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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NEWS

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Prairie Land Electric Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held April 4, 2023, at the Prairie Land headquarters in Norton.

A roast beef lunch prepared by Main Dish Hometown Catering was served to 220 members and guests by Prairie Land employees and members of the Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) from Norton Community High School.

Prairie Land Board President Ron Griffith chaired the meeting and called it to order at 12:45 p.m. He recognized special guests in attendance, introduced the members of the board of trustees for each district, and then called on John McClymont, attorney for Prairie Land, to give the results of the 2023 trustee election. **MIKE ROGERS** was reelected to District 1; **KEITH ROSS** was reelected to District 2; **RONALD G. GRIFFITH** was reelected to District

4; and District 5 had a contested election after Jerry Gallagher's retirement, resulting in the election of **LOWELL THOMAN** as a new trustee.

Griffith introduced our guest speaker, Corey Linville, vice president of power supply for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. Linville discussed the many changes and challenges in the electric industry and Sunflower's plans for the rest of the decade.

CEO Kirk Girard gave the annual report. The report included comments on Prairie Land's financial status and company highlights for 2022.

Concordia Area Supervisor Vonley

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Journeyman Lineworker Clint Rogers helps set up.



Guest speaker Corey Linville, vice-president of power supply for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, shares power supply changes and challenges.



Area Supervisor Vonley Frey leads a short safety demonstration for the members. Additionally, members had the opportunity to view a Ford Lightning electric truck before and after the meeting.

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Total Utility Plant	202,013,468
Less Depreciation	(79,559,580)
Net Value of System	122,453,888
Cash and Temporary Investments	8,203,918
Investments in Assoc. Organizations	50,543,992
Receivables	5,730,838
Materials & Supplies	2,036,561
Pre-payments	314,429
Other Current Assets	4,063,059
Deferred Debts	2,601,394
Total Assets	195,948,079

LIABILITIES

Long Term Debt	96,183,972
Deposits	789,229
Notes and Accounts Payable	3,206,513
Current Liabilities	7,055,407
Deferred Credits	821,118
Equities and Margins	87,891,840
Total Liabilities	195,948,079

Excerpt from the 2022 Annual Report

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Electric Revenue	71,695,688
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EXPENSES

Power Cost	43,653,155
Operations	12,038,235
Depreciation	6,773,973
Taxes	2,234,632
Interest	3,961,013
Miscellaneous	193,353
Total Expenses	68,854,361

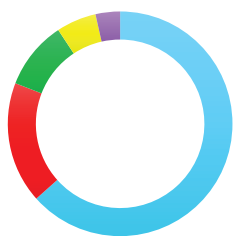
OPERATING MARGIN	2,841,327
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NON-OPERATING MARGIN	2,943,332
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TOTAL MARGINS FOR 2021	5,784,659
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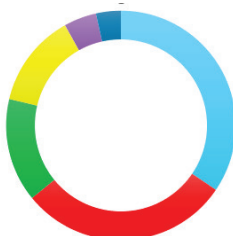


OPERATING EXPENSES



63%	Power Cost
17%	Operations
10%	Depreciation
6%	Interest
4%	Taxes and Misc.

ELECTRIC SALES REVENUE



33%	Commercial
32%	Farm and Residential
14%	Industrial
10%	Resale
7%	Irrigation
4%	Public Authority & Misc.

2022

# of Prairie Land Members.....	13,849
# of Connected Meters.....	24,678
Miles of Line	6,997
Meters per Mile of Line	3.5
Investment per Mile of Line	\$28,871
Investment per Meter	\$8,186
Kilowatt Hours Purchased	630,431,926
Kilowatt Hours Sold	596,849,165
Kilowatt Hour Losses	33,582,761
Line Loss %	5.33%
Long-Term Debt	\$96,183,972
Plant Additions	\$7,574,680
Plant Retirements	\$1,962,831
# of New Services Added	165
# of Services Retired	170
# of Full-time Employees	83
Capital Credits Retired in 2022	\$2,741,117
Capital Credits Retired All Years	\$17,461,798

Congratulations Prairie Land Employees!

Prairie Land extends congratulations and appreciation to Nathan and Landon for their milestone anniversaries of service to our members.



Nathan Simmons
15 Years

NATHAN SIMMONS joined Prairie Land on May 5, 2008, as a heating ventilation and air conditioning technician and electrical journeyman. In 2008, Simmons graduated from Goodland Vocational Technical College with an associate degree in HVAC and electrical. In 2016, Simmons became a certified energy auditor.

Simmons and his wife, Heather, have two children: Heath, 18, and Natalie, 16. In his spare time, he enjoys camping and watching his kids in their activities and sporting events.



Landon Keiswetter
10 Years

Smith Center area Crew Foreman **LANDON KEISWETTER** completed an internship with Prairie Land in 2012 while earning his technical certification in electric power and distribution at Pratt Community College. He returned as temporary help on May 13, 2013, then began his apprenticeship that July.

Keiswetter advanced to journeyman in December 2016 and was promoted to crew foreman in May 2019.

Landon and his wife, Tangie, have two children: one-year-old Krew and his newborn baby sister, Kollyns. In his spare time, Landon coaches wrestling at Smith Center High School. He enjoys golfing and spending time with family.



Board President Ron Griffith (left) presents Jerry Gallagher with a lamp crafted from a 1920 electric meter as a retirement gift.

Gallagher Retires

The Prairie Land Electric Board of Trustees honored **JERRY GALLAGHER** of Concordia for 15 years of service on the board at their March meeting. Gallagher joined the board in 2008 when his district was added with the Aquila acquisition and he served five terms before opting to retire as a trustee. Best wishes to Jerry! We will miss you!

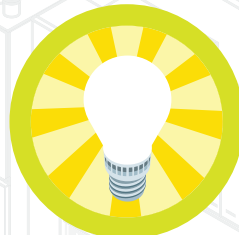


A Safe, Happy House

4 Easy Ways to Boost Electrical Safety at Home



DON'T overload electrical outlets with more devices than the circuit can handle.



DO ensure you're using the correct wattage in all light fixtures.



DON'T place flammable items, like potholders, napkins or dish towels near the stove while cooking.



DO keep electrical devices away from water to prevent electric shock.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Annual Meeting *Continued from page 12A* ▶

Frey gave a brief overview of the purpose of the safety demonstration model and presented an excerpt of what they do for each training. He invited any group to call the office and set up their own full demonstration.

Deborah Anderson, communications specialist, and Cally Engel, operations assistant, conducted the drawings for door prizes. Winners and their prizes are pictured below.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and carried to close the meeting.



From left: Dominic Urban, metering and apparatus assistant, and Jameson Nielsen, journeyman lineworker, set up the scene for a demonstration of what can happen when farm equipment comes in contact with electrical lines.



Members chose between a travel blanket or cap as a gift for attending. Pictured from left are Administration Specialist Monica Kats, Engineer Dakota Julian, and Accountant Sam Sage.



There were 220 members and guests at the annual meeting.



Door prize winners were (from left): Linda Armenta of Norcatur, \$50 bill credit; Marjorie Kingham of Almena, Stihl hedge trimmer; Dorothy Shimek of Jennings, Wyze Cordless Vacuum (donated by Sunflower Electric Power Corporation); Eldon Odle of Prairie View, \$50 bill credit; Bernard McCormack of Norton, \$100 bill credit; and Gary Matson of Norton, Stihl leaf blower. Congratulations!