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JOIN US: 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

As a member-owner of Meeker Cooperative, you are a vital part of our community, and your involvement helps guide the direction of our cooperative. Annual meetings are a cornerstone of cooperative governance, providing a platform for transparency, member engagement, and democratic decisionmaking.

This is your opportunity to hear directly from Co-op leaders, participate in shaping our future, and ensure that your voice is heard in the operations and planning of the Cooperative. We invite you to join us for our Member Appreciation Day and Annual Meeting

on August 6th, 2024, at Powder Ridge in Kimball, MN. The event will run from 4:30 to 8:00 PM, with the Annual Meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

This special day is packed with entertainment, delicious food, and important discussions about our Cooperative's future.

Enjoy a meal featuring pulled pork sandwiches, beans, potato salad, chips, cookies, and water. Entertainment will include a petting zoo from Joah's Ark, live music on the patio by Steve

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ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED...



Michaud, and BINGO with prizes from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. 10-09-402 Join us for Blackout BINGO at 6:00 PM for a chance to win an EGO Electric Lawn Mower. Kids will love the bouncy house and power bungee jump, and everyone can experience the excitement of bucket truck rides.

In addition to the fun activities, there will be booths from VIBRANT Broadband, Heartland Security, and a opportunity to meet your Board Members. The Annual Meeting, starting at 7:00 PM, will provide an opportunity to hear from your Co-op leaders about our priorities, challenges, financial health, and operational plans for the coming years. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions and share your valuable perspective.

We look forward to seeing you at Powder Ridge in Kimball, MN, on August 6th. This is your cooperative, and your participation is crucial to our continued success and growth. Let's come together to celebrate our community and shape the future of Meeker Cooperative.

GET TO KNOW THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

The following pages provide a summary of answers from the required Application Form that candidates submitted. Nominees in Districts 5, 7, and 9 were unopposed, so they have been declared elected by the Qualifications and Election Committee.

BALLOTS & VOTING

Ballots will be mailed to members in District 4 during the week of July 15. Follow the instructions on the ballot to mark your choice and return it to Pemberton Law. The bylaws state that properly executed ballots must be received as described on the ballot on or before the last business day of the Cooperative prior to the date of the annual or special meeting in order to be counted.



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

MEEKER COOPERATIVE LIGHT AND POWER ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Please take notice that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at Powder Ridge,15015 93rd Avenue, Kimball, MN 55353, for the following purposes:

- 1. Reading of, and acting upon, the unapproved minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting;
- 2. Receiving and acting upon reports of Officers, Directors and Committees:
- Electing Directors of the Cooperative to fill offices of those whose terms expire on August 6, 2024;
- Considering any unfinished business and taking up such new business as shall properly come before the meeting and acting on such matters as necessary for the best interest of the Association.

Karen Becker, Secretary



ENSURING MINNESOTA'S ENERGY FUTURE: BALANCING RELIABILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND SUSTAINABILITY

As Minnesota progresses towards its goal of carbon-free electricity by 2040, the state's energy landscape is set for significant changes. This initiative, driven by legislation passed in 2023, aims to phase out fossil fuel-based electric plants and rely more on renewable energy sources like wind and solar. However, recent assessments by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) indicate potential capacity shortfalls in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) region by the summer of 2025, raising concerns about maintaining reliable and affordable electricity during this transition.

MISO is responsible for the reliable delivery of electricity across 15 U.S. states, including Minnesota, managing high-voltage transmission and balancing supply and demand to ensure grid stability. NERC oversees the reliability of the North American power grid, identifying risks and providing guidelines for continuous grid operation.

Wind and solar are key to Minnesota's clean energy strategy, but their intermittent nature, which can lead to fluctuating power outputs can strain the grid, especially during peak demand or adverse weather conditions.

To address these challenges, it is important to consider a diverse mix of energy sources, including expanding wind, solar, and battery storage, and re-evaluating the role of nuclear power. Nuclear energy has been part of Minnesota's energy mix since the 1970s, currently contributing significantly to the state's electricity supply. Modern nuclear technology, such as Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), offers potential benefits with improved safety features, lower construction costs, and the ability to recycle used fuel. These reactors provide consistent and reliable power output, which is essential for maintaining grid stability as renewable energy sources are expanded.

Public concern about the safety of nuclear power remains a significant barrier. However, decades of industry experience and technological advancements have demonstrated that modern nuclear plants are among the safest energy facilities. They feature robust containment structures, automated fail-safe systems, and stringent safety regulations that minimize risks to public health and the environment.

Starting next summer, MISO's Northern and Central regions are expected to experience significant capacity shortfalls, while the Southern region may have a surplus. Overall, MISO anticipates potential shortfalls or

surpluses depending on the addition of new generation capacity. By the end of the decade, the deficit could worsen, highlighting the urgent need for action.

Recent planning resource auctions have also revealed substantial increases in capacity prices, driven by anticipated supply shortages and power plant retirements. 09-19-101 These trends indicate a broader issue across MISO's footprint, where declining surplus capacity has led to higher prices.

To address these challenges, immediate measures include bringing new capacity online, coordinating resources for new load additions, and potentially slowing the pace of resource retirements.

For our cooperative members, these changes mean more than just shifts in the energy landscape—they have real implications for daily life. As the state transitions to renewable energy and faces potential capacity shortfalls, ensuring reliable electricity is crucial. Power outages or interruptions, especially during extreme weather or peak demand, could disrupt activities like running household appliances and powering medical equipment.

Fluctuations in electricity prices will also affect household budgets. Costs for upgrading infrastructure and investing in new technologies to ensure a stable energy supply could raise electricity rates. Cooperative members must stay informed of these potential changes and engage in conversations about energy use, efficiency measures, and future planning.

Minnesota's transition to a carbon-free energy future requires a balanced approach, leveraging all available resources. While wind, solar, and battery storage are essential, they must be supported by reliable baseload generation like nuclear power. By considering all options and engaging stakeholders, Minnesota can achieve a sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy future. Strategic planning and collaboration will ensure a resilient electric grid for the years to come.

For our cooperative members, staying informed and proactive is key. Understanding broader energy trends and local impacts helps ensure a smooth, beneficial transition to cleaner energy for all.

Dedicated to keeping the lights on and the data flowing, Luke JohnsonCEO, Meeker Cooperative

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2024



James "Jim" B. Ellingson 57562 221st Street Litchfield, MN 55355

James "Jim" B. Ellingson, residing within Litchfield Township, is a financial advisor at Prudential and has been a member of Meeker Cooperative for over 18 years. Jim was appointed to the Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Board of Directors in November 2023 to fill a vacant seat in District 4.

Jim has been actively engaged with Meeker Cooperative, attending Member Appreciation events over the years, and staying informed through the Meeker Pioneer, both in print and digital formats. He also stays politically informed at the local, state, and federal level. Jim's believes his main strengths lie in his community involvement, board experience, and leadership skills.

Jim's board and committee experience is extensive. He has served on the Litchfield Watercade Board (1997-2000), the Star Lake Association Board, the Litchfield Kiwanis (2001-2013), the LAMP (2006-2011), the Litchfield Area Community Foundation (2002-2013), and the RidgeWater College Foundation (2009-2013), Litchfield Eagles Aerie 3424 (since 2003). Additionally, he has been involved with the Litchfield School Board (2011-2013), the Golden Fleece Masonic Lodge #89 (2007-present), the GFL #89 Charitable Foundation (2017-present), the Litchfield Area Shriners Club (2016-present), the Litchfield American Legion SAL #104 (2003-present), and the Minnesota State High School League, Official (1992-2012, 2017-present).

As a current director for District 4, Jim is dedicated to continuing his service and, if reelected, will begin the NRECA Certified Cooperative Director training program.

Jim believes that Meeker Cooperative's current services and programs are well-managed and trusts the staff to make necessary adjustments for the benefit of the Cooperative and its members. He acknowledges that new programs and services will need to be developed in response to government legislation and mandates. Jim's vision for the Cooperative includes short-term goals of supplying affordable, reliable, and sustainable power and broadband service to members and subscribers. For the long term, he envisions maintaining these services while adapting to industry changes driven by government regulations.

Jim's views on key areas affecting the cost of electricity reflect a sensible approach. He believes energy conservation will continue as long as members see financial benefits. He supports renewable energy programs that benefit members and comply with mandates. Jim sees battery storage as a potential tool to reduce peak load times and aid members during outages. He considers climate change primarily a political issue but emphasizes the need for good stewardship. He also acknowledged that transmission line construction will be needed to support renewable energy delivery and increasing load demand. Maintenance of distribution lines is also crucial for safety and reliability, and Jim commends the Cooperative's efforts in managing overhead and underground lines to enhance service delivery.

Jim recognizes the growing importance of high-speed broadband internet in rural areas, noting its significant personal and community benefits. He supports and benefits from this service, acknowledging its reliability and positive impact.

Looking to the future, Jim identifies the biggest concerns facing Meeker Cooperative as unknown demand and load changes, and additional government mandates and regulations.



DISTRICT 4 Barbara Ann Nelson20525 575th Ave,
Litchfield, MN 55355

Barbara Ann Nelson has been a member of the Meeker Cooperative for the past 15 years. She lives in the Township of Greenleaf, demonstrating a long-term commitment to her community and its cooperative values.

Barbara Ann is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and currently holds the position of Clinical Informatics Manager at Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics. Her dual role in informatics and healthcare reflects her adeptness at managing complex systems and providing quality patient care. Her family also owns and operates 4B'z Event Center in Litchfield.

Barbara Ann has actively participated in the Cooperative's events, including attending several Annual Meetings and Member Appreciation events. She and her husband, Marcus are engaged in the Member 101 program and they also plan to participate in the North Dakota trip and tours.

Barbara Ann identifies herself as a team player, open-minded, and curious. Her ability to work well within groups, willingness to consider diverse perspectives, and passion for learning and problem-solving are key strengths she would bring to the Meeker Cooperative Board of Directors. These traits are complemented by her extensive experience in various cooperative memberships and committee roles. Barbara Ann has previously served on the Parish Health Board and as a Parish Health Nurse at Zion Lutheran Church for over five years. At Carris Health/CentraCare, she contributed as a member of the Employee Engagement Committee for three years. Additionally, at Meeker Memorial, she has been involved in the Employee Relations Committee for a year and a half, currently serving as its Chair. These roles have equipped her with substantial governance experience and a deep understanding of organizational dynamics.

Barbara Ann participates in several Meeker Cooperative programs, including Cycled Air Conditioning, Smart Hub, Storage Water Heating, Dual Fuel, and VIBRANT Broadband Service. Barbara Ann advocates for the continual review and evolution of energy resources and technology to benefit cooperative members. She emphasizes the importance of exploring new programs and services to maintain competitiveness and meet members' needs. Her vision includes short-term goals of ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable services, and long-term goals of maintaining a robust distribution structure and educating members on energy utilization.

Barbara Ann recognizes the growing necessity of high-speed broadband internet in rural areas. She praises the VIBRANT broadband program for providing reliable internet access in remote locations and acknowledges its transformative impact on the community.

Barbara Ann identifies the biggest concern for Meeker Cooperative as meeting the evolving needs of members while respecting available resources. She underscores the importance of providing reliable electric service at reasonable costs and adapting to technological advancements.

Barbara Ann's lifelong connection to Litchfield and her extensive involvement with Meeker Cooperative inspire her candidacy for the Board of Directors. She is eager to serve her community, represent her district, and work collaboratively to advance energy, resources, and technology in the Meeker County area.

DISTRICT 5: Includes the townships of Fairhaven in Stearns County; Cokato, Southside, French Lake in Wright County; and Dassel in Meeker County.



DISTRICT 5 David M. Leonhardi27322 734th Avenue Dassel, MN 55325

David M. Leonhardi has been member of the Meeker Cooperative for eight years. David, who lives in the Dassel Township, was appointed in the Fall of 2023 to fill the District 5 seat vacancy.

David is retired but has a significant professional background. In addition, he has 14 years of experience with the International Dairy Deli Bakery Association, where he served nine years as a board member and five years on the executive committee, culminating his tenure as CEO, he has also been a general member of the steering committee for the National Restaurant Association for three years and a founding member of the education committee for the American Cheese Society for five years.

David has been actively involved with Meeker Cooperative, attending multiple Annual Meetings, participating in the Cooperative 101 Member Group, and serving on the Electric Trust Board and election committee. He has also participated in several of Meeker Cooperative's programs, including Smart Hub, VIBRANT Broadband Service, and Peak Shave Water Heating.

David feels he brings several key strengths to the Meeker Cooperative Board of Directors such as openmindedness, an extensive background in marketing and sales, and an understanding of effective governance and board dynamics from 14 years of experience on a nonprofit board. He has also completed 2 of the 5 courses to complete the NRECA Certified Cooperative Director training program.

David emphasizes responsible energy use and timely peak demand management. He supports competitive pricing for renewable energy like solar and wind, anticipating affordable new products. He sees battery storage as promising for outage and peak demand solutions. David underscores the collective responsibility for addressing climate change, while questioning the cost-effectiveness of green initiatives. He advocates for reliability and opposes Minnesota's net metering law due to its financial implications. David stresses the importance of maintaining distribution lines despite challenges like vegetation management, favoring underground lines for their storm resilience, despite potential higher costs.

David believes the short-term goals of Meeker Cooperative should include cost conservation to benefit members, transparency in addressing members' needs and requests, and proactive legislative advocacy. For the long-term, he envisions Meeker Cooperative as a strong local employer, maintaining competitive pricing while delivering reliable services, and seeking new partnerships to achieve cost savings for members.

David recognizes the importance of energy conservation, renewable energy sources, and battery storage as critical areas affecting the cost of electricity. He emphasizes the need for responsible energy use, competitive green energy solutions, and the potential of battery storage for enhancing reliability.

David acknowledges the growing necessity of high-speed broadband internet in rural areas and praises the VIBRANT Broadband service provided by Meeker Cooperative. He believes that reliable internet access is crucial for education, communication, and entertainment, advocating for continued investment in this essential service.

David identifies potential challenges for Meeker Cooperative, including labor force issues in rural areas, and the importance of keeping costs down for members.

David's first few months on the board have been an enlightening experience, deepening his understanding of the electrical grid and the Cooperative's operations. He is impressed with the quality of the staff and the Board's dedication to member value, cost efficiency, and exploring new opportunities.

WILLIE WIREDHAND'S ELECTRICITY FUN FACT



Georg Simon Ohm, a German physicist, introduced Ohm's Law, a fundamental principle in electrical engineering. This law states that the current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the voltage applied across it, provided the temperature remains constant.

MEMBER NEWS

PARADE PARTICIPATION

Meeker Cooperative values its presence in the community and actively participates in local parades to foster community spirit and engagement. We are excited for the following upcoming parades:

Litchfield - Saturday, July 13th Kimball - Saturday, August 10th Grove City - Sunday, August 18th

2024 MEEKER COUNTY FAIR

Visit Meeker Cooperative/Vibrant Broadband at the Meeker Fair from August 1-4! Visit our booth in the SouthEast end of Commercial Building 2 where VIBRANT Broadband and Meeker Energy Services Representatives will be available from noon to 9pm to address all your internet and electricity questions. 02-27-404 We can't wait to see you there!

DISTRICT 7: Includes the townships of Collinwood, Cedar Mills in Meeker County; Stockholm in Wright County; and Acoma, Hutchinson in McLeod County.



DISTRICT 7 Randy Bryant70050 173rd Street

Dassel, MN 55325

Randy Bryant has been a dedicated member of Meeker Cooperative for 18 years, residing in Collinwood Township. He has served as the Director for District 7 for the past three years.

Now retired, Randy feels he offers extensive business management expertise to the Board. He holds the Credentialed Cooperative Director certification and actively participates in the Cooperative's activities, including Annual Meetings and Member Appreciation Events. He also contributes to Operation Round Up®. Randy's business management background provides a strong foundation in strategic planning, financial oversight, and organizational leadership.

He advocates for revising the solar payment structure to match what the Cooperative pays other energy suppliers and suggests implementing energy storage solutions at member locations to help lower high demand times and reduce costs. His vision prioritizes affordability and reliability, emphasizing maintaining high service standards.

Randy believes Meeker Cooperative's short-term goals should focus on providing affordable and reliable electric and broadband services. For the long term, he stresses maintaining current systems to ensure continued reliability and efficiency. His consistent focus on affordability and reliability underscores his commitment to member satisfaction and service excellence.

Randy believes that while the benefits of energy conservation are nearing their limit, it remains important to explore ways to help members lower their energy usage. He is critical of renewable energy sources like solar and wind, pointing out that they are not profitable without subsidies and have limitations, such as the need for wind to be located near transmission lines and the inability of solar to meet demand energy needs. He suggests that these issues deserve more consideration at the state and federal levels. Randy sees potential in battery storage to help reduce demand-time charges, providing more flexibility and cost management. He acknowledges the impact of natural events related to climate change on utility infrastructure. Randy advocates for minimizing transmission line construction by adopting Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), which could offer a more efficient solution. He criticizes Minnesota's net metering law as an unfair subsidy, arguing it places a financial burden on some members. Lastly, Randy emphasizes the importance of maintaining distribution lines for reliability, including tasks like right-of-way clearances, tree removal, and trimming to prevent outages and ensure consistent service.

Randy equates the growing importance of high-speed broadband to the historical significance of rural electrification in the 1930s and 1940s. He believes reliable broadband is essential for education, communication, and economic development in rural areas, supporting the continued expansion of broadband services.

Randy identifies the cost of state regulations on electricity as the biggest concern facing Meeker Cooperative. He emphasizes the need for the Cooperative to navigate regulatory challenges while maintaining affordability and reliability for its members.

DISTRICT 9: Includes the townships of North Kingston, Kingston, Forest City in Meeker County.



DISTRICT 9 Jesse Turck67100 MN HWY 24
Litchfield, MN 55355

Jesse Turck, an architect and President of 4594 Design is a resident of Forest City Township, and has been a member of Meeker Cooperative for two years. He has served as a Meeker Cooperative Director since September 2022.

Jesse has been actively involved in the Cooperative by participating in Coffee on the Cooperative events, the 2023 Annual Meeting, Member Appreciation Events, two MREA Annual Meetings, MREA's Energy Forum and Director training, East River's Energize Forum, and monthly Board Meetings. Jesse has extensive knowledge, passion and experience in energy efficiency and sustainable design and feels his current and past board experience as well as committee work in architecture will benefit the Cooperative. He also has a curiosity and desire to learn more about the electric system to help encourage further electrification in buildings and transportation.

His extensive board and committee experience includes roles such as member and past chair of the BWBR Performance Design Group (2006-2023), co-chair of the AIA Minnesota Committee on the Environment (2014-2017), steering committee member of the Minnesota Resiliency Collaborative (2016-2023), and commissioner of the Meeker Cooperative Planning Commission (2022-Present).

If re-elected, Jesse plans to complete the NRECA Certified Cooperative Director training. He actively participates in various cooperative programs, including Cycled Air Conditioning, Storage Water Heating, Storage Heat, Peak Shave Water Heating, Rebate Programs, VIBRANT Broadband Service, and Operation Round Up®.

Jesse's vision for Meeker Cooperative prioritizes providing affordable, reliable power, and high-speed internet. He advocates for energy conservation to save resources and control costs, alongside the expansion of solar, wind, and other renewables to benefit society in the long term. Jesse emphasizes the critical role of developing battery storage in managing costs and enhancing flexibility during periods when renewable sources are inactive. He also addresses climate change's impact on utility infrastructure costs and supports adjustments to Minnesota's net metering law to ensure fair financial outcomes for cooperatives. Jesse underscores the importance of maintaining our distribution lines as a top priority to keep them reliable.

Jesse believes high-speed internet is essential for rural areas, facilitating business operations, telecommuting, telehealth, education, and entertainment. He praises the VIBRANT Broadband service provided by Meeker Cooperative for its superior performance compared to his former urban services.



Four location numbers are hidden within this Pioneer. If you find your number and claim it by calling Meeker Cooperative before July 31, you will have \$10 credit to your account. When you call and verify your information is correct in our system, you will also receive an additional bill credit equal to one month's output from a Member Solar Panel.





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To be eligible, your energy management system must be completely installed, operational, and checked out by a Meeker Cooperative energy services technician by November 15, 2024.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AT: www.meeker.coop/programs/

FEATURED RECIPE

CREAM CHEESE BARS | SUBMITTED BY: MARY PURCELL



INGREDIENTS

- 2-Pkgs Crescent Rolls
- 2-8oz. pkgs Cream Cheese
 - 1Egg

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Any flavor jam

DIRECTIONS

Lightly grease a 9x13 pan. Line with one package of crescent rolls. Beat cream cheese, egg yolk, sugar, vanilla together and spread on top. Layer jam. Put on the second package of crescent rolls. Top with beaten egg white. Then sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Cool and refrigerate.

Submit your favorite recipe for our next issue! The chosen winner will receive a \$10 credit to their account. DEADLINE: July 31, 2024. Email to: szeppelin@meeker.coop | Mail to: Meeker Coop, ATTN: Shane 1725 US Hwy 12 E, Ste 100, Litchfield, MN 55355

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CONNECT WITH MINNESOTA'S ELECTRIC **COOPERATIVES AT FARMFEST 2024!**

Join Meeker Cooperative and other Electric Cooperatives at Farmfest from August 6-8! As Minnesota's premier agricultural event, Farmfest attracts nearly 30,000 attendees and hosts over 500 exhibits and vendors in rural Redwood County each year.

We'll be showcasing tools and technology to make outdoor work easier and demonstrating our commitment to safety with an interactive electrical safety exhibit. Learn firsthand about essential safety measures to keep you and your family safe. 28-26-402 See a live safety demonstration illustrating the need for caution when working near or moving large equipment around powerlines. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with Minnesota's electric cooperatives and discover how we're empowering farmers and rural communities across the state.

Visit with us at FarmFest 2024 for your chance to win battery powered electric lawn care equipment! Prizes include a nine gallon wet/dry vac, pole saw, backpack leaf blower, 39 inch ice auger, and a 16 inch chainsaw.



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