Cuming County Public Power District



A Message from our CFO/ Assistant GM, Kari Haase May 2024

And just like that, 2023 is complete, our annual audit finished and we are well into the 2nd quarter of 2024. Let's take a look at the petals that make up the Districts 2023 Financials.

Revenue

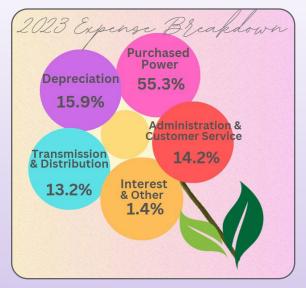
Operating revenues for the year 2023 were \$11.5 million from sales of 105 million kWh. This was an decrease of 2.3% kWh sold in 2023 versus 2022. Revenue sources of the District stay relatively stable through the years, see chart below for 2023.



Expenses

Our largest operating expense is purchased power. We continue to purchase 90% of our power needs from Nebraska Public Power District, with the remaining 10% from wind generation. In 2023, our purchased power made up 55.3% of our operating expenses. Other operating expenses include costs associated with providing power to you, our end-use customers, maintenance of line, pole testing, regulator maintenance, and depreciation. We do this all while keeping safety at the forefront for both our employees and customers. (see expenses chart in next column)

In 2023, after extensive research into a new SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) platform, the board approved the District to enter a contract with Survalent to update our old system. SCADA is a computer-based system for gathering and analyzing Website: www.ccppd.com Twitter: @CumingCountyPPD



real-time data to monitor and remotely control District equipment. This new system will allow us to "see" what is going on down our distribution lines. CCPPD has been working diligently during the first two quarters of 2024 to ensure the system will be ready for the 2024 irrigation season. We are excited about this updated technology and thank Tisha Wilson, Monte Draper, and Sarah McGill for all their hard work in this project!

Electric distribution has high capital costs, which in today's environment only continues to see prices rise. Currently our net utility plant is booked at almost \$23.2 million dollars. This is based on the cost at the time the system was installed so to replace it would be substantially higher. In 2023, we invested \$2.9 million dollars back into the system. This investment includes upgrades due to the Highway 275 changes (reimbursed by the State of Nebraska), single-phase and multi-phase construction including irrigation, distribution upgrades and new services.

Another way we try to keep rates low is by using bonding to finance projects that will last long into the future. With the low rates that were available in 2021, we did finance a bond to help pay for capital expenditures during 2022 through 2025.

Stay safe in 2024 as planting season starts!

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Operation Round-Up[®]

"Round Up" Your Electric Bill to the Next Dollar

People helping people is a rural way of life. Cuming County Public Power District (CCPPD) has a unique way to help others in our area. It's called Operation Round-Up. The program lets CCPPD customers round up their electric bill to the next dollar amount, with the spare change going to a host of individuals and organizations that apply for funding.

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); Brooke Fullner (Beemer), Brenda Duhsmann (West Point), Kay Raabe (Wisner) & Danielle Ortmeier (Dodge).

Our ORU meeting was March 27, 2024. Listed at right are the organizations that were awarded funding.

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

e 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:

Email:

Phone:

Account Number:_____

Please return to:

CCPPD • PO Box 256 • West Point NE 68788

Any questions-please call: 402-372-2463/toll free 877-572-2463

ccppd.com/operation-round-up



Beemer Community Club \$500.00

Stage for the Band

Girls on the Run

\$300.00

Participant Fees

Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D

\$350.00

Annual Sponsorship

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

\$500.00

VBS Program Supplies (Bancroft)

West Point Family Worship

\$500.00

Campground Rental Fees

West Point FFA Alumni

\$500.00

State FFA Convention Expenses

West Point Little League

\$100.00

Sign Annual Renewal

West Point Little League

\$1000.00

Toro Field Finisher

West Point Police Department

\$1250.00

Project Lifesaver

West Point-Beemer Post Prom

\$100.00

Post Prom Breathalizer

Total Awarded:

\$5,100.00

Total Awarded since Program

Began in 1999:

\$278,436.92

Brooke Fullner (R) (ORU Board member) awarded Dana Steffensmeier (L) (BCC President) a check toward the stage for the band during Beemer Play Daze.



West Point Little League Association -Annual Sign Renewal Jason Smith



West Point FFA Alumni -State FFA Convention Expenses Chad Moyer - Treasurer



Top 10 Home Electrical Safety Tips

Make sure your family is safe from electrical dangers. Here is a checklist of basic safety essentials to help you keep your home safe from electrical fire and shock hazards:

1. Check outlets for loose-fitting plugs. Replace missing or broken wall plates so wiring and components are not exposed. If you have young children at home, install tamper resistant outlets (TROs) or cover unused outlets with plastic safety caps.

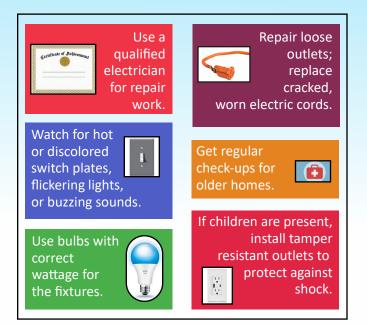
2. Never force plugs into outlets. Do not remove the grounding pin (third prong) to make a three-prong plug fit a two-prong outlet. Avoid overloading outlets with adapters and too many appliance plugs.

3. Make sure cords are not frayed or cracked, placed under carpets or rugs, or located in high traffic areas.

4. Use extension cords only on a temporary basis - not as permanent household wiring. Make sure they have safety closures to protect children from shock and burns.

5. Check wattage to ensure light bulbs match the fixture requirements. Replace bulbs that have higher wattage ratings than recommended. Screw them in securely so they do not overheat.

6. Make sure outlets in the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, basement, garage, outdoors, or any area with water are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). Test them monthly to ensure they work properly.



7. Make sure fuses are properly sized for the circuit they are protecting. Know the correct rating, have an electrician identify and label the correct size. Always replace a fuse with the same size you are removing.

8. If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced. Look for cracks or damage in wiring and connectors. Use surge protectors to protect electronics.

9. Check periodically for loose wall receptacles, wires, or loose lighting fixtures. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls. Immediately shut off, then professionally replace light switches hot to the touch, as well as lights that spark or flicker.

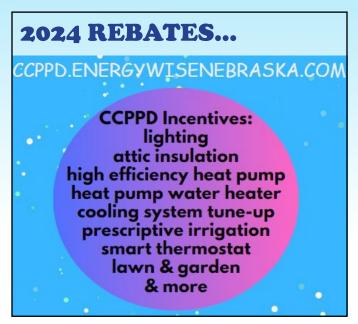
10. As you continue to upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances, and electronics, your home's service capacity may become overburdened. If fuses blow or trip frequently, have a professional determine the appropriate service requirements for your home.

Nebraska's New Voter ID Law



Voter ID begins in the May 2024 primary election. Photo ID now required.

For more information: VoterID.Nebraska.gov



CCPPD Linemen Around the Area



Mutual Aid: Brian, Jess, Austin & Willy helped Elkhorn Rural Public Power District after a storm came through 3/25/24.



The CCPPD linemen had to change a few poles south of Wisner. A storm came through with high winds on 3/31/24.





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