

Cuming County Public Power District

December 2026



A Message from our General Manager

Chet McWhorter

By the time you're reading this, I hope you've had your fill of autumn colors and the wonderful transition from summer to chilly winter. Christmas decorations have been up for months—if the holiday spirit hasn't caught you yet, it may need a running start. The days are shorter, the heater is working overtime, and thankfully, the good old PPD keeps the lights on for your book or Netflix show. The season can be lonely without family or friends nearby, so a little patience in the holiday rush and a kind word to a neighbor can go a long way. As 2026 winds down, it's time to reflect.

It's been an interesting year. Between political divisions, rough weather, and the hopes and disappointments of Husker football, we've had plenty to discuss—and disagree about. We've seen people support one another and others remain divided, unwilling to consider what might be best for themselves or anyone else. People will be people, but we can still hope for better.

That hope for better starts with how we treat one another. I don't have a solution to our political divisions, but I wonder what might happen if we listened more. Could we compromise, solve problems, or accept that a question might have two valid answers? If we continue to cling to party lines and refuse to consider opposing views, we may never find out.

Listening might help us find common ground in politics. The weather, on the other hand, won't listen to any of us. Is it "global warming"? I'm not convinced—it's felt far too cold this fall for that name. Whatever we call it, it's hard to see neighbors face flooding, farmers struggle to plant or harvest, and communities on the West Coast endure devastating wildfires. If I could choose our climate, it would resemble San Diego and be 72 degrees year around. Instead, we'll take Nebraska's familiar unpredictability.

If there's one thing Nebraskans know besides unpredictable weather, it's the ups and downs of Husker football. We can't change the forecast, but I believe Matt Rhule can change the team's fortunes. He needs time, patience, and buy-in—starting with the players. As fans, alumni, and concerned citizens, we need to give him that time. Meanwhile, let's not count on undefeated seasons or championships. Let's enjoy the Foster Farms Bowl appearances and hope that next year we enjoy October with more wins than groans. Who knows? We might even beat Iowa.

The bottom line: whether we're talking politics, waiting on the weather, or cheering on the Huskers, we can't control every outcome—but we can choose our attitude. That means giving one another a little patience, choosing kindness when we disagree, and looking for the good even when things don't go our way. A positive outlook won't solve every problem, but it can help us face challenges together. This holiday season let's put that into practice by reaching out to someone who could use a little company or encouragement. I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Leadership Essentials Program

Summit Point Leadership

Please join us in congratulating Tristan Bettenhausen (CCPPD Working Foreman) and Austin Koehlmoos (CCPPD Journeyman Lineman) on graduating from the Summit Point Leadership, Leadership Essentials Program (LEP). Along with Tristan and Austin in their pictures is David Ritz, teacher of the LEP Program.

We are proud of Tristan and Austin's commitment to personal growth and to leading effectively, safely, and with positive influence for our customers and team. Their dedication to continued development helps ensure CCPPD remains strong now and into the future.

Congratulations to Tristan and Austin on this outstanding achievement!





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In Memoriam

Ed Kaup

Please keep Ed Kaup's family in your prayers. Ed Kaup passed away on Friday, November 6, 2026. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.



Ed served as a Cuming County Public Power District board member from 1995 to 2024. During his 29 years on the board, he dedicated countless hours to monthly meetings, addressing issues affecting CCPPD and always keeping the customers in mind when making decisions. He was passionate about keeping electric rates affordable and often shared his belief that CCPPD was one of the best Power Districts in Nebraska.

After graduating from high school, Ed served in the United States Navy. Following his military service, he worked as an electrician, bringing valuable knowledge and experience from the electrical industry to his role on the CCPPD board. One interesting part of his military service was spending three years aboard a submarine, where he performed electrical work.

Ed and his wife, Lynette, owned a farm just north of West Point. Ed developed a love for farming and raised cattle for many years after selling his electrical business. He retired from farming and the cattle industry in 2024.

Ed will be remembered for his friendly personality and the great smile he always shared with others. His years of service, dedication, and commitment to Cuming County Public Power District and the customers we serve will not be forgotten.

All of us at Cuming County Public Power District extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ed's wife, Lynette; his children, Dawn and Jason; and all of his extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

Employee Spotlights

Each month we will spotlight employees at Cuming County Public Power District.

Eric Brabec



Eric Brabec began his career with Cuming County Public Power District in January 2019. Originally from Clarkson, Nebraska, Eric continues to live in the area and enjoys the rural lifestyle.

Eric earned his degree in Utility Line from Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, preparing him for a career in the electrical industry.

Eric and his wife, Tiffany, live on an acreage north of Howells, where they enjoy farm life and spending time with their three children: Lynden, Layla, and Landry.

Outside of work, Eric enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping. His love for the outdoors and rural living reflects his appreciation for the community he calls home.

Please join us in thanking Eric for his dedication and commitment to serving Cuming County Public Power District. We appreciate all his hard work and contributions to our District!



Board of Director Retirement

Thank you for your dedication

Danny Kluthe



After years of dedicated service and a lifelong interest in the electrical industry, Danny Kluthe is retiring from the Cuming County Public Power District (CCPPD) Board of Directors. Kluthe served on the CCPPD Board of Directors from 2003 to 2026, a period during which he had the opportunity to witness significant progress and changes in the electrical industry. His involvement with electricity began in 2003, when Kluthe installed an anaerobic digester on his farm that collected methane gas from hog manure and converted it into electricity. Just six months later, he joined the CCPPD Board of Directors, bringing his first-hand experience with alternative energy production to the role.



During his time on the board, Kluthe enjoyed seeing how the electrical grid evolved and advanced over the years. His interest in innovation continues today as he researches other ways to process hog manure for beneficial purposes. His work reflects a long-standing interest in finding practical solutions that connect agriculture, energy, and sustainability.

Outside of his involvement with the electrical industry, Kluthe stays busy on his farm and in the community. He operates a hog enterprise system and drives the bus for the Howells-Dodge Consolidated School District. During the summer months, he devotes time to his large vegetable garden, which is his labor of love. He also enjoys reading and playing a variety of card games.

He and his wife, Josie, live on a farm across from Sacred Heart Olean Church near Dodge. Together, they have four married daughters and have been blessed with 13 grandchildren. As he steps away from his board responsibilities, Kluthe looks forward to spending more time with his grandchildren and attending their many activities.

Around the District
House Moves





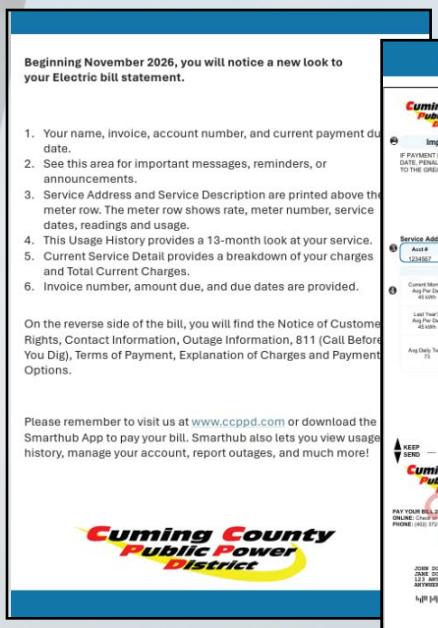
Above: The CCPPD Linemen helped move power lines for a house move from the city of West Point to a farm place along Highway 9.
Below: The CCPPD Linemen helped move power lines starting at midnight in late October for a house move. The house was moved from Highway 275 to an acreage west of West Point.



A New Look for Your bill
Changes to your CCPPD electric bill

As a customer of Cuming County Public Power District, you may notice a new look to your electric bill. While the bill may look different, the information you receive has not changed. Your bill will continue to provide all the same important details about your electric service, usage, charges, and account.

The updated design is intended to make your bill easier to read and navigate. Below is an example of what the new bill will look like and where you can find the information you need.



Beginning November 2026, you will notice a new look to your Electric bill statement.

1. Your name, invoice, account number, and current payment du date.
2. See this area for important messages, reminders, or announcements.
3. Service Address and Service Description are printed above th meter row. The meter row shows rate, meter number, service dates, readings and usage.
4. This Usage History provides a 13-month look at your service.
5. Current Service Detail provides a breakdown of your charges and Total Current Charges.
6. Invoice number, amount due, and due dates are provided.

On the reverse side of the bill, you will find the Notice of Custome Rights, Contact Information, Outage Information, 811 (Call Before You Dig), Terms of Payment, Explanation of Charges and Payment Options.

Please remember to visit us at www.ccppd.com or download the Smarthub App to pay your bill. Smarthub also lets you view usage history, manage your account, report outages, and much more!

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Please call Cuming County Public Power District at 402-372-2463 with any questions.

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CCPPD Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the CCPPD Office at 500 S Main Street West Point NE 68788



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