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Southern Public Power District's Board conducted reorganization at their meeting in January. New officers were elected for a two-year term established between January 2019 and December 2020.

2019-2020 OFFICERS

Chairman	Dean Klute, Hamilton County
Vice-Chairman	Arlon Jacobitz, Adams County
Secretary	Dana Meyer, Franklin County
Treasurer	Wayne Anderbery, Kearney County

Chairman Klute presided over his first meeting as Chairman of the Board immediately following his election. His first act in this capacity was to extend thanks to Director Larry Benson, who completed his two year term serving as Chairman.



DIRECTOR KEVIN CHOQUETTE ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE

Upland area resident Kevin Choquette was administered the Oath of Office on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Choquette sought office in the 2018 election and was elected to assume the role of Director, representing customers in Franklin County.

Additionally, re-elected board members were administered the Oath in January, including: Wayne Anderbery, Neal Katzberg, Lee Grove and Gary Hedman.



**KEVIN CHOQUETTE
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Introducing A New Publication

We are pleased to present the first issue of Southern Public Power District's bi-monthly magazine. This magazine will replace our traditional four-page newsletter that was inserted with your monthly bill statement.

Over the past several years we have had an increasing number of customers select our paperless billing option, meaning they no longer receive a bill in the mail. Since the old newsletter was inserted with the bills, customers who selected the paperless billing option did not receive a newsletter. Our new magazine will be distributed to you by direct mail to ensure all customers, including those who have selected our paperless billing option, will receive our new publication.

Each edition will continue to provide you with important information about your electric service, billing rates, and highlights of activities occurring throughout the District. We feel our new magazine will allow us to expand the information about the District, illustrate how we are meeting your energy needs and share our story of the benefits of public power. We hope that you continue to find this publication valuable!

As with all activities of the District, our communication efforts are guided by the words of our vision and mission statements:



VISION

Powering a brighter future for our customers and communities while supporting public power in Nebraska.



MISSION

To safely provide our customers with highly reliable and competitively priced electricity, superior customer service and innovative energy solutions.

We look forward to meeting our ongoing commitment to communicate the activities of the District to you in this new publication. Additionally, we hope you will follow Southern Public Power District on our social media channels as listed on the sidebar of the previous page.

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN OTT

John Ott, a 38-year employee of Southern Public Power District, officially retired from his duties on Thursday, January 30th. John served in several roles throughout his career, beginning as a lineworker in our Holdrege Service Center. He relocated to Central City in 1988, when he assumed the role of Lead Lineworker.

John spent the last portion of his career working as an Electromechanical Specialist in Grand Island, carrying out highly technical tasks in metering. We wish John an enjoyable and relaxing retirement!



WELCOME TRAVIS DOHT

We are pleased to announce that Travis Doht has joined our team at Southern as a System Administrator. In this role he will be providing Information Technology support throughout the district. His responsibilities will include supporting computers and networking systems, as well as facilitating the addition of new technologies as our processes change in the future.

Travis joins us from Educational Service Unit #6, where he served as a school technology support specialist. Travis and his wife, Montana, reside in Aurora. Welcome Travis!



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PRESIDENT/CEO

Helping You Find Value

PRODUCTION COST ADJUSTMENT

Your most recent bill from Southern Public Power District displayed a production cost adjustment. This line item will lower most customer bills by 3.0-3.5% and will continue to be applied to all billings through February 2020. Funds for the credit are being made available from excess margins produced by the District's wholesale power provider, Nebraska Public Power District. If you have any questions about your billing statement, please contact our Customer Services Department.

ABOUT YOUR PRODUCTION COST ADJUSTMENT:

PCA RATE:

Credit per kWh: \$.00229

PCA TIMELINE:

February 2019 - January 2020 usage.

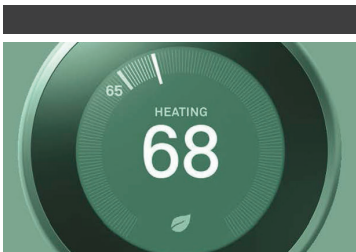
FIRST PCA CREDIT:

This credit appeared for the first time on your March billing statement.



ENERGYWISE INCENTIVES

Southern Public Power District offers a wide range of energy efficiency incentives for residential users, businesses, industries and irrigators. Below is a summary of the programs offered for residential customers, including Southern's own Marathon™ Water Heater Program. Details of all of these programs can be found at our website at www.southernpd.com.



Smart Thermostat

An EnergyWiseSM incentive offering up to \$100 for the installation of a qualifying smart thermostat.



Cooling System Tune-Up

A \$30 EnergyWiseSM incentive for a cooling system tune-up. Incentive is available once every three years.



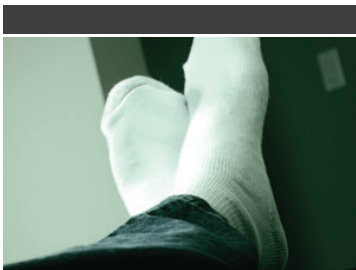
Residential Attic Insulation

A maximum \$300 EnergyWiseSM incentive for the addition of insulation in an attic with existing material six inches or less.



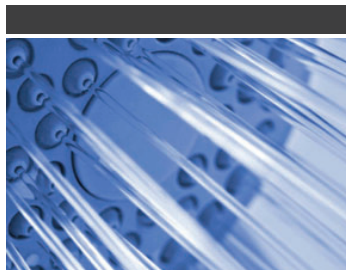
Electric Vehicle Charger

A \$200 EnergyWiseSM incentive for the installation of a Charge-Point® residential electric vehicle charging station.



High Efficiency Heat Pump Program

An EnergyWiseSM incentive for installing a high efficiency heat pump. New installations, conversions and upgrades qualify.



Heat Pump Water Heater

A \$300 EnergyWiseSM incentive for the installation of a qualifying air source heat pump water heater, or \$500 for a qualifying water or ground source unit.

Marathon[®] WATER HEATERS

Marathon[™] Electric Water Heater

Upgrade your current water heater to a highly-efficient Marathon[™] Water Heater. A variety of sizes and incentives are available to customers with an existing electric unit, or for converting from a fossil-fueled unit.



REBATES AND GRANT FUNDS HELP LOCAL LIBRARY SHINE BRIGHTER

Southern offers unique programs that help our customers achieve greater efficiency in their energy use, as well as a grant program that has funded many great projects throughout our service region. Recently, Maltman Memorial Library of Wood River received a boost from BOTH of these sources to bring much needed light into their facility.

"The library contacted us in 2018 to discuss a lighting upgrade project for their facility, and the potential to pursue a grant through Southern's Operation ROUND UP Program", said LeAnne Doose, Southern's Public Relations Manager. "We recommended the Library submit a grant application for the project, and an application for funding through the EnergyWiseSM Commercial Lighting Efficiency Program." Grant funds were approved totaling \$1,800, in addition to EnergyWiseSM incentive funds totaling \$220.

The combined funds and further investment from the Library made the completion of this project a reality. This improvement is one that patrons of the library had been asking for in the Library's suggestion box.

"Library patrons had expressed concern that the original lighting in our building was not ideal for reading or using computers," says Deb Fairbanks, library director. "We have now updated the fluorescent fixtures throughout the building to LED lamps, which not only improved our lighting, but will save money on our electric bills".

The savings for electric use was an important factor for the library. According to Fairbanks, the Library is looking toward further improvements and programs in the future, and the energy savings can be applied to enhancing services for the patrons of the library.

The library is a resource for the community that offers many programs and services beyond their volumes of books and publications. Some of the special features currently in place include a Lego room for children, a summer reading program, a garden seed library, an embroidery machine, book clubs, movie viewing events and much more. In 2018, the library welcomed over 7,000 patrons who took advantage of all of these services and programs!



PROJECT ASSISTANCE

Operation ROUND UP Grant	\$1,800
EnergyWise Incentive	\$220



Contact Southern to learn more about the Operation ROUND UP program and EnergyWiseSM Incentives.

Information For Irrigators

REVIEW YOUR 2019 RATE SCHEDULE

Irrigation customers, you recently received your *Interruptible Irrigation Service Agreement* from Southern Public Power District. If you have not submitted your changes for the year, please do so as soon as possible.

If you find any errors or have additional questions about your rate schedule or control calendars, please contact Anthony Bohaty or Kourtney Lingeman in Southern's Irrigation Services Department.



Follow Us On Twitter
for Load Manage-
ment Updates!

ANYTIME INTERRUPTIBLE:

HP CHARGES

\$25.50/HP

KWH CHARGES

\$0.059/KWH

\$0.046/KWH

BILLING PERIODS

\$25.50/HP April 1st

First 400 KWH/hp

Balance of energy

Interruption of service is possible on any day of the week. Control will be limited to a maximum of 72 hours per week which includes a potential of up to a maximum of 6 hours on Sundays.

FOUR "PLUS" DAY INTERRUPTIBLE:

HP CHARGES

\$31.40/HP

KWH CHARGES

\$0.069/KWH

\$0.055/KWH

BILLING PERIODS

\$25.50/HP April 1st,

\$5.90/HP Aug. 1st

First 400 KWH/hp

Balance of energy

Interruption of service is possible anytime on the same four district designated days of the week plus the potential of a maximum of 6 hours of control on Sunday.

THREE "PLUS" DAY INTERRUPTIBLE:

HP CHARGES

\$36.00/HP

\$10.50/HP Aug. 1st

KWH CHARGES

\$0.072/KWH

\$0.059/KWH

BILLING PERIODS

\$25.50/HP April 1st,

\$10.50/HP Aug. 1st

First 400 KWH/hp

Balance of energy

Interruption of service is possible anytime on the same three district designated days of the week plus the potential of a maximum of 6 hours of control on Sunday.

TWO "PLUS" DAY INTERRUPTIBLE:

HP CHARGES

41.75/HP

KWH CHARGES

\$0.075/KWH

\$0.062/KWH

BILLING PERIODS

\$25.50/HP April 1st,

\$16.25/HP Aug. 1st

First 400 KWH/hp

Balance of energy

Interruption of service is possible anytime on the same two district designated days of each week plus the potential of a maximum of 6 hours of control on Sunday.

FULL POWER:

HP CHARGES

51.00/HP

KWH CHARGES

\$0.1060/KWH

\$0.0840/KWH

BILLING PERIODS

\$25.50/HP April 1st,

\$25.50/HP Aug. 1st

First 400 KWH/hp

Balance of energy

No planned interruptions of power. If an interruption occurs, contact the nearest district service center.

Interruptions normally can occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Visit our website for more information about load management.

SAFETY COMES FIRST DURING PLANTING SEASON!

Farmers, we urge you to review your practices and keep safety on your mind as you work. When you work near power lines, remember these words: **LOOK UP, LOOK OUT, LIVE.**

- **LOOK UP:** Take a moment to LOOK UP and gain perspective of the location of power lines. Keep cultivators, sprayers and planters **AT LEAST 10 FEET** away.
- **LOOK OUT:** Use a spotter when maneuvering equipment near power lines. Inspect entrances into fields to ensure there is adequate clearance for equipment without jeopardizing the safety of the equipment operator.
- **LIVE:** If you are involved in a contact incident, remain inside the equipment until line-men from SPPD arrive to de-energize the line. Stepping out of the equipment creates a path from the equipment to the ground, and electricity will use YOU as a path.
- Do not allow any person to approach your equipment until you receive clearance from SPPD personnel, and can verify that lines have been de-energized.

Operation ROUND UP News

Southern's Operation ROUND UP Board of Directors approved the distribution of \$11,000 in funds to five applicants during the Fourth Quarter of 2018.

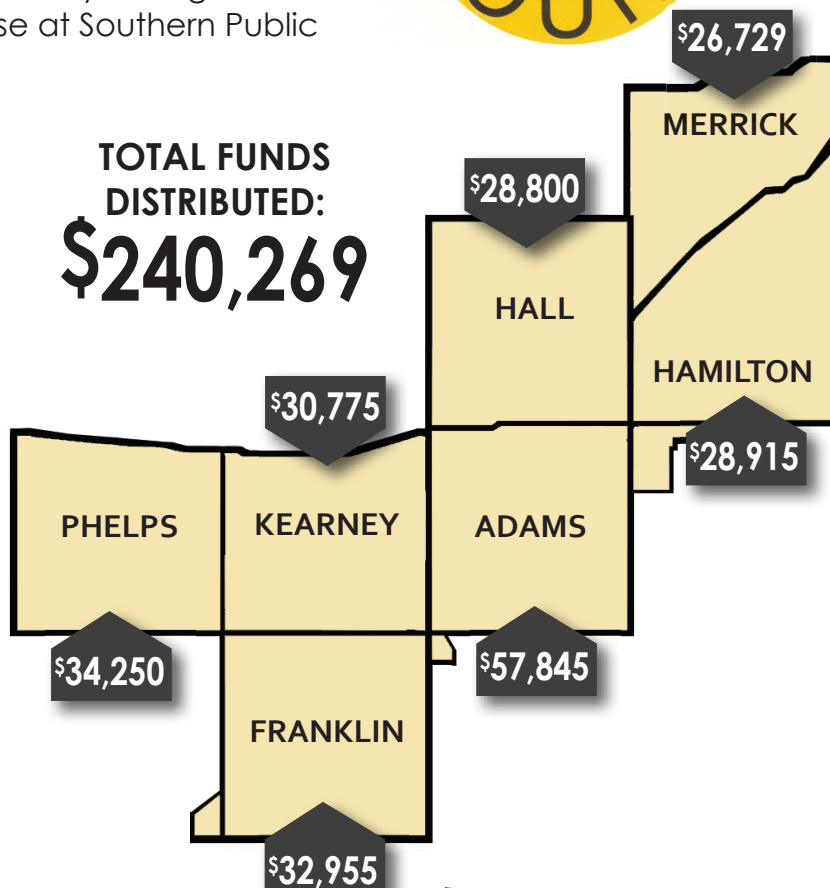
Since its inception in 2014, a total of \$240,269 has been awarded to projects throughout our service region!

Applications for the first quarter of 2019 are due March 29th. You can learn more about this program by visiting www.southernpd.com, or contact LeAnne Doose at Southern Public Power District.



AXTELL PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$2,500
Roofing	
MELON ROASTERS	\$2,000
Historical Marker Sign	
CHAPMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE	\$2,000
Rescue Randy	
NAPONEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$2,000
PPE & Bunker Gear	
CITY OF FRANKLIN CEMETERY BOARD	\$2,500
Memorial Veterans Stone	

**TOTAL FUNDS
DISTRIBUTED:
\$240,269**

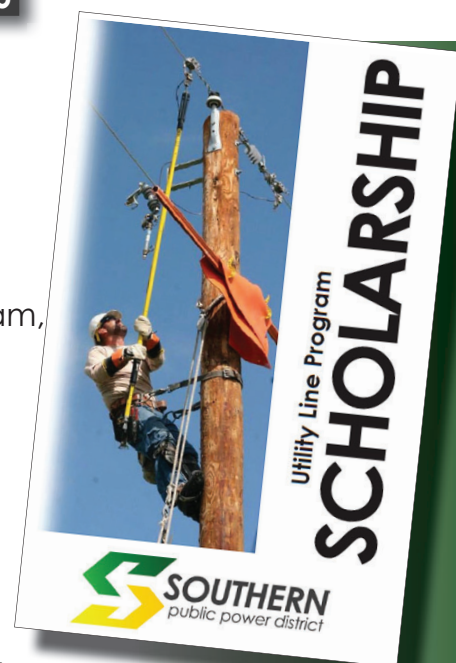


LAST CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

High school students, the deadline to apply for a Utility Lineworker Scholarship is April 1st! This scholarship is available to students interested in pursuing a career as a utility lineworker. This scholarship offers \$1,000 toward the cost of a one year program, or \$2,000 toward a two year program.

In addition to the assistance provided by the scholarship funds, this program also allows you to “test the waters” in this career, by completing a 12-week internship with Southern Public Power District.

The application deadline will be here before you know it. If you are applying for this scholarship, please submit your completed application to Brad Kool at Southern prior to April 1st. The application can be found on our website at www.southernpd.com.



As we begin to deliver this publication, we would like to conserve where possible. If you are receiving duplicate copies of this magazine, please contact our Customer Services Department at 800-579-3019.



We Hope You Like Our New Look!

Our new magazine is not the only change you will be seeing this year. We have recently rolled out a new logo to represent our organization. Take a look at the image to the right. This logo is now appearing in our printed publications, billing statements and building signage. You will also see this image appearing gradually on our service vehicles.

In addition to a new design, we have updated our name and tag line to properly reflect our pride in serving our customers as a public power utility. Southern Public Power District--Powering A Brighter Future.

We may have changed our name, and our look, but we will continue to remain the same neighborly friend who provides your reliable electric service at an affordable price.



Powering A Brighter Future

ABOUT OUR NEW ICON:



The top, backward aimed arrow symbolizes our commitment to the founding principles of public power which were established years ago.

The bottom, forward aimed arrow symbolizes our dedication to build upon our service with new technologies and engagement with customers for years to come.

RECIPE

SNICKERDOODLE APPLE COBBLER

APPLES

1/4 C. unsalted butter
6 Granny Smith apples,
peeled and sliced thin
1/2 C. brown sugar—
packed
1 tsp. cinnamon

COBBLER

3/4 C. unsalted butter—
softened
3/4 C. granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 T. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 tsp. salt
2 C. flour

TOPPING

1/3 C. granulated sugar
2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°F. Melt 1/4 cup of butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add the sliced apples, brown sugar, and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Toss to coat. Cook for 5-8 minutes over medium-low heat, stirring often, until the apples just become translucent. Set aside to cool while you make the topping.

Cream 3/4 cup butter and 3/4 cup granulated sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment. Beat in egg and extract. Mix in baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt. Slowly mix in flour.

Pour apples into a 9x13" baking dish. Spoon tablespoons of the cookie dough mixture evenly over the top in a single layer.

Mix remaining 1/3 cup granulated sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon in a small bowl. Sprinkle evenly over cookie dough.

Bake for about 24-26 minutes until the cookie dough starts to brown. Cool slightly before serving. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream. Store in refrigerator loosely covered up to 3 days.

