

Cuming County Public Power District

March 2026



Manager's Report

By Chet McWhorter, CCPPD GM

No doubt you have heard the admonition “garbage in, garbage out.” This is a term that originated in the early days of computing, speaking to the idea of the quality of the input directly affecting the quality of the output. It has come to be used in all facets of life. While it is presumptuous of me, I am of the belief that if I am noticing a trend in my life then others are likely to see the same trend. I’ve noticed lately that I am struggling finding sources of information that are not “garbage”.

We live in an era where there is more free information available than at any other time in history. Add into this equation the rise of Artificial Intelligence and machine learning and we will continue to see this amount of information grow exponentially. Much of this information is useful and conversely much of this information is “garbage”. We each need to use much discernment to ensure that we are putting as much good information into our minds as possible. The hard part is that there is an algorithm at work that knows each of us arguably better than we know ourselves, a concept that I find extremely frightening.

As always, it comes down to the same question, now what? I think that it is critical that each of us finds a source of information that is as close to unimpeachable as possible. Unfortunately, this is easier said than done. Much of the traditional media has become decreasingly untrustworthy over time due to the continual pressure to maintain viewership. Much of the time they are simply entertaining and pandering more than providing information. Furthermore, it becomes our job to check everything to make sure it is factual, which can be exhausting. My advice is to find someone who you trust and stick with their reports. It is important to remember that agreement with their viewpoints is not as critical as believing that they are operating from a point of truth and not just maintaining viewership. If you don’t know the source of a piece of information, then it is not necessarily accurate. It can be reckless at the least and flat out dangerous at the worst to fall for half-truths and blatant lies. We all need to make decisions and inform our opinions from the

most accurate information.

In terms of Public Power, CCPPD will continue to do everything in our power to be your trusted source of information. We have ample experience in this space and have the backbone and values that allow us to share unvarnished truth without compromising. It is one of the many things that I love about working in this industry. Because we are owned by you, we are answerable only to you, we understand completely that you deserve the truth in all things. You can count on that in these uncertain times.

Finally, to offer further perspective, I’ll share what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians. Paul said in Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” If we keep our minds right, life is good! Have a great Spring!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Greg Strehle, CCPPD Board President, awarded Chet McWhorter, CCPPD General Manager, with a plaque for his time on the Policy & Resolutions Committee with Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

CCPPD's Operation Round-Up® Fund

Round Up Your Electric Bill

The next meeting is
Wednesday, March 25, 2026

People helping others is a rural way of life. Cuming County Public Power District has found a unique way to help others.

It's called Operation Round-Up®. The program lets customers round up their electric bill to the next highest dollar amount, with the spare change going to a host of individuals and organizations that apply for funding.

The program was started in 1989 by South Carolina's Palmetto Electric Cooperative. It quickly spread across the country as an inexpensive way for customers to make a difference.

It's a small price to pay. The most it can cost in a given month is 99 cents, though it could be as little as a penny. The average amount is 45 cents, and most customers will pay around \$6 a year.

These nickels and dimes make a huge difference. A five-member board volunteers their time and decides where the money is distributed. Our current Operation Round-Up® board members are Amber Bridges (Bancroft area), Brooke Fullner (Beemer area), Brenda Duhsman (West Point area), Kay Raabe (Wisner area) and Danielle Ortmeier (Dodge area).

CCPPD started our Operation Round-Up® program in 1999. Since then many area organizations and individuals have received funding. Since the program was founded, over \$250,000 has been awarded.

Thank you to all of our customers that are part of this great program that helps so many in our area!



Authorization Form

Choose one Option:

Yes, I would like to participate in the Operation Round-Up® Program. I wish to have my monthly electric bill rounded up to the next highest dollar.

Yes, I would like to participate in the Operation Round-Up® Program. I wish to contribute \$_____ per month to the Operation Round-Up® Program, and the amount will be added to my monthly electric bill.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Account Number: _____

Please return to:
CCPPD • PO Box 256 • West Point NE 68788
Please call with any questions: 402-372-2463

CCPPD Rebates

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2026 Incentives

CCPPD

- LIGHTING
- ATTIC INSULATION
- HIGH EFFICIENCY HEAT PUMP
- HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER
- COOLING SYSTEM TUNE-UP
- LAWN & GARDEN
- SMART THERMOSTAT
- & MORE

Employee Spotlights

Each month we will spotlight two employees at Cuming County Public Power District. Please help us thank them for their dedication.

Brian Throener



Brian Throener is our Staking Supervisor at CCPPD and he has been here since May 11, 1998.

He graduated from the lineman program at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. He started at CCPPD as an apprentice lineman, worked hard and earned his journeyman

lineman status. "I enjoy working outside," said Brian, "I am happy to have a job that would allow me to do that."

Brian, his wife Kelly, and their four children: Carter, Ashlynn, Kenadie and Brynn live near Dodge, Nebraska on a farm.

Hunting, spending time with family and attending high school sport activities are the many things he enjoys in his downtime.

Brian is also a veteran of the United States Army. Thank you, Brian, for your service.

Please help us in thanking Brian for his dedicated service to Cuming County Public Power District.

Kinzey Doggett



Kinzey Doggett began working at Cuming County Public Power District on November 14, 2016. Kinzey is the friendly face that you will see as you walk in the front door at CCPPD. She is the Administrative Assistant and Executive Secretary. She

takes calls, helps customers, attends board meetings and takes care of many other things around the office.

She and her husband, Terry, live in West Point. They have four children: Keegan, Brayden, Hunter and Jady. They also share their home with their beloved dog Stella and two cats; Whiskey and Tequilla.

Outside of work, Kinzey enjoys going to the many events that the kids have going on, taking walks, going to the lake and helping at community events. Her favorite thing is spending time with family since some are as far away as North Dakota where she is originally from.

Please help us thank Kinzey for her dedicated service to Cuming County Public Power District.



Employee Recognition

Years of Service

March 2026



Jess Hunke
Working Foreman
15 years



Tristan Bettenhausen
Journeyman Lineman
10 years



Trevor Schumacher
Journeyman Lineman
5 years



Brad Petersen
Board Member
5 years



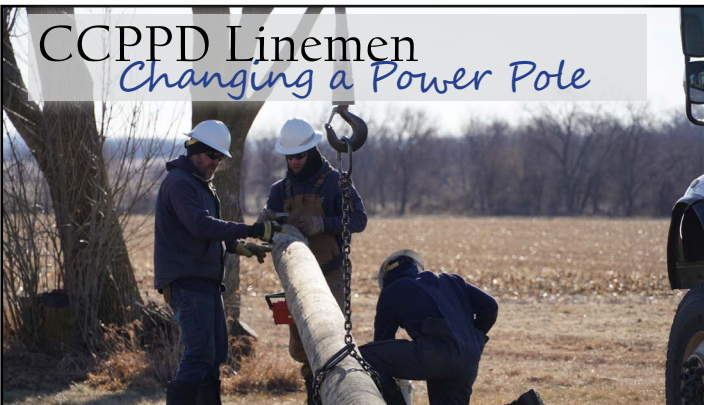
Scott Case
Retired after
39 years



Kari Haase
Equity Management
Certificate Program
(Level 2)



Sonya Arduser
Credentialed
Cooperative Director
Program



Willy, Austin & Trevor working to get the new power pole ready.



Tristan was in the bucket taking down power lines

CCPPD Board Members

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



Greg Strehle
President
402-380-3659



Leroy Mostek
Vice President
402-380-8803



Brad Petersen
Secretary
402-404-0588



Sonya Arduser
Treasurer
402-649-8113



Danny Kluthe
Director
402-720-3425



Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong
Director
402-380-1649