

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE: A look at 2024



As we approach the most wonderful time of the year, we wanted to take a moment to extend our warmest holiday greetings to each and every one of you. The Christmas season is a time for reflection, gratitude and joy, and I hope you find the space to enjoy these moments with your loved ones.

This holiday season also marks the beginning of a new year, filled with fresh possibilities and exciting opportunities. As we embrace the festive spirit and bid farewell to this year, let's also look forward to the challenges and achievements awaiting us in the next.

In the coming year, we will have the chance to make a significant impact on our organization by selecting

members for our board of directors. Our board plays a crucial role in shaping the direction of our cooperative, and I encourage you to consider taking on this important responsibility.

Serving on the board of directors is not only a great way to contribute to the growth and success of our organization, but it's also an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills, broaden your horizons and work closely with a dedicated group of individuals who share your passion for our mission.

In the weeks ahead, KEM Electric Cooperative will be sharing more information about the nomination and election process. I encourage you to reach out to current board members if you have any questions or would like to learn more about what it entails. Whether you decide to run for the board or support your fellow members in their pursuit, your engagement in this process is vital to our collective success.

As we celebrate the holiday season and prepare to welcome the new year, I want to express my gratitude to the current directors and our employees on their hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment to our cooperative. Your contributions are what make us a great team. I have no doubt we will continue to achieve remarkable things in the year ahead.

May this holiday season be filled with laughter and cherished moments, and may the coming year bring us all the success and growth for which we aim. We look forward to what lies ahead and the incredible journey we will embark on together.

Warmest wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! ⚡

Jason Bentz, Co-General Manager/ CEO

### POWERING ON:

#### KEM ELECTRIC'S CALENDAR

##### DECEMBER 2023

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - LINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 APPLICATIONS DUE DEC. 21



##### DEC. 25-26

KEM ELECTRIC OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.  
 THE LINE CREWS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.



##### DEC. 31

OPERATION ROUND UP DEADLINE



##### JANUARY 2024

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NAPOLEON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 25



##### JAN. 1

KEM ELECTRIC OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.  
 THE LINE CREWS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.



##### JAN. 13

BOARD OF DIRECTOR SEAT PETITIONS BEGIN



##### JAN. 17

REGIONAL MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY  
 PIFER'S AUCTION, STEELE



##### JAN. 19

YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION DEADLINE



##### FEBRUARY 2024

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - STRASBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 25



##### FEB. 9

DEADLINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



#### OFFICERS

Chair.....Victor "Chuck" Wald  
 Vice Chair..... John Beck  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Carter Vander Wal

#### DIRECTORS:

Dean Dewald • Neil Meidinger  
 Carmen Essig • Vacant

#### CO-GENERAL MANAGERS/CEOS:

Travis Kupper  
 Jason Bentz

# INTERESTED IN SERVING? Join the KEM Electric board and power the future

Are you a dedicated leader with a deep connection to our rural community? We invite you to be a driving force behind positive change by joining the KEM Electric Cooperative board of directors.

KEM Electric currently has an at-large vacant seat, along with District 1 and District 2 positions up for election.

## Why join our board?

Running for a board of director position for an electric cooperative can be a meaningful and impactful decision. Here are just a few reasons to join:

- **Make a difference:** Contribute to decisions that impact our energy future.
- **Community engagement:** Collaborate with like-minded individuals dedicated to community growth.
- **Professional growth:** Enhance your leadership skills and network.

## Who we're looking for

We're seeking individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives who share our

commitment to serving the members of KEM Electric.

Ideal candidates should have:

- Leadership and strategic thinking skills
- A commitment to our communities/service area
- Strong communication and collaboration abilities

If you're ready to make a meaningful impact, we encourage you to visit [www.kemelectric.com](http://www.kemelectric.com) to learn more. Nomination petitions open on Jan. 13, 2024, and must be turned in by the end of day on March 13, 2024.

For inquiries or more information, please contact Marcy Sanders at 701-254-4666 or email [msanders@kemelectric.com](mailto:msanders@kemelectric.com). ⚡

## Stay connected wherever you go!

Planning to soak in the sun this winter? Be sure to sign up for SmartHub and complete the notification section to receive important cooperative updates, like planned power outages, while you are away!

You will receive a notification of important information related to your electric service. If you do not have a SmartHub account, set one up by going to [www.kemelectric.com](http://www.kemelectric.com) and select the SmartHub link in the top right corner. From there, you will be able to sign up as a new user.

Now is a good time to also make sure KEM Electric Cooperative has your current contact information. To verify your telephone number or email address,

or request an update, call 800-472-2673 or 701-701-254-4666. Members can also login to their SmartHub account to update your information.

KEM Electric also has a Facebook page. Please like and follow to learn timely cooperative and community news. Members, thank you for staying in touch and helping us keep you informed. ⚡



The KEM Electric office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26, for Christmas, and Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 for New Year's Day

Our line crews will be available in the case of an emergency or power outage.