



*Resiliency*  
TO SERVE



# Welcome ~TO YOUR~ Annual Meeting

Welcome to McKenzie Electric's keystone member event, the annual member meeting. We always look forward to this event because it's a great opportunity for our employees and Directors to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

During the annual meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates, and insights on the future of your cooperative.

Taking part in your annual member meeting is just one way our members democratically control how McKenzie Electric Cooperative operates. We appreciate you taking the time to invest in your cooperative.



**Matt Hanson, CEO**

## MISSION STATEMENT

McKenzie Electric Cooperative is dedicated to improving the quality of life of its member owners, while supporting the communities in which we operate, by offering safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

## VISION STATEMENT

With a cooperative culture that is adaptable to change, and committed to our corporate values, McKenzie Electric strives to demonstrate the cooperative difference for its members and provide a better future for the families within our communities.



## SAFETY

We believe safety is of great importance to the operation and delivery of electric service to the membership.



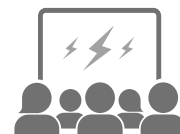
## INTEGRITY

We are committed to being honest and respectful and endeavor to maintain a culture of trust.



## STEWARDSHIP

We believe through fiscal responsibility, personal accountability and continuous improvement, we strive to maintain a sustainable cooperative for the membership of today and future generations.



## COMMITMENT TO MEMBERS

We exist to serve the membership and our responsibility is to provide the highest quality service at the lowest possible cost.

# MEETING AGENDA

**Registration & Complimentary Meal** .....5:30

**Cooperative Business Meeting** .....6:30

*Call to order*

*National Anthem*

*Appointment of parliamentarian*

*Approval of past meeting minutes*

*Legal update*

*Financial report*

*Board President Address*

*Cooperative Update*

*Nominating Committee Report*

*Election of Directors*

**Operation Round Up Report**

*President, Kim Neprash; Vice President, Nikki Darrington*

**Youth Tour Recap**

*2023 Youth Tour Recipient, Maxwell Hanson*

**Scholarship & Youth Awards**

*Gus Bohmbach, Kree Hartel*

**MEC Employee Service Awards**

**Old & New Business**

**Adjournment**

# RULES OF CONDUCT

**Call to order:** The president shall take the chair at the time of annual meeting and shall call the meeting to order.

**Points of order:** The president shall preserve order and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the members.

**Recognition by the president:** Every member, prior to speaking, shall rise from their seat and address the president, and remain standing until they are recognized by the president, and proceed by stating their name.

**Who recognized:** When two or more members rise at the same time to speak, the president must designate who is to speak.

**Rules as to speaking, number of times and duration:** No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the delegates present, nor more than once until every delegate choosing to speak on the subject pending shall have spoken. Nor shall any member occupy the floor more than five minutes the first time, and three minutes the second time, without the consent by a majority of the members in attendance. Any member, director, manager, or attorney in good standing may speak under the same rules.

**Motion to be made by a member before debate:** No motion shall be debated or passed unless the same be seconded. Seconds to any motion made must also be by a member. No second is required when the motion is made by direction of a committee.

**Motion may be withdrawn:** If the motion has been stated, it shall be deemed in possession of the meeting, but may be withdrawn at any time before amendment or decision by the member who made the motion with the consent of a majority of the members present.

**Motion on debate and procedure:** When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, postpone, to amend or substitute.

**Motion to adjourn in order when:** A motion to adjourn shall be in order, except when a member is addressing the president or a vote is being taken.

**Resolutions, How presented:** Resolutions may be presented from the floor with the consent of a majority of the members present.

**Program Schedule:** The schedule as printed in the agenda submitted to all members, with any additions thereto, shall be the official meeting program.

**Robert's Rules of order (Revised):** On any point not covered in the above rules, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.



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# BOARD PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT

## 2023 MCKENZIE ELECTRIC RECAP



**Clayton Monsen**  
PRESIDENT | District 2B

The utility industry continues to be pressed to change and adapt with more focus on clean energy sources and an increase in demand for electric usage. This transition is causing more pressure on the delicate balance of supply and demand across the industry, putting more emphasis on resiliency. Your Cooperative advocated in specific ways and took deliberate action in 2023 to ensure the electric service you all rely on is there when you need it.

In May 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a new rule calling for a quicker transition to clean energy sources, outpacing what is commercially available. McKenzie Electric Cooperative (MEC) issued comments, along with 47,000 other cooperative members, on the proposed rule requesting a sensible transition with an emphasis on reliability of the electric system. This was one of the many ways McKenzie Electric advocated for the betterment of our members in 2023. Citing federal policy as one of the greatest influences on the reliability of the electric grid, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, a watchdog over the bulk electric system, put over half of the nation including McKenzie Electric at an elevated risk of inadequate power supply during extreme conditions. While this may seem like a broad issue, there is a lot of work to be done locally to ensure your system is resilient to what may come.



**Matt Hanson**  
CEO

2023 was an exceptional year for service demonstrated by MEC's ability to provide electricity 99.97% of the year, exceeding our five-year average. Your Cooperative persevered through weeks of freezing fog in January that placed additional stress on overhead power lines and navigated extreme wet and dry conditions that strained our legacy underground circuits, all without injury to our employees, something we are very proud of. A major contributor to the available service we strive to provide is executing a solid work plan and finding innovative solutions to maintain a high return on value for your membership. Highlights from the 2023 work plan include building approximately 190 miles of new line, retiring approximately 115 miles of line, and the installation of 4 new distribution circuits all which greatly strengthen your system. Included in that work plan was the replacement of 70 miles of copper distribution line, which was year three of a five-year effort to replace some of your Cooperative's original line. Your Cooperative also stayed busy with a variety of service modifications, navigating the ongoing supply chain issues, and working to meet our members' evolving needs for a more environmentally conscious means to conduct their business.

McKenzie Electric experienced positive growth in 2023 and is projected to continue to see positive growth over the near term. We have been working to support growth on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (FBIR), as ongoing development by members in this portion of MEC's service area continues to exceed the current capabilities of the system.

The expansion of the FBIR area consists of three new substations and approximately 60 miles of new transmission line. A large portion of the engineering required for the project was complete in 2023 with construction set to begin in 2024. This effort will provide a reliable solution to members within the FBIR as well as surrounding areas, while also providing capacity for future growth.

Substations are the heart of your electrical system, providing the transformation necessary to deliver electricity to your home, business, or service point. An innovative solution was set in motion in 2023 to address risk while also accommodating load growth across the membership. This entailed securing a mobile substation and placing an order for an additional mobile substation, both of which can be deployed in short notice to address operational issues or provide a temporary solution to support member needs. The other aspect that was set in motion was the design and purchase of a universal, shovel ready substation, a sub-in-a-box concept, to combat the on-going supply chain issues. This further enhances our goal to meet the on-going growth and development of the cooperative with efficient, cost-effective solutions.

McKenzie Electric continues to advocate for a responsible, resilient plan for delivering a product you can depend on. This effort includes routine engagement with our power suppliers and other stakeholders, ensuring we are communicating and advocating for the needs of our members today and tomorrow. McKenzie Electric is well positioned to handle the challenges we are facing, navigating a successful path for our membership. The future is bright for the Cooperative as we continue to leverage innovation and hard work to keep the lights on, serving you, our members.



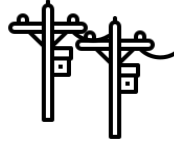
# MCKENZIE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## STATISTICS & FIGURES



### CURRENT EMPLOYEES

63



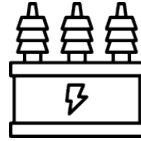
### DISTRIBUTION LINE MILES

4,042



### TOTAL MEMBERS

4,769



### SUBSTATIONS

73



### TOTAL METERS

13,456



### MWH SOLD IN 2023

5,970,846







**Tim Wasem**  
TREASURER | District 3C

# TREASURER'S REPORT

MEC experienced a year of growth in sales and stable financial performance in 2023. Table 1 on page seven represents an overview of McKenzie Electric's 2023 financial activity. The "Net Margin" is what remains after revenue dollars are used to pay expenses. Net margins are then allocated to you, the member, in the form of capital credits.

As required each year, MEC underwent an annual audit of our 2023 financial year conducted by Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. At the end of the examination, the audit firm returned an unmodified opinion.

This opinion is the best report that can be received from an audit firm. The completed audit report has been reviewed in detail by the Board of Directors. A summary of the audited financials is included for your review and will be presented during the annual meeting. The Single Audit Act requires an additional audit to be completed if an entity receives more than \$750,000 in federal funding. Brady, Martz also completed the single audit required for funds received to repair damages from the April 2022 storm. At the end of the examination, the audit firm returned an unmodified opinion.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023 INCLUDE:

MEC experienced 9.9% growth with total annual sales of roughly 5.97 billion kilowatt-hours(kWhs).

The largest contributor to expense continues to be wholesale power cost as 88 cents of every expense dollar goes towards wholesale power cost.

MEC received an unplanned \$18.6 million wholesale power cost bill credit in November 2022. Your Board of Directors elected to pass this \$18.6 million credit through to the membership. The bill credit pass through reduced revenue and wholesale power cost by \$18.6 million in 2022.

An April 2022 snowstorm resulted in \$3.5 million of damages to MEC's electric infrastructure. McKenzie Electric began working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) immediately and has been able to recover \$2.4 million in funding, all of which was received in 2023.

Litigation with Basin and Upper Missouri continued in 2023 and is a contributing factor in the increase in operating expense exclusive of wholesale power cost.

In 2023 MEC expensed \$4.6 million for electric distribution and transmission line tax which is based on energy sales for the year and transmission line mileage.

Increased investment rates in 2023 resulted in \$6.8 million in interest income.

The multi-year project to replace copper distribution lines led to the addition of roughly \$6.3 million in capitalized plant in 2023.

MEC enters into infrastructure agreements with members to construct facilities for future electrification requests. As part of the agreement, MEC receives contribution-in-aid from members prior to projects commencing for the estimated construction cost. At year-end, collected aid that has yet to be spent is reclassified from construction work in progress to a deferred debit on the liability side of the Balance Sheet. The year-end, adjusting entry for collected aid yet to be spent for 2023 was \$76.9 million.

MEC's share of margin allocated from Basin Electric Power Cooperative was \$24.5 million for 2023.

In 2023, the Board of Directors authorized the distribution of \$3.1 M in cash for the retirement of capital credits to the membership.





# COOPERATIVE FINANCIALS

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2023	2022
Electric plant in service	244,295,304	235,883,694
Construction work in progress	9,492,879	11,437,968
Less accumulated depreciation	-120,195,661	-114,004,211
<b>Total assets - electric plant</b>	<b>133,592,522</b>	<b>133,317,451</b>
Other property and investments	180,829,387	156,494,973
Current assets, cash, cash equivalents, materials	265,733,762	230,202,530
Deferred debits	49,813	121,912
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>580,205,484</b>	<b>520,136,866</b>
<b>EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>		
Patronage capital and other equities	418,756,371	378,290,670
Long-term debt	25,182,152	27,399,397
Non-current liabilities including power cost reserve	6,886,390	6,051,585
Current liabilities including current maturities of long-term debt	48,959,956	42,707,453
Deferred credits	80,420,615	65,687,761
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>580,205,484</b>	<b>520,136,866</b>

## OPERATING STATEMENT

REVENUE FROM ELECTRIC SERVICE	2023	2022
Revenue from electric service	409,002,415	359,767,153
Other electric revenue	141,641	81,875
<b>Total gross operating revenue</b>	<b>409,144,056</b>	<b>359,849,028</b>
<b>COST OF ELECTRIC SERVICE</b>		
Cost of power	352,312,123	307,282,676
Operations and Maintenance	10,379,894	8,724,779
Customer service and accounts	604,345	522,347
Administrative and general	16,289,551	12,239,443
Depreciation	12,144,660	12,496,226
Accretion of plant retirement reserve	852,596	892,540
Tax expense	4,574,552	4,183,903
Interest on long-term debt	1,215,613	1,325,892
Interest expense - other	11,889	58,774
<b>Total cost of electric service</b>	<b>398,385,223</b>	<b>347,726,580</b>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS</b>		
<b>BEFORE CAPITAL CREDITS</b>	<b>10,758,833</b>	<b>12,122,448</b>
G&T and other capital credits	25,496,939	39,271,792
<b>Net operating margins</b>	<b>36,255,772</b>	<b>51,394,240</b>
<b>NON OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>7,099,330</b>	<b>1,962,062</b>
<b>TOTAL NET MARGINS</b>	<b>43,355,102</b>	<b>53,356,302</b>

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	2023	2022
<b>Revenue</b>	\$409.14	\$359.85
<b>Wholesale Power Cost</b>	\$352.31	\$307.28
<b>Operating Expenses exclusive of Wholesale Power Cost</b>	\$46.08	\$40.44
<b>Other Income &amp; G&amp;T Capital Credits</b>	\$25.50	\$39.27
<b>Non-operating Margin</b>	\$7.10	\$1.96
<b>Net Margin</b>	\$43.35	\$53.36

Table 1 summary numbers are represented in millions

## WHERE EACH MEMBER'S DOLLAR WENT:

<1¢



**INTEREST**  
\$1,227,502

1¢



**TAX EXPENSE**  
\$4,574,552

3¢



**LINE OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**  
\$10,379,894

4¢



**ADMINISTRATIVE & CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
\$16,893,896

4¢



**DEPRECIATION & PLANT RETIREMENT RESERVE**  
\$12,997,256



88¢

**COST OF POWER**  
\$352,312,123



# MCKENZIE ELECTRIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Clayton Monsen**  
District 2B  
President



**Ray Tescher**  
District 3A  
Vice President



**Tim Wasem**  
District 3C  
Secretary/Treasurer



**Travis Thompson**  
District 1C  
Director-At-Large



**Cameron Wahlstrom**  
District 1A



**Ken Sanford**  
District 1B



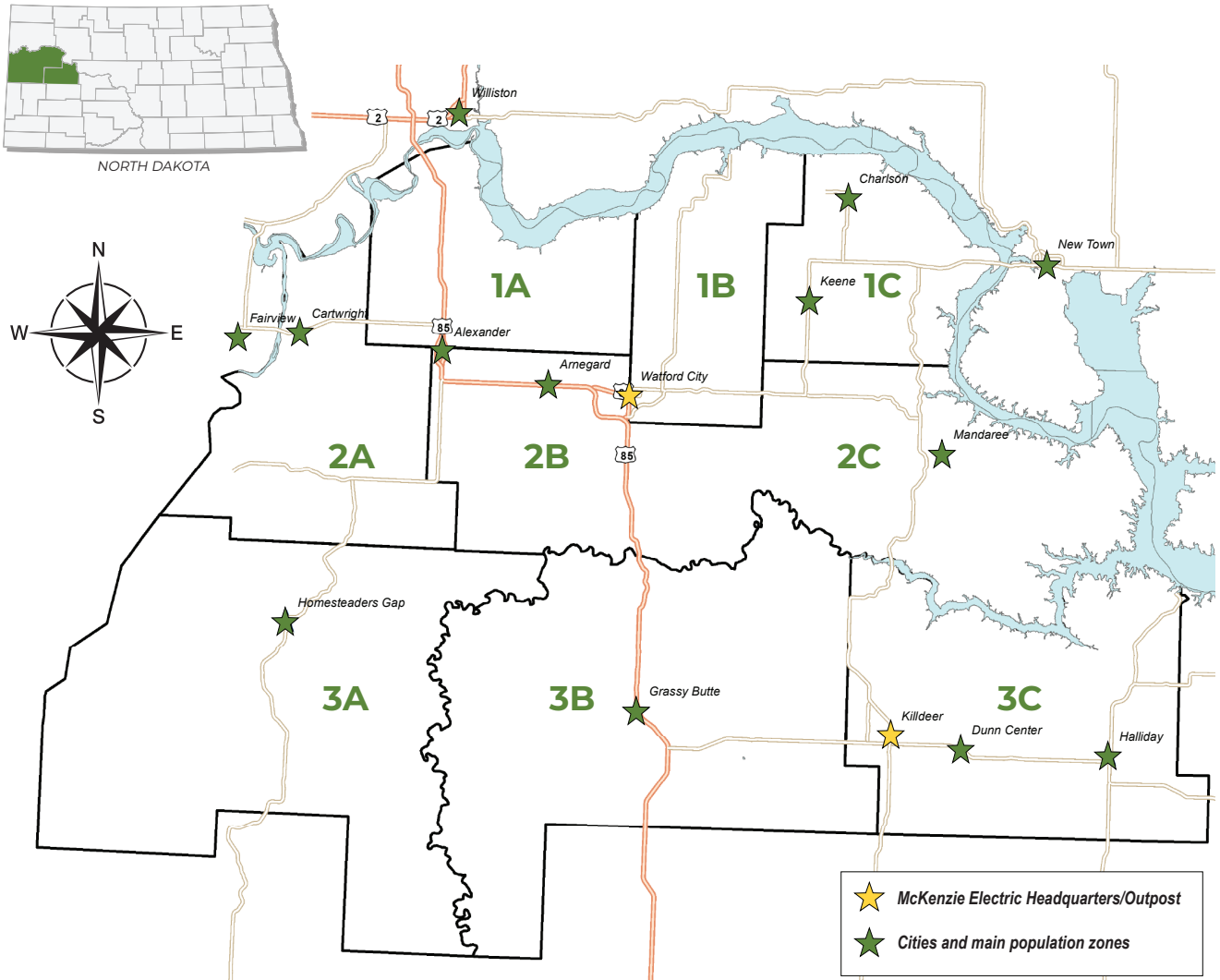
**Chris Link**  
District 2A



**Rick Jore**  
District 2C



**Stephan Kershisnik**  
District 3B





# NOMINATING MINUTES & ELECTIONS

## McKenzie Electric Cooperative Nominating Committee Minutes of Meeting Held March 25, 2024

The nominating committee for McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. convened by telephonic meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2024, at 11:05 a.m. Central Time. Present were cooperative attorney Ariston E. Johnson along with nominating committee members Grady Houghton, Faye Anderson, and Cameron Dodge.

The meeting was called to order by Attorney Johnson.

**District 1B.** It was reported that there had been only one individual indicate an interest in serving as Director for McKenzie Electric Cooperative from District 1B. Motion by Faye Anderson to nominate Ken Sanford as a candidate for Director from District 1B, seconded by Cameron Dodge. Motion carried unanimously.

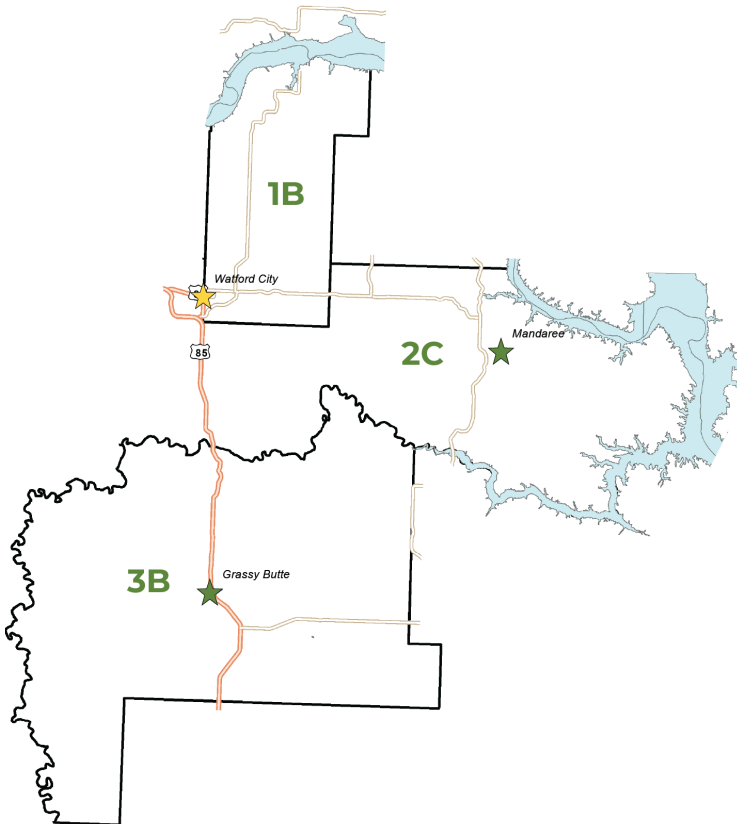
**District 2C.** It was reported that there had been only one individual indicate an interest in serving as Director for McKenzie Electric Cooperative from District 2C. Motion by Cameron Dodge to nominate Rick Jore as a candidate for Director from District 2C, seconded by Faye Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

**District 3B.** It was reported that there had been only one individual indicate an interest in serving as Director for McKenzie Electric Cooperative from District 3B. Motion by Grady Houghton to nominate Stephan Kershisnik as a candidate for Director from District 3B, seconded by Cameron Dodge. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting of the nominating committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ariston E. Johnson**  
*Attorney at Law*



## BOARD POSITIONS FOR ELECTION:



**Ken Sanford**  
District 1B



**Rick Jore**  
District 2C



**Stephan Kershisnik**  
District 3B



# Thank You! FOR THE HIGH MARKS



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## HEAR IT FROM OUR MEMBERS!

McKenzie Electric members were contacted in October to participate in a member satisfaction survey.

By actively seeking feedback, we demonstrate our commitment to member-focused business decisions and continuous improvement.

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- Community based and reliable.
- Easy to reach someone.
- Outage repair is FAST!
- Very polite and accommodating.
- Prompt action when there is a power outage!
- They work around the clock to ensure we have power.

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# OPERATION ROUND UP

Rural communities have long understood the power of collaboration in achieving remarkable feats. Just as Americans formed electric cooperatives across the nation in the 1940s, we have dedicated ourselves to improving the quality of life for people within our service area.

A prime example of our community service efforts is the Operation Round Up (ORU) program. Since its adoption by McKenzie Electric members at the 53rd annual meeting, \$264,485 has been distributed throughout the cooperative's service territory. Funding has been provided to individuals with emergency medical costs, aid for civic and charitable organizations, equipment upgrades to schools and parks, and new and necessary equipment for ambulance and rescue departments.

ORU could only be successful because of the generosity of our members. Each month, members who take part and round up their monthly bills to the nearest dollar. The difference is then put into a fund managed by a board of nine cooperative members appointed by the McKenzie Electric Board. On average, a member will contribute less than \$12 per year.

Thank you to each and every one of our participating members for their continued commitment to their communities and the people who call this area home.

Applications  
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Funding for  
qualifying  
applications  
is dispersed  
twice a year.

## 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

<b>Medical Expenses</b>	\$5,000
<b>Watford City 2nd Grade</b> Hands-on learning supplies	\$1,500
<b>Johnsons Corner Christian Academy</b> Playground equipment	\$2,500
<b>Hill Top Heritage Foundation</b> Mobility chair purchase	\$2,500

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President</b>	Kim Neprash
<b>Vice President</b>	Nikki Darrington
<b>Secretary</b>	Betty Bruins
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maureen Moe
	Ardyce Alveshere
	Sue Farnsworth
	Alice Voigt
	Misty Powell
	Mary Johnson





# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Throughout the year, McKenzie Electric Cooperative attends events focused around the education of local youth. The primary focus of the Cooperative's attendance is to promote safe electricity use and to educate students about the dangers of electricity while also highlighting the unique attributes of a distribution system. During school visits, job fairs, and hands-on demonstrations, Cooperative employees speak about the cooperative business model, career opportunities, and how a member-driven service differs from other utility models.

The following students were selected as recipients of scholarship awards and as the delegate for Youth Tour 2024. Determining the recipients for each scholarship and award is inevitably a difficult decision and is based on many factors. McKenzie Electric Cooperative is honored to have the opportunity to play a small part in the education of young adults within our service area. Best wishes and congratulations to all applicants and graduates!



## **GUS BOHMBACH**

**KILLDEER, ND**  
*Killdeer High School*

Gus Bohmbach is the 2024 recipient of the McKenzie Electric Cooperative scholarship. Gus plans to attend the University of Mary with the intended major of biology with a concentration in pre-med. His career goal is to obtain a degree in pre-med before continuing his education to become an orthodontist. Once he obtains an orthodontics degree, he hopes to move back to a small town in rural North Dakota and start his own dental practice.

Gus is the son of Clay and Tara Bohmbach of Killdeer, ND. Congratulations Gus!



## **KREE HARTEL**

**WATFORD CITY, ND**  
*Watford City High School*

Kree Hartel is the 2024 recipient of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship. Kree plans to attend North Dakota State University (NDSU) with the intended major of accounting. Her goal is to become a certified public accountant and work in the tax accounting and auditing field. After college, she hopes to return back to the Watford City area to start a family.

Kree is the daughter of Justin and Angie Hartel of Watford City, ND. Congratulations Kree!



# 2024 YOUTH TOUR DELEGATE



## ARIEANA ELLIOT

WCHS - JUNIOR  
WATFORD CITY, ND  
Daughter of Terry & Amy Elliot

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. for a week in June every year since the late 1950s. Students apply and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperative utilizing a third party ranking system. We believe that students should see their nation's capital up close, learn about the political process and interact with their elected officials.

Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their Representative and Senators. While student groups are organized at the state level, they all come together for Youth Day, where they get to meet each other and hear featured speakers who provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their communities.

Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this program. Some of our Youth Tour alumni have gone on to design airplanes, to lead companies and to serve in the highest ranks of our government, including the U.S. Senate. Don't be surprised if you run into a former Youth Tour participant who is a congressional aide on Capitol Hill. While several of our alumni work in Washington, you will find even more alumni in your own community.

2024's Youth Tour Delegate is Arieana Elliot, daughter of Terry and Amy Elliot of Watford City, ND. Congratulations Arieana!

# 2023 YOUTH TOUR RECAP

## *"It really is a trip of a lifetime"*

As soon as the North Dakota Youth Tour delegates arrived in D.C., they hit the ground running starting their tour with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. "I had learned a little bit about the Holocaust in school but seeing the history and artifacts in person was an experience you can't get through a textbook," said Max Hanson when asked about the museum, "the whole museum was very moving and emotional."

After taking in their first museum, students joined their peers for a co-op advocacy course where they learned about each of the seven cooperative founding principles and why they are an important keystone to the cooperative business model. Closing out day one, delegates met with other students from 44 different states at the 2023 Youth Tour Welcome Event.

Throughout the week, North Dakota's Youth Tour delegates would visit some of the world's best museums, historic sites and memorials, and meet with state representatives and senators.

Find the complete recap article in the August 2023 *North Dakota Living Magazine* to read Max's first-hand account of the 2023 Youth Tour trip.



2023's Youth Tour delegate, Maxwell Hanson, stands outside the Thomas Jefferson Memorial





# 78th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 78th Annual Meeting of the members of the McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. was called to order on June 6, 2023, at the Roughrider Center in Watford City, North Dakota. Jessie Veeder Scofield performed the National Anthem. Karl Aaker gave the invocation.

President Clayton Monsen called the meeting to Order.

President Monsen welcomed the members who had come to the meeting. He appointed Paul Deutch as Parliamentarian. President Monsen introduced cooperative attorney Ariston Johnson and inquired whether a quorum of members was present so that business could be conducted. Attorney Johnson indicated that a quorum of members was present.

President Monsen called for a motion to adopt the meeting rules as printed in the annual report. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the meeting rules as printed. Motion carried.

President Monsen called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the 77th annual meeting and approve as printed. Motion was made and a seconded to waive the reading of the 77th annual meeting minutes and approve as printed. Motion carried.

President Monsen gave a brief report to the membership and invited any members' questions about the cooperative's business. He introduced guests: Sandra Fearing from Representative Kramer's office, Claire Vigessaa from the North

Dakota Transmission Authority, Della Pewonka and Stacey Brown from Upper Missouri Power Cooperative, Brian Gion from North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Lance Rambousek from Brady Martz & Associates and State Representative Jeremy Olson. President Monsen then introduced Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Matt Hanson to give his report to the membership.

CEO Hanson spoke about Weathering the Storm Together and how the cooperative has faced both natural storm events and unprecedented economic storms that affected the cooperative's operations in the past year.

President Monsen then introduced Lance Rambousek with Brady Martz & Associates to provide the financial report for McKenzie Electric. Mr. Rambousek reported that the cooperative received an unqualified, clean audit opinion according to GAAS (Generally Accepted Accounting Standards), reviewed the highlights of the financial reports, and invited any members' questions. President Monsen called for a motion to approve the financial report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

President Monsen introduced the 2022-2023 Board of Directors from each district and their spouses.

President Monsen called on cooperative Attorney Johnson to explain the voting procedure for electing directors. Attorney Johnson explained the voting procedures under the bylaws and reported on the Nominating Committee





meeting, held March 21, 2023. Attorney Johnson called for a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Travis Thompson to serve as Director for District 1C, as nominated by the nominating committee. A motion was made and seconded to elect Travis Thompson as Director from District 1C. The motion carried.

Attorney Johnson then called for a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Clayton Monsen to serve as Director for District 2B, as nominated by the nominating committee. A motion was made and seconded to elect Clayton Monsen as Director from District 2B. The motion carried.

Attorney Johnson then called for a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Ray Tescher to serve as Director for District 3A, as nominated by the nominating committee. A motion was made and seconded to elect Ray Tescher as Director from District 3A. The motion carried.

President Monsen thanked the nominating committee members for their work: David Brenna, Wayne Johnson and Joel Gorrell.

Service awards were presented to Lynette Hansen (40 years), Colt Rangen (15 years), Jim Hansen (15 years), Zane Frick (10 years), Daniel Marmon (5 years), and Justin Bentz (5 years).

President Monsen next called Kim Neprash and Nikki Darrington to report on Operation Round Up. Ms. Darrington spoke on the cooperative spirit and the 1998 establishment

of Operation Round Up at the cooperative. Ms. Neprash introduced the Operation Round Up board members and explained that the next application deadline for new requests is October 13, 2023.

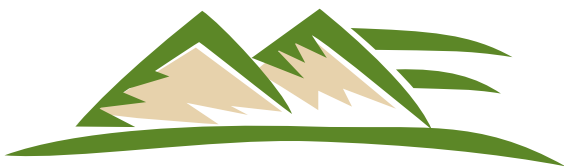
President Monsen then introduced Andrew Spratta to announce scholarship awards, which President Monsen and CEO Hanson presented. The MEC Scholarship was awarded to Gracie Doe, daughter of Jody and Sarah Doe of Killdeer, North Dakota. The Basin Electric Scholarship was awarded to Chloe Gullikson, daughter of Doug and Tami Gullikson of Cartwright, ND. The Basin Electric Cooperative Employee Scholarship was awarded to Allyson Cross, daughter of Jamie Cross, MEC Business Manager. The 2023 Youth Tour Delegate was awarded to Maxwell Hanson, son of Matt and Angela Hanson of Watford City, North Dakota.

President Monsen asked for any old or new business. He invited any members' questions about the ongoing Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) and civil court proceedings. He explained that the FERC matter is set for hearing in the autumn of 2023 and the civil case is set for trial in 2024.

President Monsen thanked the members for attending the annual meeting and for all that they do for the cooperative, including granting easements for power lines, reporting wire breaks, downed poles and other hazardous conditions. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:32 p.m.







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When a storm rolls through the prairie, buffalo exhibit a unique instinct that has helped them survive and thrive. Although unpleasant, buffalo move **into** the storm, oftentimes reducing the time spent within adverse conditions.

Like the buffalo facing the storm with unwavering resolve, McKenzie Electric embraces challenges, dedicated to restoring and providing power, mirroring the resilience of North Dakota's noble beasts in the face of adversity.

McKenzie Electric remains committed to providing reliable service, **no matter the season.**

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