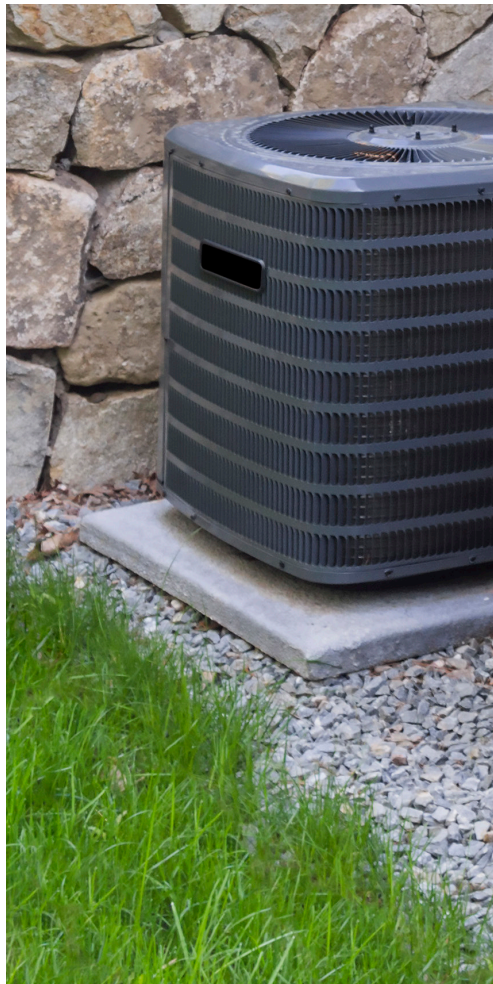
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pictured left to right: District 4 – Tom Koeberl, Glen Kurth, Doug Toreen; District 6 – Veryl Becker, Rachel Lueth, Don Mader; District 5 – Lynn Mackendanz, Morris Rettman; Not Pictured Andrew Rasmussen.



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