

## **A Message from our GM, Chet McWhorter**

By the time you're reading this, I hope you've had your fill of pumpkin spice and cinnamon. We've seen Christmas décor in nearly every shop and store for several months now and if you're not all the way into the holiday spirit, you might not make it this year. Days are getting shorter and the nights are plenty long. Thankfully, the good old' PPD is here to keep the lights on so you can still enjoy a good book or your favorite Netflix spectacular. The AC is shut down, but the heater is working double time. Folks are generally in high spirits unless they don't have family close or friends closer. As we near the end of 2019, I think it's appropriate to look back at what's gone before us.

It's been a very interesting year for most of us. Whether you contemplate the political arena and the division between the political parties, the terrible weather, or you consider the hope and ultimate disappointment of the Husker's football campaign, there's been no shortage of hot topics for discussion, argument, disagreement, and/or understanding. We've seen folks come together and be strong for one another and we've seen folks choose to stay on opposite sides,

not considering what's best for themselves or anyone else for that matter. People always do people things. That's just the way we are, however, it's worth hoping for better.

I won't pretend to have a solution for the political environment. I just wonder what things would look like if folks were willing to listen to the other side. Would we be able to find compromise? Would some of the issues be solved? Can there be two "right answers" to the same question? As long as folks maintain a hard party line and an unwillingness to listen and try to understand an opposing view, we may never know.

I also can't fix the weather. Is it "global warming"? I don't really think so. It's been way too cold this fall to call this global warming. I know that it isn't fun to see neighbors suffer with flooding or to see farmers struggle to get crops planted or harvested due to the weather, not to mention horrific wildfires on the West Coast. If I could fix it, we would have a climate that is a lot like San Diego or Jerusalem. But, since I can't, we'll stick with good old unpredictable Nebraska.

Scott Frost can fix Husker Football. He just needs time, pa-



tience, and buy-in. The players are the first ones that need to buy-in. We as fans, alumni, and concerned citizens need to give him time and exercise patience. Frost needs at least 5 years to get his recruits in and then we can judge. In the meanwhile, don't bet on undefeated seasons or championships. Be happy with lesser bowl appearances and not losing every game to Colorado. Who knows, we might beat Iowa??

Bottomline is that although we can't control many of the things that go on around us and affect our lives, we can control the most important thing; our attitude. If we choose to be pleasant and kind, that will make all the difference. It isn't hard to look for the good in situations, in fact, it takes no more effort than to look for the bad. It's all a matter of perspective. I hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*From all of us at CCPPD, we would like to wish you a*  
**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Please join us December 18th 19th & 20th for cookies & cider. Thank You for being great customers!

**The CCPPD office will be closed:**  
**Wednesday, Dec 25th**  
**Wednesday, Jan 1st**

# CCPPD Board Member Responsibilities

The current Cuming County Public Power District board members are listed below. Under the directors name subdivision I or II is listed as well as the year they began serving the board and the year their seat comes up for election. Every six years the board members are up for reelection.

In order to be eligible for a seat on the board, a person must be a customer of the District and live within the subdivision in which they are running. Subdivision I is the north part of the District and Subdivision II is the south part of the District. Directors of public power districts and electric distribution cooperatives across the state as well as across the country have many

responsibilities. Directors must be prepared to abide by and uphold the by-laws of the district. They act as trustees for the district and protect its assets as well as formulate, approve and review policies and provide guidelines for business operations.

Aside from attending monthly meetings, directors often take part in regular meetings of associations to which the District belongs or is affiliated with including Nebraska Rural Electric Association.

In addition, directors are asked to lobby and remain informed on legislative issues that affect the industry.

A great deal of reading and

studying is necessary to keep on top of current industry news and regulations and how the District may be affected.

Monthly, the board reviews financial reports, work plans, audits, and strategic plans. The board also approves purchases and evaluates the district's operations.

An important quality required of directors is the ability to respond to member's concerns and questions. Directors need to be available to the customers and they must have a genuine spirit of wanting to help at all times.

As can be gathered from the above information, being a director takes time and thought, but it can be very rewarding to serve the customers and protect their interests.



Greg Strehle, Board President,  
Subdivision II. 2011-2022



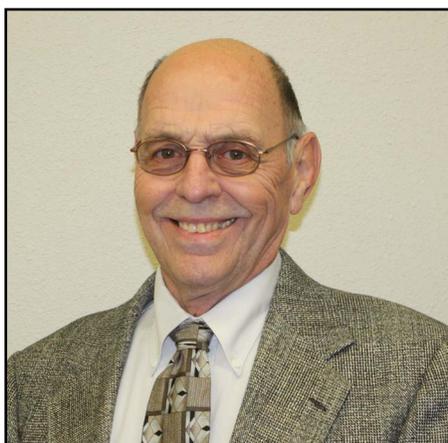
Leroy Mostek, Board Vice-President,  
Subdivision I. 2009-2020



Dennis Weiler, Board Secretary,  
Subdivision I. 1995-2024



Fred Schneider, Board Treasurer,  
Subdivision I. 2017-2023

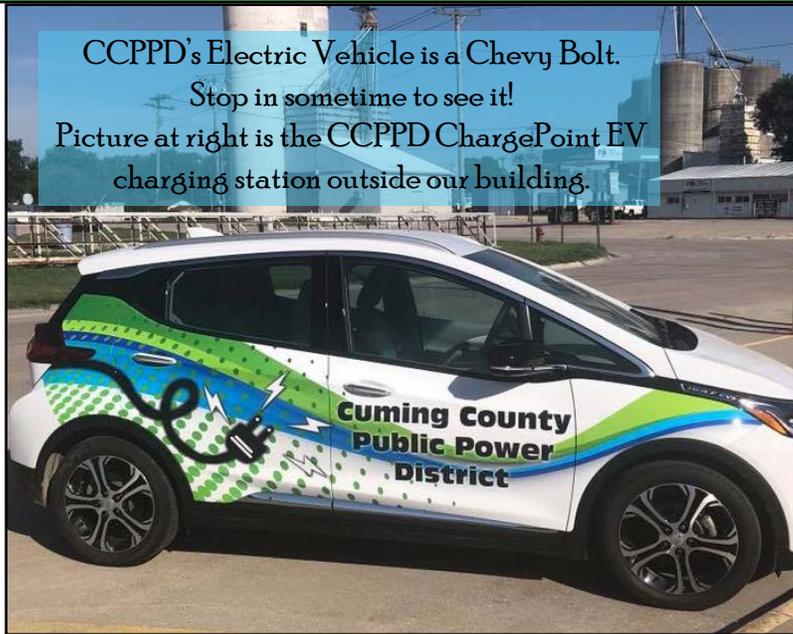


Ed Kaup, Board Member,  
Subdivision II. 1995-2024



Danny Kluthe, Board Member,  
Subdivision II. 2003-2020

# Electric Car Facts



CCPPD's Electric Vehicle is a Chevy Bolt.

Stop in sometime to see it!

Picture at right is the CCPPD ChargePoint EV charging station outside our building.



**What is an Electric Vehicle?** A plug-in electric vehicle is a vehicle that can be plugged into an electrical outlet or charging device to recharge its battery. There are two types: 1) battery electric vehicles, which run only on electricity like the Chevy Bolt above, and 2) a plug-in hybrid, which run on electricity until the battery is depleted and then is powered by a gas engine.

**How many miles will an electric vehicle travel?** The total range for an electric vehicle varies anywhere from 40-250 miles. The Chevy Bolt will travel approximately 238 miles on a full charge, but may lose 20-30% range when traveling in extreme cold weather or driving into a strong wind.

**How long does it take to charge an electric vehicle?** Charging time depends on the car itself, as well as the charger that you have. Other factors should also be taken into consideration, such as how depleted the battery is, and the temperature of the battery before charging. As an example, the Bolt states charging a completely depleted battery requires the following estimated charge times;

\* 120 volts - 50 hours (standard outlet)

\* 240 volts (32 amps) - 9.5 hours

\* DC Fast Charger - 1 hour 20 minutes

**Nebraskans have the ability to charge.** Electric Vehicles can be charged in the comfort of your home, avoiding trips to the gas station. They can be charged on a standard 120V wall outlet, also called Level 1 charging. Faster charging can be achieved at home or workplace with Level 2 charging (ex. 240 volt).

**Charging Stations are currently available across the state.** Public charging stations continue to pop up across Nebraska. Businesses, electric utilities, and government agencies are establishing a rapidly expanding network or charging infrastructure, providing it is possible to get nearly everywhere with an electric vehicle. Cuming County Public Power District has a charging station in front of our office. Download the "ChargePoint" app for locations of public charging stations available.

**Electric vehicles keep money in the pockets of Nebraskans.** Fuel efficiency is rated in kilowatt-hours (kWh) per 100 miles rather than miles per gallon. If you pay \$0.11 per kWh for electricity and have an average electric vehicle

rated at 34 kWh per 100 miles, the cost is about \$0.04 per mile. If gas is \$3 per gallon and a gas-powered vehicle gets 25mpg, the cost is about \$0.12 per mile. This scenario amounts to a savings of \$800 for every 10,000 miles you drive or about 1/4 the fuel cost.

**Cost for this Chevy Bolt?** Sticker price approximately \$36,000-\$40,000 depending on options. There are District incentives available: Federal Tax Incentives and possible additional dealer incentives.

**Electric vehicle maintenance costs are significantly lower.** The Bolt has a battery warranty of 8 years or 100,000 miles. Plug-in electric vehicles have lower total cost of ownership and lower maintenance costs. This is because they have fewer moving parts, reduced oil changes (or non for a full electric) and fewer brake jobs as battery regeneration absorbs most of the energy. Hybrids and plug-in electric vehicles can go 100,000 miles before receiving a brake job.

**For any questions, please contact us: CCPPD, 500 S Main, West Point, Nebraska (402) 372-2463.**

## 4-H Achievement Day

Cuming County Public Power District gives special awards to 4-Hers that have an interest in electrical projects at the Cuming County Fair. The 4-H Achievement Day was November 10, 2019 at the Nielsen center in West Point. These special awards were given to Macey Wooldrik (Grand Champion Overall) and Ethan Wooldrik (Reserve Champion Overall). Their 4-H club did a special project on electrical trouble lights. There were over 20 trouble lights entered to be judged! Thank you to all of the 4-H participants that took an interest in electrical projects. We are proud of you!



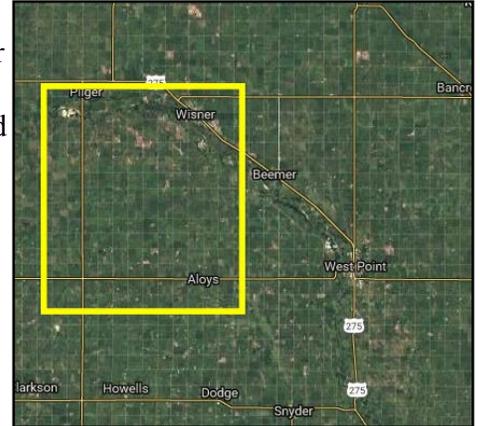
Congrats Ethan & Macey Wooldrik!



## GMS Continues Work

GMS (Global Mapping Solutions) is still contracted by CCPPD to capture GPS (Global Positioning System) information for all CCPPD electrical structures including poles, meters and transformers. They will be working in the middle and western area of the CCPPD service territory.

They will have signs on their vehicles stating they are contracted by CCPPD. We will notify customers by social media, the CCPPD website, press releases, public postings, newspapers and radio on what sections they will work on next. The map shows where they are currently working.



If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 402-372-2463 or 877-572-2463.

## Get Your Rebates In for 2019

- High Efficiency Heat Pump**
- Heat Pump Water Heater**
- Cooling System Tune-Up**
- Attic Insulation**
- Lighting**
- Smart Thermostat**
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station**
- VFD's**
- Hog Heat Mat**



Find more information at:  
[ccppd.com/energywise-rebates](http://ccppd.com/energywise-rebates)

**Deadline is December 23rd for all 2019 rebates!**



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You will find online billpay, tips to save on your electric bill, newsletters, & so much more on our website: [www.ccppd.com](http://www.ccppd.com)

Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the CCPPD office



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