

Manager's Report

By Chet McWhorter, CCPPD GM



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As you have likely read in the past, CCPPD was founded under the old Rural Electric Administration (or REA) in 1936. Many folks, me included, still call us the REA. You've also probably read that Nebraska is different, mainly due to the influence of Senator George Norris who felt that a public model was the best way to ensure that citizens received quality electrical service. The rest of the nation operates REAs as well, but they are electric cooperatives. These electric cooperatives are owned by the members of the coop just like PPDs are owned by the citizens. We are all closely related.

There are principles which govern the activity of cooperatives. In the PPD model, we have adopted these principles as well. There are seven principles which are: open and voluntary membership, democratic control, economic participation, autonomy and independence, education, training, and information, cooperation among cooperatives and districts, and concern for community.

Today I will touch on concern for community. A key driver in decision making at CCPPD is the question, "How will this affect the customer-owner?" We look at all things through this lens, whether we are looking at rates, a new technology, trucks, or a planned outage. This question, or some variant of it, is asked over and over every day at CCPPD. Concern for community permeates all aspects of our operations. We spend a great deal of effort on education regarding wise energy use and public safety, on sensible environmental policy, on economic development, and on ensuring that customers are aware of programs available to assist in all of these and many other areas. Additionally, our board and employees are very involved in the communities we serve. We sit on several volunteer boards, coach teams, participate in events, and generally are just active members of society.

Another area that demonstrates CCPPD's concern for community is Operation Round Up (ORU). ORU was developed several years ago and it is a program that is funded using customer funds that are collected by rounding up their power bills. Each customer chooses whether to participate and the funds are distributed at the discretion of a volunteer board made up of customers throughout the district. To date ORU has distributed over \$200,000 to fire departments, schools, non-profits, and other organizations to help them help the community. In September,

the employees and directors of CCPPD put on a fun run to benefit ORU. This run generated over \$800 for the ORU fund. I was very pleased to be a part of this wonderful event.

As we enter into fall and the holiday season that comes with it, please consider what can be done to help others in the community. I'm reminded of a quote by George Bernard Shaw. He said, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." What a great outlook and roadmap for all of us.

At the end of the day, I'm very proud to serve you. I love the public power model and couldn't think of a better way to spend my life. Have a great fall! As always, I'm glad to hear from you. If you have thoughts, ideas, recommendations, or if you just want to visit, please reach out. Thanks for reading!!

**CCPPD's office will be
closed Monday,
November 12th to honor
Veteran's Day**

and



**Thursday, November 22nd
& Friday, November 23rd
for the
Thanksgiving
Holiday!**



CCPPD Operation Round Up Fun Run



Our CCPPD Volunteers



The CCPPD Wellness Group:
Brian Throener, Chet McWhorter,
Sheena Kampschneider & Nicki White



Registration



The Starting Line



The Winners



The Racers

Here are the winners:

1 Mile: Shelbi Risch 8:46 (above far left)

Ashlyn Throener 9:02 (above middle)

Brynn Throener 9:15 (above far right)

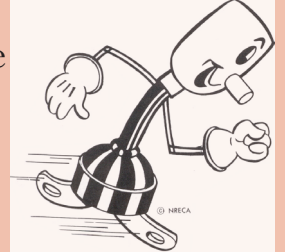
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Adam Kampschneider 26:54 (above left back row)

Trina Osuna 28:11 (picture on right)



Thank you to everyone
who participated &
helped out at the event.



Congratulations to the winners!

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* All proceeds from the event were given back to the CCPPD Operation Round-Up fund (see picture on next page). The fund is from CCPPD customers rounding up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar. The funds can be applied for by local community businesses, organizations or individuals. Over \$200,000 has been awarded by the ORU board since the CCPPD Operation Round-Up fund was formed in 1999.

Operation Round-Up®

The Cuming County Public Power District Operation Round Up® board members met September 25, 2018. Following are the organizations that were awarded a total of \$4,650.00:

Franciscan Care Services	Christmas Gifts & Movie Passes for Santa's Helpers	\$ 400.00
Howells Dodge Elementary	iPads and Headphones for Students	\$ 1000.00
John G. Neihardt Historical Site	Landscaping: Native Plants, Trees, Hostas, Etc.	\$ 250.00
Juvenile Awareness Group	Motivational Speaker for Students in the Areas	\$ 1000.00
St. Paul Lutheran School/GACC/WPBPS	Rachel's Challenge Organization Fees	\$ 1000.00
West Point Trails & Pathways Group	Trail Construction Costs	\$ 500.00
Wisner-Pilger Public Schools	Flexible Seating for the Spanish Classroom	\$ 500.00

The money collected for the fund is from CCPPD customers rounding up their electric bill to the next dollar. It's average of six dollars per customer per year. Just over \$1,000 is put into the fund each month.

Area schools have received over \$40,000 and area fire & rescue departments have received over \$17,000 since the program began. Donations ranging from \$50-\$3,000 have been made to youth groups, churches, a variety of non-profit organizations, as well as a few individuals.

Think about it, an average of six dollars per customer per year has made all of this possible. In addition to the money, five people volunteer their time to serve on the Operation Round-Up® Board. Current members are Jackie Smith, Bancroft area; Brenda Bradfield, Beemer area; Maria Janata, Dodge area; Brenda Duhsman, West Point area; and Kristie Borgelt, Wisner area.

The board members discuss the applications that are received and awards are granted biannually in March and again in September. Operation Round-Up® funds are available to any person(s), family, group, organization, or charity within the boundaries of Cuming County Public Power District. The funding can be used to address a large variety of needs.

Applications to request funds are available from the Cuming County Public Power District office, emailed, or online at www.ccppd.com. There are separate applications for organizations/agencies and individuals and/or families.



The Operation Round-Up® fund was given over \$800 from the CCPPD ORU Fun Run proceeds. Thank you to all who participated and helped a great cause. Picture above: CCPPD Assistant GM/CFO, Kari Haase (far right) presented a check to the CCPPD Operation Round-Up® board members from left: Kristie Borgelt, Brenda Bradfield, Brenda Duhsman, & Maria Janata.



CCPPD Operation Round-Up board member, Kristie Borgelt (left), presenting Wisner-Pilger Schools Spanish Teacher, Lia Raabe, with their check for flexible seating.

Featured CCPPD Employee

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 (freshman), Brayden (6th grade), Hunter (4th grade) and Jadyn (3rd grade). They also share their home with their beloved dog, Duke. "We enjoy the small town community," Kinzey said, "We love watching our kids grow up here."



Outside of work, Kinzey enjoys going to the many events that the kids have going on, watching sports, taking walks, going to the lake and helping at community events. Her favorite thing, though, 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.

October Chamber Coffee

Public Power Week

October 7-13, 2018

Thank you to all who attended the Chamber Coffee on Friday, October 5, 2018 at CCPPD. We had a great turn-out and such a nice time having everyone at the office to kick off Public Power Week!



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



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