

#### A Message from our GM, Chet McWhorter

Every January or February I get questions when the annual horsepower bills go out for irrigation. Irrigation services are unique in that they tend to be large and have a lot of lines, hardware, poles, and equipment associated with them and they aren't always used. In other words, an irrigation service and a service to an industrial shop or farm load are very similar in size and scope but they are very different in how much and how regularly they use electric power. The reality is that CCPPD needs to have all of the equipment ready and working properly for either service and that cost must be borne by the affected rate group. Our Cost of Service Studies indicate the level of funds that need recouped by each class and our Board does their best to

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follow the results of these studies and the associated recommendations from Management and the Board's consultants.

Another unique aspect of irrigation is the time of year when it is used. Cuming County Public Power District along with every other rural utility in Nebraska has our highest demand for electricity occur in the heat of the summer. This is in part due to the use of air conditioning in both residential and various industrial and farm loads and also in part due to the electricity used by irrigation services.

To help combat these summer increases, CCPPD and most other Nebraska rural utilities offer a rate reduction to our irrigators who allow us to dictate when they use their pumps. We receive notice from our wholesale power provider, NPPD, when loads are especially high in the summer. When we get these notices, we shut down our irrigation loads that participate in the load control program. Customers have the option of full control, partial control, and no control. The full control customers receive the lowest rate on both horsepower and KW charges and on their per kilowatt hour charges.



The reality is that half of CCPPD's power bill is based on demand or the instantaneous amount of power required that coincides with the highest amount experienced by NPPD. This usually comes down to about 4 hours per summer and we do the best we can to lower this amount through the use of irrigation load control.

I hope this clears up a few questions about how and why we bill the way we do for irrigation services. If you have any other questions or would like to discuss this or any other issue further, please reach out and I'll do my best to clarify. Thanks for reading and have a great late winter/early spring!



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## Board Member Spotlight Dennis Weiler



Dennis Weiler, Board Secretary, Subdivision I. 1995-2024

Each month, we will feature a Cuming County Public Power District board member. This month we will feature Dennis Weiler. Dennis has a long history with the electric industry. He has served on the Cuming County Public Power District board for 25 years.

He has enjoyed his time on the board. Dennis said, "I have enjoyed learning about the electrical industry and finding out about other Districts and how they run. I also enjoy going to national meetings and talking to other co-op's and districts to learn more." Dennis is currently

serving as the CCPPD Board Secretary. He has also served as the Board President and Vice President in the past.

Responsibilities on the board are many. CCPPD board members partake in monthly meetings, manage issues affecting CCPPD and the electrical industry, and attend seminars and workshops to continue their education.

Dennis said he doesn't really have an indepth history with the electrical industry that got him interested in being a director. He learned about it through County Government Day in high school. In 1957 when he was a senior, they assigned him with one of the board members for a day. They toured many facilities in the area and that really peaked his interest in that part of the electrical industry.

In his spare time, Dennis enjoys spending time with his family. He has six kids: Steve (Jane) Weiler, Tim (Laura) Weiler, Lori Weiler (Dave Vieregger), Brian (Anne) Weiler, Tami Peterson, and Sandra (Corey) Spiehs. Twelve grandkids: Zach (Lisa) Weiler, Jenica (John)
Deitrich, Kara (Josh) Perchal, Anna
Weiler (fiance Travette Dennis),
Kelly Wieler, Allison Weiler, Brad
Perry, Noah Weiler, Derek Peterson,
Sean Peterson, Riley Spiehs and
Macey Spiehs. And 8 great-grandkids: Phineas, Zella, Brayton, Logan,
Brecklynn, Shelby, Presley and
Merritt.

Dennis has been a lifelong farmer. His grandpa and dad also farmed and he just loved working with them. He didn't want to do anything else.

He also enjoys riding motorcycles. He and his late wife, Betty, traveled to more than 35 states on their motorcycle. They never trailered it and traveled to CA, WA, AZ and all over the country.

Dennis said he is always open to listen to customer suggestions or complaints. He is proud of our District and how it works.

We want to thank our dedicated board members, like Dennis, for looking out for the most important part of CCPPD, our customers.



### Youth Energy Leadership Camp

July 20-24, 2020

Nebraska Rural Electric's Youth Energy Leadership Camp is July 20th through July 24th this year. Any high school student currently in 9th through 11th grade can attend. CCPPD covers your cost for camp and takes you to and from camp. You will learn about the electric industry and could make life-long friends. There's also camping, canoeing, sports, a banquet and dance. A tour of Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity. Contact Nicki White at CCPPD for more information 402-372-2463 or turn in this application form by May 1, 2020. We hope to see you there!



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# CCPPD's Operation Round-Up® Fund Round Up Your Electric Bill

Cuming County Public Power District's Operation Round-Up® (ORU) fund is money collected from customers rounding up their electric bill. If your bill is \$27.50, we would round-up your bill to \$28.00 and the extra 50 cents would go into the ORU fund. The fund collects around \$1,000.00 each month.

Area schools have received over \$40,000. Fire & Rescue Departments have received over \$20,000. Funds are distributed to Cuming County area organizations or individuals that have applied for funding. A five-member board decides where the money is distributed. Our current ORU board members are Cindi Peters (Bancroft area), Brenda Bradfield (Beemer area), Brenda Duhsmann (West Point area), Kay Raabe (Wisner area) and Danielle Ortmeier (Dodge area).

The next CCPPD Operation Round-Up® board meeting is March 25, 2020. Get your applications in (find them on our website www.ccppd.com). Also, please let us know if you would like to participate in the program. On average, it's around \$6.00 a year.

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### Pathways 2 Tomorrow Intern



Toey Kaasch

Meet our Pathways 2 Tomorrow part-time intern, Joey Kaasch! Pathways 2 Tomorrow is a consortium of several Northeast Nebraska Schools that completed the ReVision process together and is now focused on improving Career and Technical Education programs in their schools.

Joey attends Oakland-Craig Public Schools and is looking to go into computer science in college. He will be working with CCPPD's Technology Supervisor, Monte Draper, for a few months.

Joey enjoys video games, music and hanging out with friends. He lives in Oakland with his mom and stepdad and has 3 siblings. We want to welcome Joey to Cuming County Public Power District!



CCPPD Monthly Emails:

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- ✓ General Information (monthly newsletter, electrical Safety, etc.)
- ✓ Grassroots (political issues affecting the electrical industry)

Emails will be once or twice a month. Email Nicki White nwhite@ccppd.com if you would like to be added to the email list. If you already receive the CCPPD emails, please check toward the first of the month in your junk folder as they could be delivered there. Thank you!

### 2020 **INCENTIVES**

- High Efficiency Heat Pump
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Commercial HVAC
- Cooling System Tune-Up

- Lighting Smart Thermostat
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Station**
- Hog Heat Mat

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