

A SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING

Member-owners of Arrowhead Cooperative gathered for the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Cooperative updates were presented to members, director elections took place and the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were passed.



After two years, we were excited to bring back and kick off our Annual Meeting with a community breakfast. Approximately 90 members attended and about 150 people were served breakfast by the Cook County High School softball team.

Following breakfast the meeting began with Board President Mike Littfin at the helm. Mike welcomed all of our member-owners and then introduced our current board members. He also took some time to thank outgoing board member Scott Harrison, from District 6, who has served the Cooperative for 12 years with great dedication.

A highlight from the meeting included State Representative in the Minnesota House, Rob Ecklund, joining us to speak about the recent legislative session, the importance of rural cooperatives, and the impact of being involved in your local cooperative by attending events like our Annual Meeting.

Arrowhead Cooperative CEO John Twiest also gave a report on the cooperative's accomplishments in 2021 and outlined the cooperative's plans for 2022 including the start of construction on the expansion of broadband in the west end of the county using the funding from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) that was awarded to the Cooperative last year.

To conclude the meeting the results of the election were announced as follows:

District 3:
Michael Valentini 336 votes

District 6:
Tom Rider 177 votes
Sharon Hexum-Platzer 194 votes

District 7:
Don McKeever 331 votes

Articles of Incorporation:
YES 307 votes
NO 70 votes

Bylaws:
YES 282 votes
NO 96 votes

We are thankful to the membership for approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. The accepted alterations include clearer, easier to understand language, future allocations of margins to broadband subscribers including to non-member patrons, and a simpler process to run for Board of Director seats. These important guideline updates will allow the Cooperative to operate more efficiently and effectively in the years to come.

POWER SUPPLY AND SUMMER ENERGY DEMAND SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED?

If you've been paying attention to energy-industry news recently, you might have heard that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) reports each warned that parts of the country are at risk of energy shortfalls this summer. This included warnings that "the risk of rolling blackouts is elevated" in the MISO market, which includes Minnesota. The Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) is responsible for operating the power grid across 15 states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. MISO's main responsibility is grid stability, which means matching the power supply to the energy demand. Any electricity generated within the MISO market is pooled together and distributed back out to all consumers across the market.

MISO IN THE NEWS

Recent reports from NERC and MISO warn that the constrained supply of natural gas, which is necessary for power generation, and the hot weather much of the country is predicted to face this summer, elevates the potential for temporary, controlled power outages. In emergency situations, when the demand for electricity exceeds the power generation capacity in our market, MISO responds. First, additional power supply resources are instructed to operate, including GRE's peaking facilities; next, MISO imports energy from other regions of the country as it can; and third, MISO calls for voluntary load reductions to manage the electric system.

As a last resort, temporary controlled outages, (a.k.a. rolling blackouts or rotating outages) are used to manage the power grid. When instructed by MISO, GRE will order temporary rotating outages for portions of its service territory to help curb energy load and re-balance the power grid.

COULD ROTATING OUTAGES HAPPEN FOR ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE MEMBERS? Yes, there is potential for rotating outages. However, the likelihood of this happening is extremely small. Although GRE has more than enough generation capacity to meet the demands of its own members, any emergency measures deployed to maintain reliability by MISO North will be applied over the entire region by all energy generation facilities in the region, regardless of which utility serves a geographic area or the capacity position of those utilities. Arrowhead Cooperative and Great River Energy have plans in place if an event of that magnitude were to take place.

WILL I BE ASKED TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP? Likely before any rotating outages would be ordered, Arrowhead Cooperative and other members of GRE would call on you, our member-consumers, to conserve as much energy as possible by initiating an emergency conservation request.

This means we might ask you to turn your thermostat up by a few degrees, delay use of large appliances until off-peak times, or turn off your lights. Arrowhead Cooperative members enrolled in a load management program would also be controlled during an emergency conservation event.

Please know that MISO, GRE, and Arrowhead Cooperative have a plan and will keep you as updated as we can. Following us on our Facebook page is the best source for real-time updates if an emergency conservation request has been made. If a MISO Market energy emergency is declared, more information will be available on GRE's website, greatriverenergy.com.

Read more about why controlled temporary outages might be in the forecast this summer and what GRE is doing about it on our website at www.arrowheadcoop.com.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS GREAT RESOURCE!

As a consumer-focused and member-owned cooperative, it's important for us to make our services and programs easily accessible. With user experience and access in mind, our website features a clean look with responsive views for both mobile and desktop users that makes it faster and more intuitive to find the information you need.

CHECK IT OUT TODAY AT:
WWW.ARROWHEADCOOP.COM

MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTOR: SHARON HEXUM-PLATZER

Sharon Hexum-Platzer was recently elected to serve on behalf of the Lutsen area on the Arrowhead Cooperative Board of Directors.



Representing District 6 on the Arrowhead Cooperative Board of Directors, Sharon Hexum-Platzer is looking forward to collaborating with the Co-op and the community.

Sharon's family has been members even before the name Arrowhead Electric was chosen for our rural cooperative. She graduated from Cook County High School. Before returning to Cook County to live full time, she taught in Duluth and led schools as a consultant for statewide struggling school districts working with staff and administrators. Sharon was a finalist for MN Teacher of the Year. In addition, she taught graduate classes for Hamlin, St. Thomas, and St. Scholastica.

Providing leadership was key in her role in the Best Practices networks: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. After returning to Lutsen, she wrote successful grants that support our community for both tourism and the safety of residents and visitors.

Sharon believes that financial and environmental accountability are topics businesses and non-profits face today. Arrowhead Cooperative does as well. Working as a team is important for any board, and she has worked collaboratively on these entities: CLPOA, RSVP Bone Builders, Lutsen Trailbreakers, Lutsen Township, Lutsen Church council, the Lutsen Annual Rummage Sale, and most recently Ruby's Pantry (west end). In most of these, she's had leadership positions.

We are pleased to welcome Sharon to the Board of Directors and look forward to working with her as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Cooperative.

CO-OP NEWS

COGENERATION NOTICE

In compliance with Minnesota Adopted Rules Relating to Cogeneration and Small Power Production, Chapter 7835, Arrowhead Cooperative is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Following Arrowhead Cooperative's policies and Minnesota Statute 216B.1611, all new distributed energy resources are required to follow the Cooperative Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection process (C-MIP), which was updated by the State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Arrowhead Cooperative will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements upon request. An application for interconnection is required for a qualifying facility to interconnect and operate in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system and is subject to approval by the Cooperative. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Arrowhead Cooperative Board of Directors. Members interested in further information can visit our online portal available at arrowheadcoop.com/renewable-energy; or contact our office at (800) 864-3744, or DER@arrowhead.coop.

OFFICE CLOSED

Arrowhead Cooperative will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day. Please call (800) 864-3744 in the event of an outage or emergency.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

July 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE DONATES OVER \$39,000 TO 12 LOCAL AND WORTHY CAUSES

Your spare change adds up, allowing 2022 Operation Round Up® grants to be distributed to support our community. Through the Operation Round Up® program, Arrowhead Cooperative gives our member-owners and Arrowhead Broadband subscribers the opportunity to give back to the community by rounding their bill up to the nearest dollar. Each month the rounded-up funds (between 1¢ and 99¢) are placed in a trust fund and administered by the Operation Round Up Board of Directors.

Since the program's inception in 2003, Arrowhead Cooperative's Operation Round Up® program has awarded over \$400 thousand to over 100 local non-profit organizations and community service programs. In June 2022, the Cooperative and Operation Round Up® contributed \$39,143.20 to twelve area organizations.



2022 OPERATION ROUND UP RECIPIENTS | \$39,143

Art 'Round Town - Restoration and Preservation of the Saethre Murals	\$1,380
Birch Grove Community School - Hammock Circle for Campsite	\$3,000
Cook County Council on Aging - Safety Equipment for The Hub	\$3,592
Cook County Higher Education - Summer Youth Technology Camp	\$2,500
Good Harbor Hill Players - Summer Solstice Pageant	\$2,000
Great Lunch Meal Program - Equipment and meals	\$5,000
Minnesota Children's Press - The Wisdom Project	\$3,700
Norpine Trail Association - Trail Grooming Equipment	\$5,000
North Shore Collaborative - Learning Opportunities Through Stories	\$1,000
North Shore Health Care Foundation - Organizational support	\$5,000
Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association - Outdoor Education Area Improvements	\$5,000
Zoar Lutheran Church: We Feed - Ruby's Pantry West End	\$1,971

Arrowhead Cooperative is guided by a set of principles that influence our business decisions and ensure that our actions are in the best interest of our members, which means being a responsible member of the community and doing all we can to meet needs in our service territory.

The Operation Round Up® grants we distribute improve the quality of life in our service area, and the success of this program is a direct result of the members who participate. It's members helping members.



JULY CALENDAR WINNER
Submitted by: Andy Kelleher



SAFETY TIP

Don't assume you know what's below. Underground power lines are just as dangerous as overhead power lines. Avoid serious injury and property damage by calling 8-1-1 before you dig to have underground facilities located and marked. Call Gopher State One Call at least two business days prior to digging.

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