

MARCH 2023

# CIRCUITS

FOR DAKOTA ELECTRIC MEMBERS



Introducing our  
new CEO!

**DAKOTA  
ELECTRIC**  
ASSOCIATION  
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative  
FARMINGTON, MN  
USDOT 1078151

## CONTACT US

### Member Service & Drive-Up Window

7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday  
651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409  
Minnesota Relay Service 711  
customerservice@dakotaelectric.com

### Lobby - 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

4300 220th Street West  
Farmington, MN 55024

### 24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

651-463-6201 or 1-800-430-9722

### Underground Cable Locations

Gopher State One Call 811 or  
651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166  
www.gopherstateonecall.org

### Tree Trimming & Street Lights

651-463-6287

### CAREERS — Be a Part of Our Energy

www.dakotaelectric.com/careers  
HRresources@dakotaelectric.com  
651-463-6301

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affirmative action employer.*

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Electric® are registered service marks of the  
cooperative.*

*All programs and rebates are subject to  
change without notice. Funds are limited and  
available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### DISTRICT 1

John (Jack) DeYoe  
David Jones  
Gerald F. Pittman | *Treasurer*

### DISTRICT 2

Bill Middlecamp | *Vice Chair*  
Clay Van De Bogart | *GRE Director*  
Terry Donnelly | *Secretary*

### DISTRICT 3

Kenneth H. Danner  
Margaret D. Schreiner | *GRE Director*

### DISTRICT 4

Paul Bakken | *Chair*  
Stacy Miller | *MREA Director*

# INTRODUCING RYAN HENTGES



Dakota Electric has a strong reputation in the community, excellent reliability numbers and a team of employees who provide top-tier member services. I look forward to leading this outstanding team.



*Dakota Electric Association's Board of Directors named Ryan Hentges as the next president and CEO of the member-owned electric distribution cooperative.*

Hentges has served in management at Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative, Jordan, since 2005, with the past seven years as the cooperative's CEO. Hentges will assume responsibilities at Dakota Electric on March 6, providing overlap of leadership and sufficient time for a smooth transition.

Hentges accomplishments include leading the efforts to develop a

culture of leadership, achieving a balanced power supply portfolio and strengthening the use and adoption of smart grid technologies to increase member satisfaction and reliability while maintaining rate competitiveness, among other achievements.

Hentges earned a Juris Doctor from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, an MBA from the University of Nebraska Omaha, and an undergraduate degree from St. Cloud State University.



It has been an honor to work with so many amazing employees and board members, both past and present. Dakota Electric is prepared to seize opportunities and overcome any challenges the future may bring.



Current President and CEO Greg Miller will retire in early April and has led the cooperative since 2001. Greg has worked tirelessly to strengthen and lead Dakota Electric throughout many industry changes. We are so appreciative of his guidance and leadership and wish him a happy retirement.

# 100% CARBON-FREE BY 2040 ENERGY BILL

*Governor Tim Walz signed a clean energy bill into law that will set Minnesota utilities on a path to go carbon-free by 2040.*

The 100% by 2040 legislation puts Minnesota at the forefront of energy and climate policy and aims to further shift utilities away from fossil fuels to wind, solar and other non-carbon emitting resources.

The bill includes changes proposed by Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and Great River Energy. MREA lowered the first milestone of the carbon-free standard (CFS) from 80% to 60% in 2030 for cooperatives and municipal utilities. Additionally, Great River Energy amended the language to allow Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to be used to comply with both the renewable energy standard (RES) and the new CFS. Lastly, changes were made to allow net MISO purchases to meet the CFS after factoring in the level of carbon free generation in MISO. These changes will continue to allow peaking plants to run as well

as give credit for carbon capture and sequestration technology.

Dakota Electric's power provider, Great River Energy, has been transitioning to a largely renewable and less carbon intensive energy portfolio for years. They are well on their way to reducing their carbon dioxide emissions by 80% by 2032. Great River Energy started off 2023 by adding two new wind agreements, one in eastern South Dakota and another in Lincoln County, Minnesota, that will collectively add more than 300 megawatts of wind energy with zero emissions in 2023.

As Great River Energy transitions to a largely renewable portfolio of energy resources, cost and reliability continue to remain top priority. Dakota Electric and Great River Energy will continue to work together to deploy energy efficiency and demand response programs that make electricity more sustainable, affordable and reliable.

## DECADES IN THE MAKING

Great River Energy's renewable energy portfolio has grown steadily for more than 20 years.



# ELECTRIC VEHICLES

## WHY OWN AN EV?

### Affordable to run

- The average driver will save between \$4,000 - \$5,000 in fuel costs over the course of five years.
- EVs have lower maintenance costs since you can avoid oil changes, cooling system flushes, transmission servicing, air filter changes, spark plugs, drive belts, and more!
- Tax incentives can reduce the purchase price.

### Range & Accessibility

- Depending on the model, many EVs can go over 200 or even 300 miles on a single charge.
- There are over 21,000 public charging stations in the U.S.

### Other

- EVs are structurally sound and often at the top of their class in terms of crash and safety ratings.
- Provide a smoother, more quiet ride.

## ALREADY OWN AN EV?

Dakota Electric offers two voluntary options for charging your EV at home as well as a rebate of \$500 to assist with the cost of installing a charging circuit on either program.

### Storage

Offers members the lowest cost available to charge their EV. Charging occurs during the off-peak hours of 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.

### Time-of-Use

Available for members to charge their EV at any time of day. Members are charged lower rates during the off-peak hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.

## REVOLT®

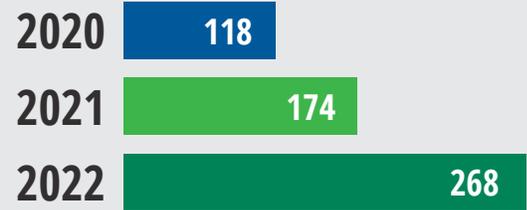
Power your EV with 100% wind energy, for the lifetime of that vehicle, at no extra cost!

When renewable energy is added to the power grid, a renewable energy credit (REC) is created that embodies all of the environmental benefits of that energy. When you claim your Revolt upgrade, we'll dedicate wind energy RECs on your behalf, completely offsetting the energy used to power your vehicle.

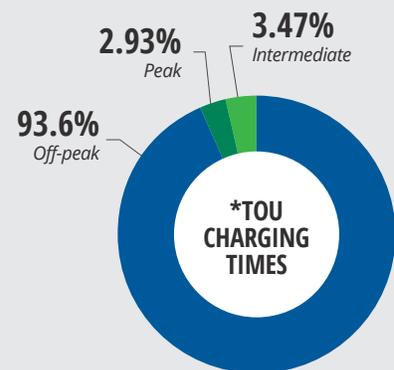
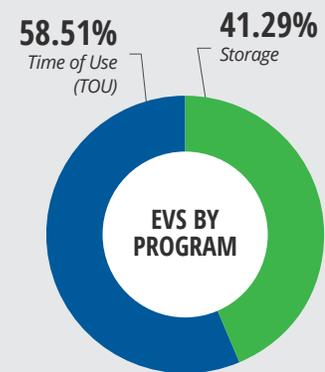
Contact an Energy Expert® today at 651-463-6243.

## DAKOTA ELECTRIC EV STATS

### EVs Rebated Per Year by Dakota Electric



### EVs Program Use



\*As reported in 2022 annual EV filing.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Section 3, Article III, of the Bylaws of this Association, we the undersigned Nominating Committee, in a meeting held on January 24, 2023, have selected the following nominees shown below for directorship of said Association to be on the ballot for the 2023 board elections. Candidates nominated by petition have an asterisk next to their name.

DISTRICT 1 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 2 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 3 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 4 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 4 (1-YEAR TERM)
John DeYoe <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Bill Middlecamp <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Margaret Schreiner <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Paul Bakken <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Michael Cahn
Cody Larvick	Laura Lee Berger	Richard Billion		Brian Freeman
Jeff Nelson		Donald Vasatka		Jenny Hoeft*
James Schlichting				Greg Oxley
Steve Shurts				Ian Ziese

The Nominating Committee is made up of the following people: Adam Blom, Robert Erickson, Bryanna Reinsberg, Darrell Sandeen, Jerry Rich, Jenny Zakoski, Karen Webb and Bruce "Buzz" Anderson.

## CROPS DAY

For the fifteenth year, Crops Day will bring University of Minnesota and Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District experts to Dakota County Growers to share local research results and crop management strategies with producers and other agricultural professionals.

Crops Day will be held on Wed., March 22, 2023 at the Dakota Electric Association office located at 4300 220th Street West in Farmington. This event is **free** and open to the public. Lunch will be provided and pre-registration is requested for food-planning purposes. **Scan the QR code to RSVP!**



**WED.**  
**MARCH 22**  
9 AM - 1 PM





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lakeville Landscape & Home Expo**  
Mar. 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Lakeville North High School
- **Crops Day**  
Mar. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Board Meeting**  
Mar. 23, 8:30 a.m.
- **Apple Valley Home & Garden Expo**  
Apr. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Eastview High School

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# DAKOTA ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEETING

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

**6 PM - 8:30 PM**

*Rosemount Community Center*

