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Jul 4Office Closed
Jul 7-13.....No payments
accepted on Mobile App
or Online Access

Jul 14... SmartHub Goes Live
Jul 15..... Electric Bills Due
Jul 29Board Meeting



Find Your Account Number & Win!

Congratulations to **Roger Abraham** for finding his account number in the June newsletter for a \$10 credit.

TEC has hidden an account number in this newsletter. If you find your account number, notify us by August 1st and receive a **\$10 bill credit**.

Winners Announced in 4th Annual Regional Who Powers You? Contest

Traverse Electric is excited to announce the three winners of the fourth annual Who Powers You? contest, who were chosen from among its 20 finalists. Each year, the contest, held in partnership among Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives throughout the region, spotlights outstanding individuals and organizations across eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota who are making a difference in their communities while recognizing them for their remarkable efforts in empowering and inspiring others.

"As an electric cooperative, our services extend beyond delivering safe, affordable, and reliable power to our member-owners," said Jeremy Huhnstock, General Manager. "The Who Powers You? contest highlights the commitment of our co-op to the communities and member-owners that we serve. We know that our co-op community is filled with people making a difference and we are honored to celebrate them."

A total of twenty finalists were featured weekly on KELOLAND Living from March through mid-May. Three contest winners were announced on May 22, 2025. Winners were chosen by a panel of judges.

Area IV Senior Nutrition, headquartered in Northern Electric Cooperative's service territory, has been awarded the first-place grand prize in the contest.

The organization serves individuals across a 16-county region in central and northeastern South Dakota. For 51 years, they have worked to support the health and wellness of older adults by providing nutritious meals and meaningful social connections. Their efforts not only help seniors maintain physical health but also foster emotional well-being through companionship.

As the grand prize winner, Area IV Senior Nutrition received a \$3,000 award to support its continued efforts. The Who Powers You? award recognizes the organization and those who work and volunteer there as true ambassadors of rural communities and the individuals within them.

The second place, \$1,500 prize, was awarded to GROW South Dakota. Headquartered in the Traverse Electric Cooperative service territory, the organization serves residents across the entire state of South Dakota.



Who Powers You? Contest

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It provides vital programs and services that support housing, community development, economic advancement, digital literacy, financial coaching, and more, including energy efficiency outreach like a weatherization program that helps residents lower energy costs and improve their home comfort and safety. The organization's work is an excellent example of how giving back strengthens and empowers communities. They are powering the region through their dedication and mission to support individuals in numerous ways.

Higgins-Jessen-Olson Post #88 American Legion of White and Toronto, located in the Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative service area, was awarded the third-place \$500 award in the contest. For the past 35 years, the post has actively honored veterans and promoted flag advocacy. Their four-person honor guard presents the colors at Deubrook High School sporting events, graduations, and other extracurricular activities. They have also presented at other events in the area when ROTC cadets were unavailable. In the past year alone, the post presented the colors 32 times. They are a shining example of commitment to the communities they live in.

To learn more about the Who Powers You? contest, visit whopowersyoucontest.com. ▀

We Want Your Feedback!

Traverse Electric Cooperative is seeking your feedback and opinions on our performance and how we can better meet your needs. Your feedback will be instrumental in shaping the way utility cooperatives serve their members in the future. If you haven't already, Traverse Electric Cooperative would appreciate 5 – 10 minutes of your time to fill out this confidential survey based on your experiences.

Survey ends July 11, 2025. Thank you!

Follow this link to take the survey: <https://survey.app.cfigroup.com/jWD3DPZRu2F7FanP/?URLBrand=Traverse%20Electric%20Cooperative,%20Inc.&LINK=1>

Or Scan this QR code to take the survey:

For technical help with the survey, please email surveyhelp@cfigroup.com.

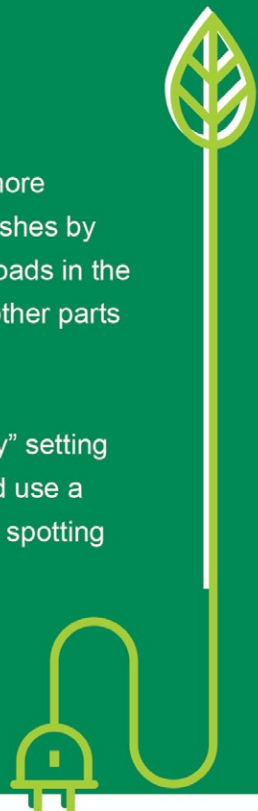


Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting and use a rinse aid to help dishes dry faster without spotting and streaking.

Source: Dept. of Energy





2025 Mid-Year Update

JEREMY HUHNSTOCK
General Manager

Happy July, Traverse Electric Members! That feels weird to say all ready... This month's 'Watt Matters' is all about what has happened at Traverse Electric the first half of 2025 and what's going on the rest of the year.

OPERATIONS

Our crews have been extremely busy with our work plan projects, overhead to underground reliability projects, and new services. A couple areas where larger work plan projects are being completed are:

- ▶ 469th Ave south of Victor. Our crews are completing 3 miles of overhead 3 phase and 1 mile of 1 phase to underground from 110th St to 114th St.
- ▶ 110th St south of Claire City. Our crews are completing 2 miles of 3 phase overhead to underground.
- ▶ 640th St south of Wheaton. Our crews are retiring a mile of inaccessible 3 phase and we rerouted the 3phase along HWY 27.
- ▶ HWY 6 east of Dumont. Our crews are completing a 5 mile stretch of 3ph from overhead to underground from CR-77 to 630th Ave.

Financials

Traverse Electric is off to a good start financially to the year. Through month end of May, we have an operating margin of \$412,153.21 and total margin of \$794,404.28. A couple things to remember when it comes to our current margins:

1. Our tree trimming contractor has not started. They plan on starting in July.
2. The sale proceeds of our old building went into our total margins
3. The rate increase. We were budgeting for larger margins in 2025 to offset the rate increase from our power suppliers in 2026. As we near the end of the year, we will assess what we will carry over as revenue deferral.

Personnel

Long-time journeyman linemen, Lon TeKrony, accepted a position as an instructor at Mitchell Tech in Mitchell, SD. Lon's last day of work was June 20th. We wish Lon & Starla the best of luck on their new endeavor. Isaac Callens, journeyman linemen, left at the beginning of May to accept a position with Marshall Municipal Utilities. Joining our team in June were Jordan Pearson, 3rd year apprentice, and Isaac Hoverson, journeyman lineman.

Software

We go live with NISC for our service, payments, billing, staking, and mapping on July 14th. We will have some down time for payments and entering information into the software a week prior to conversion, so that they can convert all information over correctly. Our staff has worked very hard during this conversion!!

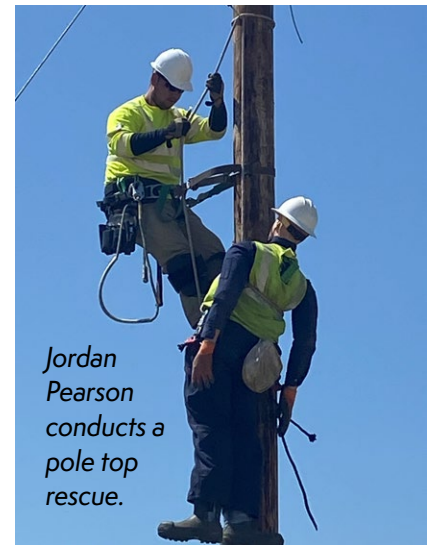
*Have a Happy & Safe 4th,
Jeremy*

TEC Welcomes Two Lineworkers

Jordan Pearson and Isaac Hoverson began at Traverse Electric in June.

Isaac Hoverson is a journeyman lineworker from Park Rapids, MN. He graduated from Minnesota State Community & Technical College-Wadena.

Jordan Pearson is an apprentice lineworker from Madison, MN. He graduated from Minnesota West Community College.



Jordan Pearson conducts a pole top rescue.



Introducing our new lineworkers, Isaac Hoverson (left) and Jordan Pearson (right).

May 2025 Traverse Electric Board Meeting Highlights

The May regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 8 AM.

Absent: Ehlers.

Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.

President Diekmann called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the April regular board meeting were approved.

The April check register was approved.

Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: The Board's Role as Regulator.

Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.

Huhnstock presented the General Manager's Report, which included:

- Provided a Basin Electric update.
- Provided an East River update.
- REED Fund review.
- NRECA update.
- MREA and MN legislative update.
- SDREA and SD legislative update.
- Other matters of interest.

Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:

- April 30, 2025 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- NISC software conversion update.

- Annual audit began the week of May 12.
- Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
- East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.

Reviewed and approved the April 2025 Financial Report.

The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:

- Provided a crew update.
- Reviewed upcoming and completed projects.
- Reported on 2 non-injury accidents involving farm equipment and a vehicle.
- 2,003 poles were inspected with a 4.6% reject rate.
- Cabinet inspections will begin in June.
- East River is putting up a new tower at the Doran Substation.
- Digester services were discussed.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Outages were reviewed.

3rd Party load control was discussed.

Thoennes will chaperone the Basin Tour.

Reviewed and approved Policy 110.

Reviewed and approved Policy 111.

Reviewed the 2024 Reliability Report.

Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.

Meeting adjourned. ▶

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice-President: Terry Monson, Veblen, SD
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OFFICE PERSONNEL

Jeremy Huhnstock – General Manager
Karen Lupkes – Office Manager
Dale Schwagel – Operations Manager
Melissa Przymus – Accountant
Stacie Johannsen – Billing Clerk

OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Richard Davis – Foreman
Joe Gahlon – Journeyman Lineworker
Isaac Hoverson – Journeyman Lineworker
Austin Reinke – Journeyman Lineworker
Tayden George – Apprentice Lineworker
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TEC May 2025 Financials

	May 2024	May 2025	YTD 2025
Total Revenue	\$1,050,443.67	\$1,171,854.41	\$6,235,982.21
Cost of Power	\$655,351.41	\$690,424.51	\$3,523,042.37
Total Cost of Service	\$1,195,069.70	\$1,137,598.30	\$5,823,829.00
Operating Margins	\$(144,626.03)	\$34,256.11	\$412,153.21
Total Margins	\$(135,638.93)	\$63,821.50	\$794,404.28
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Purchased	10,485,628	10,286,526	57,765,436
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Sales . . .	10,040,735	9,826,176	55,126,730
Line Loss	4%	4%	4%