



MAY 2024

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE: Make your voice heard at the 2024 Annual Meeting



KEM Electric Cooperative is excited to extend an invitation to our upcoming Annual Meeting, a cornerstone event that highlights the essence of our cooperative model and the impact of member engagement on our community. Each year, we look forward to KEM Electric's Annual Meeting. You, the members we serve, always bring value to the discussion, and I know our cooperative team is energized by these interactions.

We are not just an ordinary utility company. We are a cooperative deeply rooted in serving our members and the communities we call home. Our core purpose is to provide safe, reliable and affordable electric service, but our mission goes beyond electricity.

We are driven by a commitment to our members. If you've never attended the Annual Meeting, I'd encourage you to participate. Why? Because input from members like you matters and helps drive the direction of the cooperative. At the Annual Meeting, we report on current initiatives and discuss the financial health and priorities for the coming years. And, equally important, this is an opportunity for KEM Electric to hear from you.

You have the power

This is also a time to vote for new directors who will represent you and our community's interests on the cooperative's board. As a member of KEM Electric, you have the power to help shape our community's energy future.

Electric cooperatives are democratically controlled by the members we serve, which means you have a say in who governs our cooperative. By voting in the annual director election, you can select the leaders who will make important decisions about the future of the cooperative and our local energy needs.

KEM Electric's Board of Directors includes community-minded individuals with different skillsets. We rely on them to help us make more informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. KEM Electric has seven directors who live in the cooperative's service area. We consider them the eyes and ears of the community, because they provide their unique perspective on various local issues.

2024 Candidates

The following KEM Electric Cooperative members are candidates for the 2024 director election.

District 1: John R. Beck, Linton, ND

District 2: Carter Vander Wal, Pollock, SD

District At-Large: Michael (Mike) Knoll, Hague, ND, and Anton (Tony) Schaffner, Zeeland, ND

We want to make voting as convenient as possible for our members, so we offer a variety of ways for you to participate. We hope you'll join us at the Annual Meeting on June 11, where you can cast your vote in person. If you're unable to attend, you can vote online or by mail. An Annual Meeting packet will be delivered to your mailbox around the middle of May. Voting instructions will be included should you wish to vote online or by mail.

If you've never been to an Annual Meeting or it's been a while, we invite you to stop by. We'll have fun activities for all ages, so we hope to see you and your family there. Join us for food, fun, door prizes and more. Also, all members who attend the event will receive an appreciation gift. All members who participate in the Annual Meeting, whether you vote prior to the meeting or attend in person, will also have the opportunity to win a wide variety of door prizes, from Medora Musical tickets to bill credits.

Your KEM Electric team will be ready to answer any energy-related questions you may have, from electric vehicle options to ways to manage your home energy use. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. June 11 at Our Club (formally the Knights of Columbus Hall) in Linton. ⚡

Travis Kupper, Co-General Manager/ CEO

OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS:

Dean Dewald • Neil Meidinger
Carmen Essig • Vacant

CO-GENERAL MANAGERS/CEOS:

Travis Kupper
Jason Bentz

KEM ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEETING



JUNE 11

5 P.M. REGISTRATION & MEAL | 6 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING



OUR CLUB HALL

601 E CEDAR AVE, LINTON



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SPARK YOUR FUTURE: Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarships

High school seniors, you still have an opportunity to be awarded a \$500 scholarship from KEM Electric Cooperative! At the 2024 Annual Meeting, KEM Electric will award two \$500 Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarships. If your parents or guardians are members, you're already in the running. Just make sure to RSVP and join us at our Annual Meeting with at least one of your parents or guardians to claim your spot in the drawing! Students who have already been awarded a cooperative scholarship are not eligible for the Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarship.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to spark your future. Students can RSVP by scanning the QR code, visiting our website at www.kemelectric.com or calling the office at 701-254-4666 or 800-472-2673. ⚡

**CLAIM YOUR
LUCK-OF-THE-DRAW
SPOT HERE**



Explore it, Adore it, and SAVE!

In partnership with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, KEM Electric Cooperative is once again making excursions to Medora more affordable for families.

This summer, our members are eligible for a 15% discount off the following reservations:

- Tickets to the Medora Musical
- Pitchfork Steak Fondue
- Gospel Brunch Tickets
- Bully Pulpit Golf Course
- Old Town Theater shows

Lodging at any of the following:

- Badlands Motel
- Elkhorn Quarters
- Rough Riders Hotel

KEM Electric members can use the code **"TOUCH2024"** for the discount. The code is good for reservations by phone, website or in-person. ⚡