

# *The Nodak Neighbor*

*presents the*

2016 Annual Report



## The Right Energy Mix

*77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
April 6, 2017*



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**Counties served**  
Cavalier, Pembina, Walsh, Benson,  
Ramsey, Nelson, Grand Forks,  
Eddy, Griggs, Steele, Traill, Barnes  
and Cass

**Board meeting**  
First Tuesday  
of each month

**Date first energized**  
Dec. 23, 1939

**Power supplier**  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

**Co-op facts**  
Total operating  
revenue . . . . . \$95,581,108  
kWh sold  
in 2016. . . . . 1,057,478,857  
Total miles of line:  
Overhead . . . . . 3,927  
Underground . . . . . 4,212  
Square miles . . . . . 8,820  
Metered services . . . . . 19,517  
Number of employees . . . . . 64

**Our mission**  
Nodak Electric Cooperative is  
dedicated to be an efficient provider of  
quality electric service with leadership  
that demonstrates the highest regard  
for its member-owners.

# Notice of annual meeting

To the members of Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

You are hereby notified that the 77<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Nodak Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017, at the Alerus Center, 1200 42<sup>nd</sup> Street South in Grand Forks beginning at 6:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

- 1. To pass upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, including acting upon reports of directors.
- 2. To elect three directors:

Listed below are candidates either nominated by petition or selected by the Committee on Nominations. The members of the Committee on Nominations are appointed by the board of directors.

<b>District 1</b> (one 3-year term) <b>Loren Estad, Crystal</b> <b>Gordon L. Johnson, Cavalier</b> <b>Cheryl Osowski, Grafton</b> <b>Derek Roach, Mekinock</b> <b>Thomas Vaughn, Cavalier</b>	<b>District 2</b> (one 3-year term) <b>Paul R. Hanson, Mayville</b> <b>Peter Naastad, Hatton</b>	<b>District 3</b> (one 3-year term) <b>Steven Smaaladen, Aneta</b>
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- 3. To transact business that may come before the meeting.

**Voting by mail.** The board of directors has authorized the mailing, for the election of directors, each member an absentee ballot. Your ballot will be mailed to you prior to the annual meeting with a list of the candidates and a postage paid return envelope. Completed ballot must be received by Survey & Ballot Systems, an independent election service, no later than April 5, 2017, to be counted as a vote of the absent member.

Les Windjue, Secretary/Treasurer  
March 13, 2017

## Staff



Seated, from left:  
Mylo Einarson,  
president & CEO;  
and Tom Edwards,  
accounting/finance  
manager.  
Standing, from left:  
Blaine Rekken,  
customer/energy  
services manager;  
Dan Schaefer, line  
superintendent;  
Kim Soper, executive  
assistant; and  
Steve Breidenbach,  
engineering manager.

**On the cover:** Coal, wind and hydroelectric power are the three big resources in Nodak Electric's energy mix. The diversity in both the location of assets and the type of assets have provided Nodak Electric with The Right Energy Mix entering 2017. Garrison Dam photo credit: North Dakota National Guard.

# Message to our Members

Finding the proper blend of resources for our wholesale power mix can be a delicate task. Each source has pros and cons associated with it, such as varying costs, reliability, availability and environmental impacts. That is one reason we believe the best approach for our membership is what's been termed an "all of the above approach." Each of North Dakota's various natural resources has unique benefits that the others may not, so utilizing all types of North Dakota's bountiful natural resources, including coal, wind, natural gas and hydroelectric has long been our approach. This diversity in generation sources helps to insulate us from the impact of targeted environmental rules, unplanned outages and changes in market conditions.

Elsewhere in this report, you will see that 42 percent of our wholesale power mix now comes from renewable sources. At the end of 2016, our wholesale power provider, Minnkota Power Cooperative, commissioned an additional 100 megawatts of wind capacity from the Oliver III wind farm near Center, N.D. With the addition of these 100 megawatts, wind now accounts for 34 percent of the generation capacity, hydroelectric from the Garrison Dam makes up another 8 percent and another 55 percent comes from North Dakota lignite coal. To take advantage of this diversity, we have begun offering our Infinity Renewable Energy Program to those members who would like to purchase up to 100 percent of their energy from these renewable sources.

The addition of more wind energy is in part a response to the strong federal government push away from coal. Although we believe that North Dakota's bountiful coal deposits provide a great resource for clean, affordable electricity, the environmental push toward a more carbon-constrained world is a stark reality and one the nation will move toward. To keep rates low, reliability high and North Dakota's economy strong, coal needs to remain part of the nation's resource mix for the long term. The new administration's approach to environmental regulation gives us hope that the Clean Power Plan regulation implemented under the Obama Administration will be redrawn in a more thoughtful, deliberate way, so we can maintain our "all of the above strategy" into the future.

When we look back on 2016 from an operational perspective, I think we would characterize it as one of mixed results. One of the warmest winters on record and a cool wet summer in parts of our service territory helped

keep kilowatt-hour sales lower despite healthy growth in new services. Although we posted a net increase of 329 new members and 373 new service locations, we ended 2016 with kilowatt-hour sales down 2.3 percent from 2015. Consistent growth in membership leaves us optimistic that sales will be robust when weather patterns return to something we would consider more North Dakota normal.

In April 2016, we adjusted our rates by 5 percent in response to a wholesale power cost increase from April 2015. Since the end of 2014, we have been using our Revenue Deferral Plan to help stabilize your rates. Through long-term planning, we've been able to delay the impacts of millions of dollars in wholesale power cost increases to our membership. With wholesale power now accounting for more than 84 percent of our total expenses, managing how these costs are passed along is a critical part of keeping your rates affordable.

Technology is one of the ways we continue to work to provide better service at a reduced cost. Consequently, we are excited about the introduction of SmartHub in 2016. SmartHub is an app that allows member access to account information 24 hours a day. With SmartHub, members can now view and compare hour-by-hour usage, pay bills or interact with your cooperative right from your phone, tablet or computer. The availability of this data helps members analyze their own energy usage to confirm when and why power was used.

Cost is one of our most important performance measures; however, reliability is also an important aspect to providing a good value for membership. In this vein, we are happy to report that our wholesale power provider, Minnkota Power Cooperative, is planning \$1.4 million in blink mitigation updates to their transmission system in Nodak's service territory during the first quarter of 2017. These updates will help lessen the number of interruptions our membership have due to lightning activity and wildlife contacts.

In closing, we just want to point out that while 2016 wasn't a record year by most measures, it certainly was a good one. We met all our financial requirements, we kept rates affordable, kept the power on and sent everyone home from work without serious injuries. Thank you for your patronage this past year and more importantly, all your support on issues important to your cooperative. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve and work with you this past year.



Paul Sigurdson  
Chairman



Mylo Einarson  
President & CEO





# Rate Increase Effective April 1, 2017

A 3.3 percent rate increase has been approved by Nodak Electric’s Board of Directors beginning April 1. The increase is being implemented in response to wholesale power rate adjustments from recent years. See tables below for specific rate component change information.

	Old Rate	New Rate	Difference
<b>General Service - Farm, Rural Residential and Small Commercial</b>			
Facility Charge Per Month:			
Single Phase	\$ 37.95	\$ 39.20	\$ 1.25
Three Phase	\$ 79.80	\$ 82.45	\$ 2.65
Energy Rate All kWhs:	\$ 0.097	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.003
<b>Urban</b>			
Facility Charge Per Month:			
Single Phase	\$ 13.80	\$ 14.25	\$ 0.45
Three Phase	\$ 30.40	\$ 31.40	\$ 1.00
Energy Rate All kWhs:	\$ 0.097	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.003
<b>High Density</b>			
Facility Charge Per Month:			
Single Phase	\$ 26.30	\$ 27.20	\$ .90
Three Phase	\$ 58.00	\$ 59.95	\$ 1.95
Energy Rate All kWhs:	\$ 0.097	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.003

	Old Rate	New Rate	Difference
<b>Monthly Energy Usage Charge Increase For General Service, Urban &amp; High Density (excluding facility charge)</b>			
500	\$ 48.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 1.50
1,000	\$ 97.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.00
1,250	\$ 121.25	\$ 125.00	\$ 3.75
1,500	\$ 145.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 4.50
<b>Off-Peak</b>			
Facility Charge Per Month:			
Submeter	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.95	\$ 0.15
Energy Rate All kWhs (Oct.-May):			
Short-Term Control	\$ 0.071	\$ 0.073	\$ 0.002
Long-Term Control	\$ 0.056	\$ 0.058	\$ 0.002
<b>Renewable Energy Market Adjustment Surcharge</b>			
Energy Rate All kWhs:	0.004	0.004	(No Change)

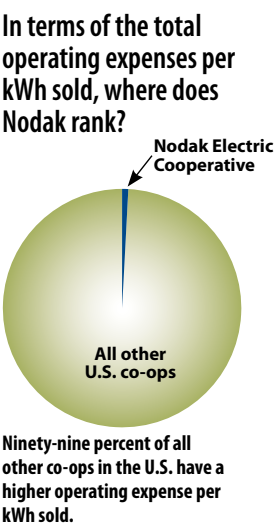
# Treasurer’s Report



**Les Windjue**  
secretary/treasurer

As treasurer of Nodak Electric Cooperative, it is my honor to present the 2016 financial statements of the cooperative. The financial year 2016 brought many months of kWh sales unpredictability due to unseasonable temperatures throughout most of the year. Weather patterns such as what we experienced in 2016 create issues with utility finances, but despite the weather uncertainty, we were able to meet our lenders financial requirements for the year. Revenue from electric sales totaled \$95.5 million. Power costs for 2016 were \$80.8

million. Total cost of electric service (less power costs) was 95 percent of the 2016 budgeted levels. We were fortunate to not have any severe storms during the year that would create an unusual amount of extra expenses. Margins for 2016 were audited at \$923,603. Of that amount, \$134,463 came from operating margins and the balance of \$789,140 from nonoperating margins. For a more detailed look into the revenue, expenses and margins of your cooperative please feel free to contact Nodak at your convenience.



# Board of Directors



Seated, from left: Les Windjue, Devils Lake; Paul Sigurdson, Edinburg; David Hagert, Grand Forks; Lee McLaughlin, Lankin; and Doug Lund, Aneta. Standing, from left: Mylo Einarson, president & CEO; David Kent, Hatton; Steven Smaaladen, Aneta; Luther Meberg, Park River; Peter Naastad, Hatton; and Gerad Paul, Grand Forks legal counsel.

# Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>		
Net Utility Plant	\$ 100,889,989	\$ 99,115,548
Cash	4,452,894	1,384,216
Receivables	11,333,510	10,139,250
Other Assets and Debits	9,892,139	10,067,228
Total Assets	126,568,532	120,706,242
<b>LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS</b>		
Total Margins & Equities	47,733,706	48,524,708
Long Term Debt	54,996,396	49,856,156
Other Liabilities & Credits	23,838,430	22,325,378
Total Liabilities & Credits	\$ 126,568,532	\$ 120,706,242

# Income Statement

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Operating and Other Revenue	\$ 95,581,108	\$ 95,277,243
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Cost of Power	80,855,316	79,047,544
Operations & Maintenance Expense	4,639,595	4,289,360
Consumer Accounts & Consumer Service	1,064,791	1,144,750
Administrative & General	1,627,352	1,532,655
Depreciation	4,023,800	3,870,464
Taxes	784,061	838,929
Interest	2,451,730	2,362,483
Total Cost of Electric Service	95,446,645	93,086,185
OPERATING MARGINS	134,463	2,191,058
Nonoperating Margins	472,256	464,527
G&T and Other Capital Credits	316,884	201,309
NET MARGINS	\$ 923,603	\$ 2,856,894





**Loren Estad**  
Crystal, N.D.



**Gordon L. Johnson**  
Cavalier, N.D.



**Cheryl Osowski**  
Grafton, N.D.



**Derek Roach**  
Mekinock, N.D.



**Thomas Vaughn**  
Cavalier, N.D.

**Loren Estad** is a native from Crystal, N.D., where he is a fourth-generation farmer raising potatoes, edible beans, soybeans and wheat. Estad also operates a trucking company and is a partner in a couple of small businesses in the area.

Estad served on the Valley School Board for 12 years, the North Dakota Potato Council for six years and has currently been serving on the Park Township Board for 25 years.

Loren and his wife, Marge, have three grown daughters and one high school-aged son. Loren enjoys hunting and traveling with his family.

**Gordon L. Johnson**, a native of Langdon, N.D., grew up on the family farm west of Cavalier, N.D. He graduated from Cavalier High School in 1969, and then attended the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State College of Science-Wahpeton. In 1973, Johnson received an associate's degree in civil engineering technology from NDSCS.

After graduating, he worked for KBM, Inc., in Grand Forks as a field engineer until he accepted a rural water manager position with the North Valley Water District in 1975. Johnson is in his 42nd year as manager of that water district – now renamed Northeast Regional Water District.

Johnson served 23 years as a supervisor on the Akra Township Board; served on the Cavalier School Board and has been active in a number of local committees.

He and his wife, Deb, have three children and 11 grandchildren.

**Cheryl Osowski** serves as special projects coordinator at the Red River Regional Council (RRRC) in Grafton, N.D., an economic and community development organization that serves the counties of Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina and Walsh.

Osowski earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota – Crookston. She spent 17 years working at the University of North Dakota, serving as a personnel officer and the outreach coordinator at the College of Engineering and Mines. In 2000, she was elected president of the Northeast North Dakota Human Resource Association. She also serves on the board of the Dakota Science Center.

In addition to working at the RRRC, Osowski is a part-time freelance writer for *The Walsh County Record* and is bookkeeper for her husband's business, REO Truck Repair and Salvage, LLC.

Cheryl and her husband, Robert, live on their farmstead northeast of Voss, N.D.

**Derek Roach** is a fourth-generation Nodak Electric member. He and his family reside next to his parents' farmstead east of Mekinock, N.D., where his family has lived since the 1930s. He graduated from Midway Public School and attended Le Cordon Bleu for Culinary Arts in Las Vegas.

Roach has worked in the food service industry for more than 10 years. He managed and owned various restaurant and bar establishments. For the last six years he has worked for the Grand Forks Public Schools.

Derek and his family are very involved with Ness Lutheran Church. He has served on the council since 2013, and is treasurer/secretary for the church's Men's Club.

**Thomas Vaughn**, Cavalier, N.D., native, is a farmer and rancher near Cavalier. A fourth-generation farmer, Vaughn and two of his sons run a seed stock operation with purebred Limousin cattle.

Vaughn has been a 4-H leader and was superintendent of the cattle barn at the Pembina County Fair for several years. A lifelong member of Cavalier Presbyterian Church, he served as an elder for many years. He serves as vice president of the Pembina County Memorial Hospital/Wedgewood Manor Board. Other boards he has served on include the Pembina County Livestock Association, Heartland Limousin Association and the North America Limousin Foundation. He belongs to the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, National Cattleman's Beef Association and the Pembina County Farm Bureau.

Tom and his wife, Rita, have three sons and six grandchildren.



**Paul R. Hanson**  
Mayville, N.D.



**Peter Naastad**  
Hatton, N.D.

**Paul R. Hanson** lives on the family farm east of Mayville, N.D., along the Goose River. Hanson attended the University of North Dakota. He holds a bachelor of science degree with majors in biology and chemistry, along with a minor in mathematics.

Hanson farmed with his father, operating a farrow-to-finish hog operation along with cow-calf production and grain and sunflowers. He has worked as a chemist at American Crystal Sugar and is now employed at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

As a farmer, he served and presided on the boards of Mayville Township, the Mayville Farmers Co-op Elevator and Gran Lutheran Church. As a nationally Registered EMT – Intermediate, he worked toward organizing and training Traill County's rural EMS system.

Hanson has three adult children and enjoys four-wheeling and hunting along the Goose River, as well as playing instruments with the KEM Shrine Band.

**Peter Naastad** has been on the board since June, filling the unexpired term of Roger Diehl. Pete is an excavation and utilities contractor from Traill County. He has lived in rural Hatton all of his life. Naastad and his brothers started Naastad Brothers, Inc., in 1974. Though Pete's brothers left the company, he and his wife, Karen, continue to work at Naastad Brothers. Now their sons have joined them at the company.

Naastad is a past member of the Hatton School Board and the Bethany Church Council. He was also on the board of the Land Improvement Contractors Association, the Community Club Apartment Board, Hatton Prairie Village Loyalty Club and was past president and a current member of the Hatton Men's Club.

Naastad has two sons and a daughter, three goddaughters and eight grandchildren.

## District 3 Candidate



**Steven Smaaladen**  
Aneta, N.D.

**Steven Smaaladen** became a Sheyenne Valley Electric Cooperative board member in 1997 and a Nodak board member after the merger between Nodak and Sheyenne Valley in 2001. He was re-elected in 2002 and has held several positions on the board.

Smaaladen attended Minnesota State Moorhead and Trinity Bible College. He farmed with his father and brother until 1997 and then worked construction until 2004. For the past 13 years he has been a rural mail carrier and is currently employed at the Northwood Post Office. He is secretary-treasurer for the Griggs-Steele unit of the Rural Letter Carriers Association and has served on the North Dakota Rural Letter Carriers' Association Financial Committee.

Smaaladen is a member of the Finley Assembly of God Church, where he serves on the board and teaches Sunday school. For the past 24 years, Smaaladen and his wife, Marsha, have operated Country Greenhouse on their farm north of Aneta. They have two sons, Zachary, 19, and Zane, 10.

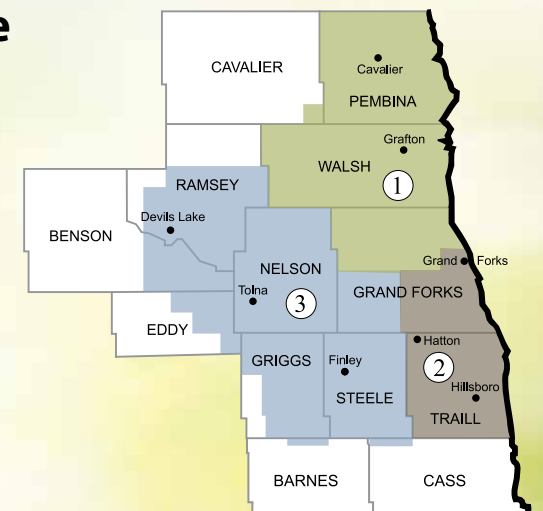
## How to vote

Members may vote  
**in person** at the  
Alerus Center  
Thursday, April 6,  
6:30 p.m.,

– or –

**by mail.**

Ballots will be  
mailed out prior to  
the meeting. Voting  
instructions will be  
included.



## Attention corporate members

If you are a member Corporation, Cooperative, School, Church or Township (or other nonnatural person) of Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc., and want to be represented at members' meeting(s), please request a Designation of Voting Representative form and one will be mailed to you. The form must be completed and signed by an authorized officer of the organization. This form must be completed annually.

In order for the member corporation, etc., to participate in business matters, this form must be received by the secretary of Nodak on or before the date of the members' meeting(s). This form may be mailed with your ballot to Nodak or presented at registration at the members' meeting(s).



# The right energy mix

Some people associate Nodak Electric Cooperative and our wholesale power supplier, Minnkota Power Cooperative, with coal-based energy.

And for good reason. Nodak continues to depend on coal to provide its baseload, 24-7 energy. Baseload energy is needed, after all, to keep homes warm and the lights on when intermittent energy resources such as wind energy are not producing any kilowatt-hours.

We are much more than coal, however. The amount of energy resources coming from baseload-coal declines every time we add a renewable resource. With the addition of 100 megawatts from the Oliver Wind Energy Center near Center, N.D., in late 2016, only about 55 percent of the electric generation capacity mix received by Nodak comes from coal.

Wind energy accounts for about 34 percent and hydroelectric from the Garrison Dam makes up 8 percent of the generation capacity. Other nonrenewable resources total

3 percent. Since hydro is a renewable energy resource as well, about 42 percent of our generation capacity mix comes from renewables.

Not enough for you? There is another alternative. Nodak members can now receive the equivalent of 100 percent of their electricity from renewable resources through the Infinity Renewable Energy Program.

With the program, you can increase the amount of renewable electricity you use without sacrificing your lifestyle or the comfort of your home. By enrolling through Nodak Electric Cooperative, you can choose a designated number of 100 kilowatt-hour blocks, or 100 percent of the electricity used to come from renewable resources. Nodak will allocate the appropriate amount of renewable energy through the program and indicate your purchases on your monthly bill.

While it is not possible to direct where electrons are specifically delivered on the electric grid, it is possible to ensure the renewable energy you have purchased is from a

resource connected to your cooperative's electric system. The record of purchase and the proof that it was reserved for you is done through a renewable energy credit (REC).

As one can see, we have come a long way since Minnkota put up the first commercial-scale wind turbine in the state in 2002. Minnkota and Nodak are among the leaders across the country in wind energy, as evidenced by Minnkota winning the 2010 Wind Cooperative of the Year Award from the U.S. Department of Energy.

At the time, Minnkota and Nodak had wind investments representing more than 30 percent of Minnkota's total generation capacity.

That number climbed again when Minnkota added the Oliver III wind farm.

## Generation evolution

- 1941** Three diesel generators come online in Grand Forks.
- 1945** Three diesel generators come online in Grand Forks.
- 1947** Harwood diesel plant comes online.
- 1949** Five more diesel generators come online in Grand Forks.
- 1950** Grand Forks Steam Plant comes online.
- 1955** Minnkota begins receiving power from Garrison Dam through U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
- 1970** Minnkota's coal-based generating unit at Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D., comes online. The unit later known as Unit 1.
- 1977** Square Butte Electric Cooperative's Unit 2 comes online at Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D. Minnkota operates unit.
- 1981** Northern Municipal Power Agency's Coyote Station comes online.
- 2002** Minnkota commissions first commercial-scale, utility-owned wind turbine in state of North Dakota. The 900-kilowatt turbine is located near Valley City. Later in the year, Minnkota adds another 900-kW turbine near Petersburg, N.D.
- 2008** Minnkota begins purchasing energy from 139.5-megawatt allocation at Langdon Wind Energy Center near Langdon, N.D., from NextEra Energy Resources.  
  
Minnkota begins purchasing energy from 148.5-MW allocation at Ashtabula Wind Energy Center near Valley City, N.D., from NextEra Energy Resources.
- 2009** Minnkota adds 69 MW of energy for total allocation of 217.5 MW at Ashtabula Wind Energy Center near Valley City, N.D., from NextEra Energy Resources. Minnkota now purchases combined 357 MW from NextEra Energy Resources at Langdon and Ashtabula.
- 2016** Minnkota begins purchasing energy from its 100-MW allocation at Oliver Wind Energy Center near Center, N.D., from NextEra Energy Resources. Minnkota now purchases 457 MW from NextEra Energy Resources at three locations across North Dakota.

## 2016 YOUTH TOUR

During the 2016 electric cooperative Youth Tour, Britton Bina joined 1,600 fellow youth representing cooperatives from across the nation June 11-17 in Washington, D.C. Nodak Electric sponsored Bina.

The action-packed tour included visits to the Smithsonian Museums, Lincoln Memorial Museum, National World War II Museum, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Newseum, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Vernon. Another highlight was a riverboat cruise along the Potomac River. In addition to sightseeing, Bina and the other 14 North Dakotans in his tour group had the chance to meet and ask questions of Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, Sen. John Hoeven and Rep. Kevin Cramer.

To earn a seat on the all-expense-paid Youth Tour, North Dakota students entered an essay-writing contest and answered the following question: "Pick one of the four Touchstone Energy™ Cooperative core values – innovation, integrity, accountability or commitment to community – and describe how you see this in action at your family's electric cooperative." The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives judged the entries.



Britton Bina



2016 Recipients

Doug Clifton .....	\$ 1,000
Jaxon Dietz .....	490
Jordan Haydon .....	145
Leslie Hensrud .....	500
Francine McClendon .....	600
Christian Nelson .....	1,137
James Ottem .....	458
RayAn Osowski .....	1,000
Lalo Perez .....	1,000
Luke Riley .....	2,000
Linda Schwols .....	1,000
Linda Scott .....	280
BreAnn Ziegelmann .....	2,000
Altru Ambulance Service .....	125
Aneta Ambulance Service .....	125
Binford Ambulance Service .....	125
Cooperstown Ambulance Service .....	125
Drayton Ambulance Service .....	125
Finley Ambulance Service .....	125
Fordville Ambulance Service .....	125
Hillsboro Ambulance Service .....	125
Hoople Ambulance Service .....	125
Hope Ambulance Service .....	125
Lake Region Ambulance Service .....	125
Lakota Ambulance Service .....	125
Larimore Ambulance Service .....	125
McVile Ambulance Service .....	125
Michigan Ambulance Service .....	125
Northwood Ambulance Service .....	125
Pembina County Ambulance Service .....	125
St. Ansgar Hospital Ambulance Service .....	125
Valley Ambulance & Rescue Squad .....	125
West Traill Ambulance Service .....	125
Grafton HS After Prom Party .....	50
Devils Lake HS After Prom Party .....	50
Cavalier HS After Prom Party .....	50
Central Valley HS After Prom Party .....	50
Finley-Sharon-Hope-Page HS After Prom Party .....	50
Park River HS After Prom Party .....	50
Red River HS After Prom Party .....	50
Dakota Prairie HS After Prom Party .....	50
Midway HS After Prom Party .....	50
Larimore HS After Prom Party .....	50
Northwood & Hatton HS After Prom Party .....	50
Edmore HS After Prom Party .....	50
Thompson HS After Prom Party .....	50
Valley-Edinburg HS After Prom Party .....	50
Minto HS After Prom Party .....	50
Drayton HS After Prom Party .....	50
Fordville-Lankin HS After Prom Party .....	50
GF Central HS After Prom Party .....	50
Myron Anderson .....	500
Ryan Erickson .....	165
Alexis Everson .....	500
Austin Gray .....	480
Earl Grise .....	773
Owen Hayden .....	165
Leslie Johnson .....	500
Shane Krom .....	70
Hunter Landreville .....	750
Carlene Peltier .....	500
Jazmyn Raysor .....	650
Connor Soeby .....	250
Orin Soli .....	1,000
Kari Spivack .....	380
Frank Votava .....	910
Janet Werven .....	270
Gary Woinarowicz .....	750
Donnada Aipperspach .....	1,195
Garrett Barclay .....	460
Christie Carlson .....	1,000
Jared Carpenter .....	2,000
Emiliano Contreras .....	1,000
Donald Jensen .....	1,500
Archer Lemer .....	1,000
Tami Ostlie .....	500
Tobiason Ripley .....	630
Nicholas Titus .....	500
Anthony Wagner .....	2,000
Leo & Lenore Beauchamp .....	1,700
Community Violence Intervention Center .....	1,000
Sylvester Grabinski .....	550
Robert Laney .....	284
Gail Nash .....	135
Debra Nygaard .....	285
Harlan Strand .....	1,000
Davita Wynn .....	652
Total .....	\$41,014



Your small change makes a big difference!

Operation Round Up® is a program that rounds up members’ monthly electric bills to the next whole dollar amount. The resulting funds are put into a special account to assist others in need. The funds collected through Operation Round Up are used for a variety of projects, programs and items throughout the Nodak service area.

The Round Up board meets quarterly and considers each application that has been received since the previous meeting. It awards funds to the applicants based on how well the application fits the original funding guidelines: 1. Individuals or families in crisis; 2. Services – ambulance and fire; 3. Community youth needs with emphasis on permanent benefit; 4. Scholarships with emphasis on re-education of displaced agricultural people; 5. Senior needs with emphasis on permanent benefit; and 6. No requests for funding of utility and space heating energy will be accepted.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program with roughly 60 percent of the 14,386 members participating. Since the program started, a total of \$778,384 has been distributed to individuals and organizations throughout the Nodak Electric service area.

Operation Round Up Board of Directors



From left: Jay Estvold, Mitch Vold, Harvey Puppe, Pam Montag, Pat Osland, Trish Schindele and Corrine Berg.

Current Employees

<b>Becky Amundson</b> Member Account Representative	<b>Mylo Einarson</b> President & CEO	<b>Todd Herz</b> Energy Services Specialist	<b>Jake Lamb</b> Journeyman Lineman Devils Lake	<b>Chad Neppel</b> Engineering Representative	<b>Jeff Sloan</b> District Crew Foreman Finley
<b>Graham Anderson</b> Journeyman lineman Grand Forks	<b>Mike Foerster</b> Journeyman lineman Cavalier	<b>Eric Hjelmstad</b> Journeyman Lineman Michigan	<b>Heather Lizotte</b> Member Account Representative	<b>Mark Nipstad</b> District Crew Foreman Grand Forks	<b>Sawyer Smith</b> Journeyman lineman Finley
<b>Greg Anderson</b> Engineering Technician Grand Forks	<b>Guy Ford</b> Electrical Technician Grand Forks	<b>Jordon Holm</b> Apprentice Lineman Cavalier	<b>Todd Lommen</b> Meter Technician I Grand Forks	<b>Loren Nowacki</b> Information Technologist	<b>Derek Sondreal</b> Lead Lineman Grand Forks
<b>Steve Breidenbach</b> Engineering Manager	<b>George Gardiner</b> Apprentice Lineman Finley	<b>Chad Honek</b> Electrical Technician II Grand Forks	<b>Jared Lothspeich</b> Apprentice Lineman Grand Forks	<b>Travis Pederson</b> Apprentice Lineman Finley	<b>Kim Soper</b> Executive Assistant
<b>Brian Charbonneau</b> District Crew Foreman Cavalier	<b>Connie Gierszewski</b> Billing Supervisor	<b>Gregory Hoveland</b> Construction Crew Foreman Grand Forks	<b>Trey Lovcik</b> Apprentice Lineman Devils Lake	<b>Andrew Peterson</b> Plant Accountant	<b>Alex Spitsberg</b> Electrical Engineer
<b>Rebecca Crooks</b> Receptionist	<b>Tyler Gronbeck</b> Journeyman lineman Hillsboro	<b>Brooke Johnson</b> Member Account Representative	<b>Michelle Markuson</b> Accountant II	<b>Bret Poehls</b> Journeyman Lineman Michigan	<b>Jared Stadstad</b> Journeyman Lineman Grand Forks
<b>Kevin Dahlen</b> Meter Technician I Grand Forks	<b>Ben Haarstad</b> Apprentice Lineman Grand Forks	<b>Cole Johnson</b> Electrical Engineer	<b>Cory McKelvey</b> District Crew Foreman Devils Lake	<b>Jason Raymond</b> Assistant Line Superintendent/Safety Coordinator	<b>Jeremy Steinhaus</b> Journeyman Lineman Devils Lake
<b>Steven Danielson</b> Energy Management Coordinator	<b>Wade Haman</b> Journeyman Lineman Hillsboro	<b>Kurt Kelley</b> District Crew Foreman Grafton	<b>Scott Midstokke</b> District Crew Foreman Michigan	<b>Blaine Rekken</b> Member/Energy Services Manager	<b>Charles Traiser</b> Warehouseman
<b>Tom Edwards</b> Accounting & Finance Manager	<b>Casey Hansen</b> Electrical Engineer	<b>Lucas Kindseth</b> Information Systems Specialist	<b>Dwight Mosher</b> Electrical Equipment Operator Grand Forks	<b>Cody Reule</b> Apprentice Lineman Grafton	<b>Travis Vattbauer</b> Apprentice Lineman Grand Forks
	<b>Jeffrey Hanson</b> Lead Lineman Grafton	<b>Glenn Korynta</b> Electrical Equipment Operator Grand Forks	<b>Melvin Nagel</b> District Crew Foreman Hillsboro	<b>Dan Schaefer</b> Line Superintendent	<b>Dustin Weisser</b> Engineering/Operations Specialist
				<b>Gretchen Schmaltz</b> Energy Services Advisor/ Analyst	<b>Josef Winkels</b> Accountant II





## **77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

# Agenda

### **April 6, 2017**

- 5 p.m.** – Doors open and registration begins at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks
- Complimentary beef rouladen dinner served from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m.** – Call to order of the 77<sup>th</sup> annual meeting  
*Paul Sigurdson, chairman, presiding*
- Reading of Notice
  - Declaration of Quorum
  - Nominating Committee Report
  - Election
  - Nodak Business Report  
*Paul Sigurdson and Mylo Einarson*
  - Question and answer period
  - Old and new business
  - Drawing for grand prize
  - Adjournment

*Grand Prize*  
**\$500 Cash!**



***Registered  
members  
will receive  
a charging station!***