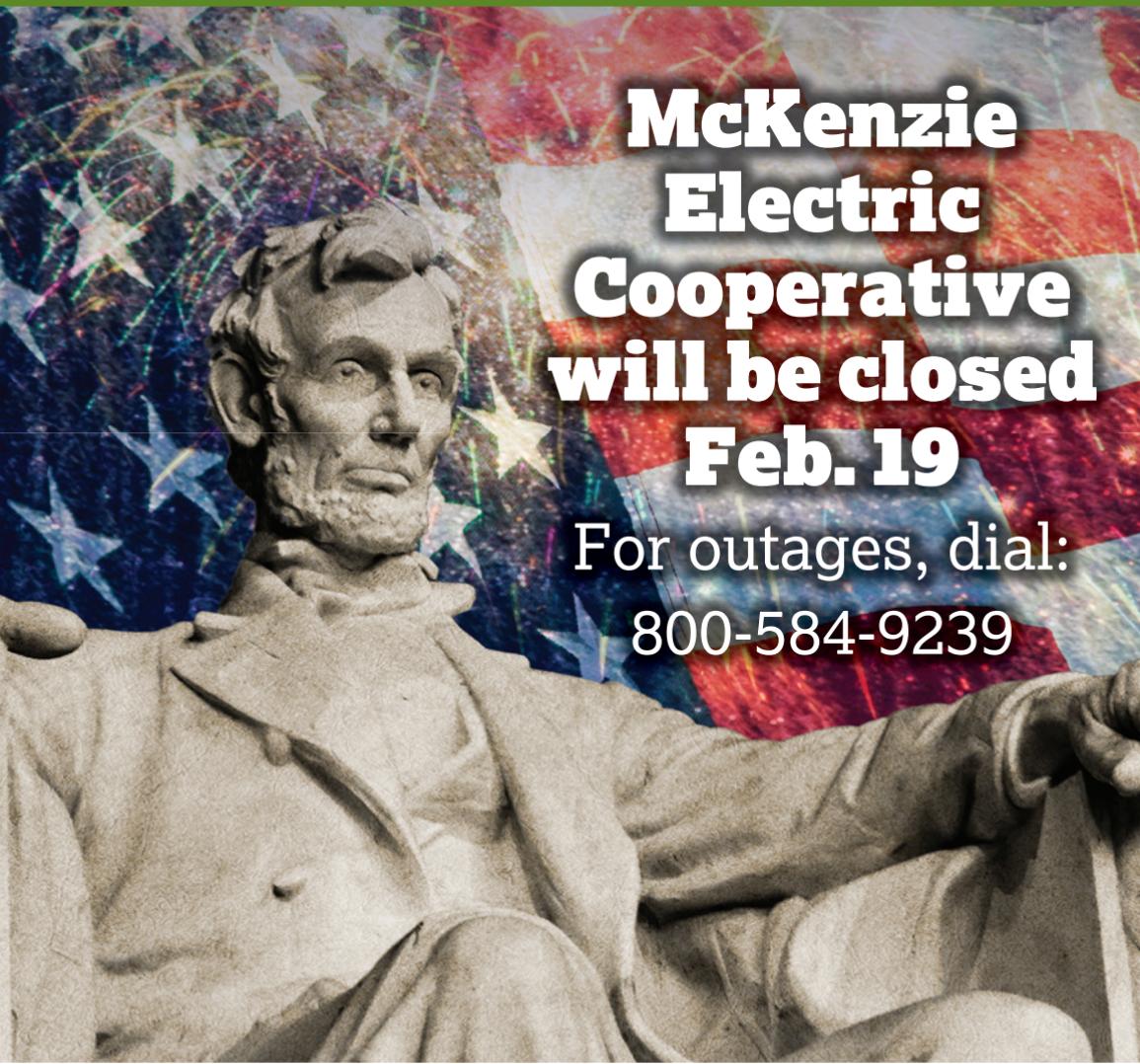




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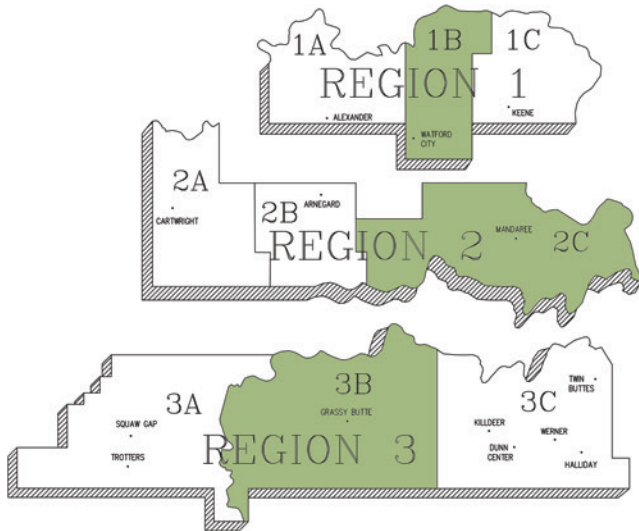
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McKenzie Electric Cooperative

Connections



Sanford

Nominating Committee selected

In accordance with the bylaws of McKenzie Electric Cooperative, the 2018 annual meeting and election of directors will be held on June 19. The director positions for Districts 1B, 2C and 3B are up for election. All members whose primary residence is located within Region 1 may vote for the director in District 1B. The same holds true for Region 2 and 3 for director District 2C and District 3B respectively.

The following members have been appointed by the board of directors of McKenzie Electric Cooperative to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee:

District 1B

Faye Jorgenson
701-675-2317
3342 115th Ave. N.W.
Watford City, ND 58854

District 2C

Cameron Dodge
701-675-2413
2310 109th Ave. N.W.
Keene ND 58847

District 3B

Ben Murphy
701-330-0559
10954 4th St. N.W.
Killdeer, ND 58640

If you are interested in being a candidate for the McKenzie Electric Cooperative board of directors, or wish to have a member considered for nomination, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee in your respective district on or before March 10.

Only cooperative members who use, receive and purchase electric service at the primary residence within the district are eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election in which a term of office needs to be filled. The Nominating Committee will be meeting after March 10.

Nominating by petition can also be made in accordance with the McKenzie Electric Cooperative bylaws. The petition must contain the printed names and addresses of 15 or more members of the cooperative from the district for which a director will be elected. A nomination by petition must be delivered to the cooperative on or before April 20, 2018.

Currently, Ken Sanford serves District 1B, Rondee Hanna serves District 2C and Glen Houghton serves District 3B. ■



Hanna



Houghton

Added cost...No benefit for you.



Each month, McKenzie Electric Cooperative (MEC) sends an average of 700 disconnect notices, which costs you, the members, more than \$1,000 in postage, supplies and labor.

McKenzie Electric follows a strict delinquent policy to protect the membership from losses associated with delinquent accounts. Bills are due by the third of the month. When payment in full is not made prior to the due date, a disconnect notice is mailed. New members will receive notice the first time their account is past due. Members on MEC's system longer than a year will receive a disconnect notice if their account has been past due two or more times in a rolling 12-month period.

Payment arrangements may be possible if members are unable to pay, by contacting our office and visiting with a member service representative or going to <http://www.mckenzieelectric.com/content/billing-payment-options>. In the event service is disconnected, you will incur a 1.5 percent penalty on the unpaid balance and a \$60 disconnect fee if service is disconnected, or in the process of being disconnected when payment is made. There are multiple avenues to pay your power bill on time, including:

Pay-by-bank: Payment deducted automatically from a checking or savings account. Members receive a \$10 bill credit for signing up.

Budget billing – Members on MEC's system for 12 consecutive months have their bill averaged and pay the average each month. Members have a catchup month when the account balance will be paid in full and payment amounts are recalculated.

Drive-through window: McKenzie Electric staff is available from 8 a.m.-5p.m. Monday - Friday, right from the convenience of your vehicle.
Dakota West Credit Union - New Town: Payments are accepted at the Dakota West Credit Union located at 105 East Ave., New Town. Lobby hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
First International Bank – Killdeer: Payments are accepted at First International Bank located at 75 Central Ave. S., Killdeer. Lobby hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. MT.

Drop box: Bill payment can be placed in the drop box all hours. The payment drop box is located to the right of the drive-through window.

Drive-through Kiosk:

Located at the drive-through window at MEC's headquarters building, the kiosk will take cash and credit cards.

The process is this simple:

- Step 1: Touch the screen to start
- Step 2: Enter your account number or scan your barcode that is located on your bill
- Step 3: Enter your information
- Step 4: Define the amount you would like to pay
- Step 5: Insert payment (cash/card)
- Step 6: Take your receipt

How much does it cost?

It's that time of year when many members are questioning the increase on electricity bills. When you receive your electricity bill, you may wonder why it's higher. Your bill is based on the amount of electricity you use and how often you use it. Kilowatt-hours, or kWh, are the basic units in which members are charged. Residential members are charged 6.4 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity.

Harsh North Dakota winters cause furnaces to work overtime to maintain comfortable temperatures. With this increase in usage, members will see higher energy bills this time of the year. Additionally, some members will see

increased usage due to vehicle block heaters, shop heaters or space heaters being used.

The figures you see in the chart are approximate representations. The actual power consumption of your appliances will vary, depending on the efficiency. TVs, computers and other devices left plugged in, but not turned on, still draw power. There are many pieces to the puzzle that can cause your bill to increase.

Use the chart below to see how appliances in your home can affect your electrical bill. You may be able to find ways to lower your electric bill as you control how much electricity you consume.

Residential/Household	Typical Wattage	Estimated hours used per month*	Estimated monthly kWh	Cost per month at \$.064 kWh
Air conditioner (central -8.5 SEER, 2.5 tons)	3500	100	350	\$22.40
Air conditioner (room - 9,000btu)	1050	360	378	\$24.19
Block heater (110 volt)	1500	360	540	\$34.56
Clothes dryer	5000	16	80	\$5.12
Clothes washer (doesn't include hot water)	500	16	8	\$0.51
Coffee Maker	800	5	4	\$0.26
Computer	200	240	48	\$3.07
Dishwasher (doesn't include hot water)	1800	15	20	\$1.73
Electric Blanket	150	120	18	\$1.15
Freezer (frostless 15 cu ft.)	335	334	112	\$7.16
Fireplace (electric)	1500	300	450	\$28.80
Furnace (2400 sq ft home running 4 hours a day)	18000	120	2160	\$138.24 (\$99.36 with a heat meter)
Hair dryer	1000	5	5	\$0.32
Humidifier	177	240	42.5	\$2.72
Lighting - 1 CFL bulb	13	150	2	\$0.12
Lighting - 1 Incandescent bulb	60	150	9	\$0.58
Lighting - 1 LED bulb	9	150	1.4	\$0.09
Microwave oven	1500	10	15	\$0.96
Radio	25	100	3	\$0.16
Range with oven	3500	15	188	\$3.36
Refrigerator/freezer (16-18 cu ft)	400	250	154	\$6.40
Space heater (144 sq ft room)	1440	360	518.4	\$33.18
Television - 32" LED (6 hrs./day)	114	180	21	\$1.31
Television - 42" plasma (6 hrs./day)	360	180	65	\$4.15
Television - 46" LED (6 hrs./day)	87	180	16	\$1.00
Toaster	1000	3	3	\$0.19
Vacuum cleaner	800	6	6	\$0.31
Water heater (varies)	4500	90	405	\$25.92
Water pump (deep well)	1000	15	15	\$0.96

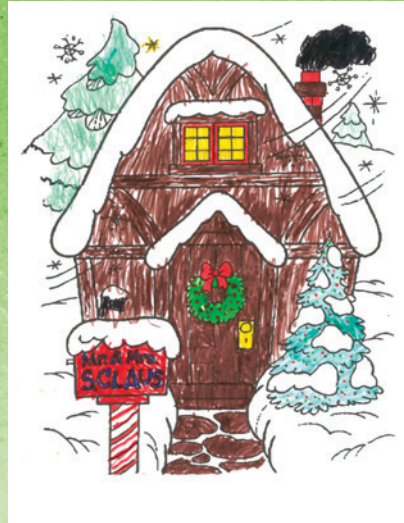
*Typical wattage and estimated hours per month are samples. Actual wattage and use will vary. Consult the information panel on your appliances for specific wattages.



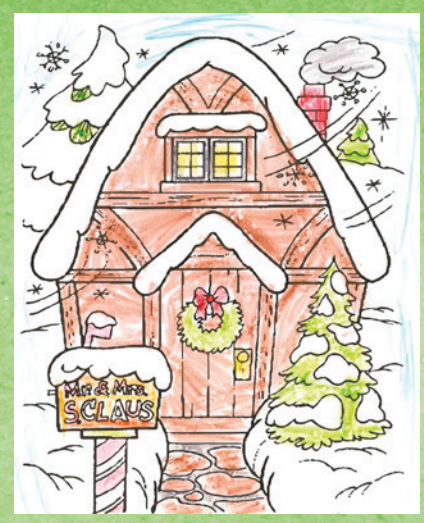
**is proud to display the coloring
of our youngest members!**



Alyssa Holen, age 9



Mason Hugelen, age 8



Meredith Flake, age 8



Quincy Hugelen, age 6



Tanner Hugelen, age 11

Need money for college?

McKenzie Electric scholarship application due March 1

The McKenzie Electric Cooperative scholarship program will award two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One of these scholarships will be geared toward students with an interest in an electrical-related curriculum at an accredited college, university or technical school. The other \$500 scholarship will go to a student attending any accredited college, university or technical school.

Basin Electric and subsidiaries scholarship application due March 1

Applicant must be a dependent of a McKenzie Electric member or a member themselves for this scholarship. The individual may be a high school senior planning to enroll or someone currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Visit www.mckenzieelectric.com for scholarship applications and instructions. Applicants can also stop in to the McKenzie Electric office and pick up an application.



Let's talk change

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that gives members the opportunity to really give back locally. All it takes is for members to round their electric bill up to the nearest dollar. One might not think that a few cents makes a difference, but it all adds up! If you are a member who would like to participate in the Operation Round Up, please contact our office at 701-444-9288.

The next deadline for applications is May 25. Anyone interested in applying for a member of your community or local organization can visit www.mckenzieelectric.com for application instructions and to apply. ■

Making Christmas bright



McKenzie Electric Cooperative (MEC) is dedicated to the core value of commitment to community, and giving back to the communities served. Dunn County Child Protective Services needs were placed on MEC's Giving Tree. Employees, directors and members gave selflessly to make someone's Christmas a little brighter. The gifts were delivered to Dunn County on Dec. 19. MEC wants to give a big thank you to all who contributed.

For the second year, McKenzie Electric teamed up with Dunn County Child Protective Services to provide a brighter Christmas for children within the community. Dunn County Protective Services provided a list of needed items and from there MEC staff and membership stepped in to help ensure a happier holiday. The employees at Dunn County Child Protective Services were overwhelmed with the amount of gifts donated, and beyond grateful to everyone who donated.

Stay updated with future opportunities to help within the community by reading your *North Dakota Living* and by liking McKenzie Electric Cooperative on Facebook.

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**BOARD
OF
DIRECTORS**



Monsen



Thompson



Hanna



Houghton



Wasem



Wahlstrom



Sanford



Tescher



Link

Board report

December 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the McKenzie Electric Board of Directors was held at the Headquarters Building in Watford City, North Dakota. Directors present were: Clayton Monsen, Travis Thompson, Rondee Hanna, Cameron Wahlstrom, Ken Sanford, Chris Link, Glen Houghton and Ray Tescher. Director Tim Wasem and Attorney Dennis Johnson were absent. CEO John Skurupey and staff personnel of McKenzie Electric were also present.

PRELIMINARIES: The agenda for the meeting and minutes of the previous board meeting were approved by the Board of Directors. Expenses were also approved.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSIONS: The Board appointed the following members to serve on the 2017 nominating committee: District 1B, Faye Jorgenson; District 2C, Cameron Dodge; District 3B, Ben Murphy. Director terms expiring are Ken Sanford, Rondee Hanna and Glen Houghton. The Board and management discussed member concerns which had arisen from their director districts. The Board approved an increase in the Attorney retainer.

ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS: There was no North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) board meeting on which to report. The Board selected Tim Wasem as voting delegate and Rondee Hanna as an alternate delegate to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association annual meeting. Ken Sanford was appointed as delegate and Cameron Wahlstrom as alternate delegate to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation District annual meeting. Director Rondee Hanna was appointed as delegate and Cameron Wahlstrom as alternate delegate to the National Rural Telecommunications Council annual meeting.

POWER SUPPLY: Director Travis Thompson indicated there was no Upper Missouri board meeting on which to report. Basin Electric board summaries were reviewed.

Director Ray Tescher reported on the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association annual meeting. Tescher reported he had been re-elected to the Mid-West Electric board of directors.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: There was no report.

2018 BUDGET: CEO John Skurupey reviewed the 2018 proposed budget in detail with the Board. After considerable discussion, the 2018 Budget was approved by the Board of Directors.

CEO REPORT: CEO John Skurupey reported on several items including an engineering planning meeting, system issues, building issues and wholesale power.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The Board reviewed the written report. MEC will be adding one new employee to the warehouse. MEC employees participated in a high school career day event.

OFFICE REPORT: Financial and statistical reports for November were reviewed with the Board along with a budget-to-date comparison, the capital projects report and the comparative cash report. The Board discussed MEC's cash on hand, future cash needs and reviewed month-end and year-to-date margins.

ENGINEERING REPORT: An update was given on the progress of unfinished items remaining on the headquarters building complex. MEC requested the window manufacturer and the window installation contractor to inspect the installed windows for proper installation; issues were found that have caused the leakage issue. Updates were given on member issues, system outages, potential new loads, substations, SCADA, metering and reclosures.

OPERATIONS/CONTRACT MANAGEMENT/SAFETY REPORT: Written reports provided updates on projects currently being worked on by MEC contractors and a work order progress report. Conversion of the line from the Sather Dam Substation to the Skaar Substation has begun. Crews have been busy working on outages, maintenance projects, work orders, meter changes, retirements and high

loads. The written safety report was reviewed by the Board.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR: An update was given on NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation) compliance activities. MEC has reviewed and made changes to the Transmission Operator Procedure agreement with the Western Area Power Administration. An update was also given on Member Service activities.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date was set for January 31, 2018, at the Watford City Headquarters building.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ■



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