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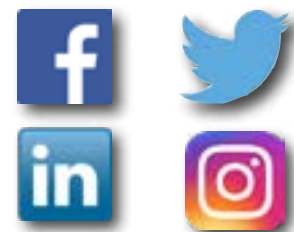
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# Leadership Changes

## FISHLER SET TO RETIRE FROM BOARD

Marvin Fischler has announced his intention to resign from the Board of Directors at the December meeting after 24 years of service.

Marvin has served on numerous special committees of the board. He took particular interest in the Legislative and Budget committees during his tenure.

His vast experience, willingness to be involved and serve in every board officer position helped him to grow into a knowledgeable leader, and thoughtful decision maker.

We hope that you will join us in thanking Marvin for his dedication to serving the customers of Merrick County, and the Southern Public Power District. We will miss Marvin's contributions to the district.



**Marvin Fishler**

## BOARD MEMBER SOUGHT FOR MERRICK COUNTY VACANCY

Southern Public Power District is an electric distribution utility, governed by a 14-member democratically elected board of directors. Each county served by Southern is represented by two directors.

All corporate powers of the District are exercised by the Board of Directors. Decisions made regarding district operations, policies and rates are guided by the direction of the Board. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the second Wednesday of each month, most commonly at the District's Corporate Office in Grand Island. Additional assignments are made to steering committees, that delve deeply into studies of special topics such as finance, irrigation, legislation and strategic planning.

The District is seeking to fill a vacancy on our Board, for

representation in Merrick County. If you are a registered voter and reside in Merrick County, you are eligible to submit your name for consideration.

All individuals under consideration will be reviewed by a special Board committee, and a final selection will be made by the Board of Directors.

The individual selected to fill the vacancy will serve until the election of 2024.

For more information or to indicate your interest in this vacancy, please contact Neal Niedfeldt, President and CEO at 308-384-2350.

# ATTENTION Irrigation Customers

Deadline for the largest capacitor rebate is rapidly approaching. Remember these three things:

1. Capacitor installation incentives have been revised with deadlines established for 2022 and 2023.
2. Effective dates for capacitor installations is now May 1, 2023, or prior to irrigating in 2023.
3. The power factor adjustment will now apply to motors larger than 20HP that record a power factor under 90%.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHEN SHOULD I INSTALL CAPACITORS?</b></p> <p>Although they are not required, capacitors that correct power factor to at least 90% will help you avoid a power factor adjustment on your bill. Install capacitors by</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY 1, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or before irrigating.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHEN WILL I SEE THE FIRST POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT ON MY BILL?</b></p> <p>If your power factor is below 90%, you'll see your first power factor adjustment for your summer 2023 usage, which bills in</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b></p>
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Important Dates to Remember

**CAPACITOR INSTALLATION REBATES**  
**The sooner, the better!**  
**Install By: December 31, 2022**  
**You'll receive up to \$400 for completed installations**

**Or, Install By: December 31, 2023**  
**You'll receive up to \$200 for completed installations**

# BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

It's the same game but with new tricks. Not only will a scammer try to fool you with the claim of an unpaid bill, but they may also try to trick you into believing you have a refund due to you from SPPD.

If you receive a call that is suspicious, hang up. Call SPPD directly and we will verify the status of your account. **NEVER** provide your financial information.

**VERIFY ACCOUNT STATUS:**  
**800-579-3019**



# Ready to Serve the District



In September the Southern Public Power District team showed off the new Funk Service Center with an Open House to the public. Employees enjoyed the opportunity to meet SPPD customers and provide giveaways, door prizes and a meal to those that came to the open house. Electric vehicles were on display for the public to view and ask questions about them as well.



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

*Lineworker Scholarship  
Application Period is Open*

Southern Public Power District has opened its 2023 application period for Utility Lineworker Scholarships. This program offers scholarships to students attending an accredited utility line study program. Scholarships amount to \$1,000 for students pursuing a one-year program, or \$2,000 for those attending a two-year program.

Applicants must currently reside within Adams, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney, Merrick or Phelps Counties in Nebraska. Scholarship winners will be required to serve a 12-week summer internship with SPPD in cooperation with the school attended.

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2023. The application form can be accessed from SPPD's website.

We encourage potential students to reach out to the program of their choosing as soon as possible. These programs can fill up quickly, and it is best to enroll in order to assure a spot will be ready for the next academic year.

To learn more about our scholarship program, please contact Amanda Groff at Southern Public Power District.

# Power Outage Reporting

As the winter season descends upon us, please be reminded that power outages must be reported by phone. Although we use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for mass communication, social media timelines and message boards are not suitable for reporting an outage.

We are available to take your call all day, every day at 800-579-3019. In order to assure a smooth reporting process, it is essential that your contact information is up-to-date in our system. Additionally, if you are reporting your outage after hours, be aware of the primary phone number listed on your account. If you are prompted to enter your phone number, use your primary number so the system can access your account location and dispatch a lineworker to you as soon as possible.

## Employee News

Several new employees have joined Southern Public Power District since August.

**BRIAN BARGER**  
Lineworker

**KELLY GAPPA**  
Customer Service Representative

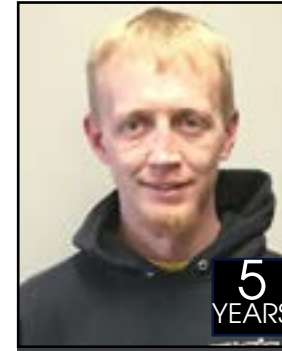
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**JUSTINE MCMURRAY**  
Payroll Specialist

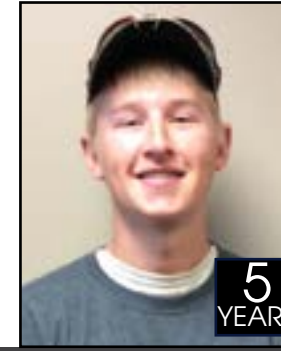
**COLE SUNDBERG**  
Lineworker

## Employee Service *Milestones*

Please join us in thanking the 15 SPPD employees pictured below. They have all reached an employment milestone in 2022. This group has provided a total of 240 years of service.



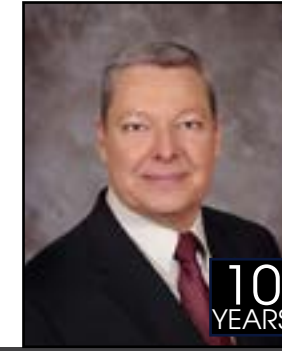
**CASEY JURGANS**  
FLEET TECHNICIAN



**TYLER FUELBERTH**  
SURVEY TECHNICIAN



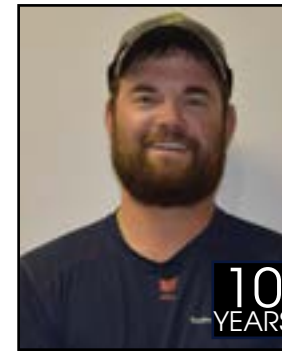
**KARSON SOK**  
JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



**NEAL NIEDFELDT**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



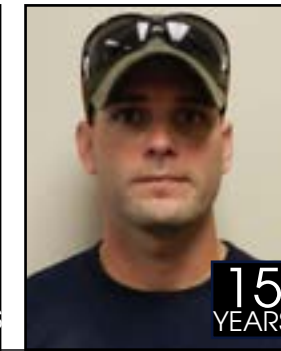
**NICK DEAN**  
JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



**HUNTER PRINCE**  
JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



**DONOVAN SCHNEIDER**  
JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



**JEREMY IMUS**  
JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



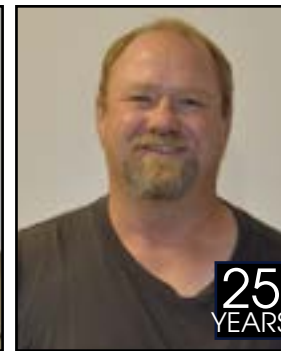
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STOREKEEPER



**BRYAN SATTERLY**  
JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



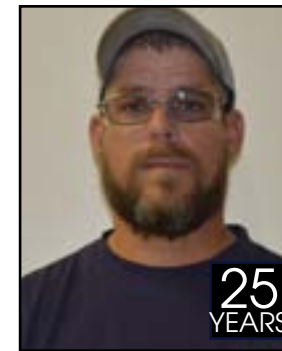
**JON SUNDBERG**  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR



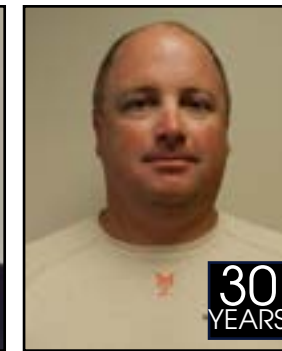
**TERRY FIERSTEIN**  
LEADMAN



**ROCKY WENT**  
STOREKEEPER



**JASON WEHRER**  
LEADMAN



**MIKE SORENSEN**  
LEADMAN

# THANK YOU VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED • 11TH NOVEMBER • VETERANS DAY



# Holiday Office Closures

All SPPD offices will be closed for the holidays according to the schedule below:

- Thursday, November 24
- Friday, November 25
- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2

If you have business to conduct with SPPD, keep these closure dates in mind. As always, lineworkers are available to respond to outages as needed. Simply call 800-579-3019.

From all of us at SPPD, we wish a bright and merry holiday season to our customers, and we look forward to another year of serving you in 2023!

## RECIPE

### SIX CAN CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 (15 ounce can) black beans
- 1 (10 ounce) can chunk chicken\*
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chili peppers, drained
- Pour chicken broth, corn, black beans, chicken, and diced tomatoes with green chilies into a large saucepan or stockpot over medium heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until chicken is heated through, about 15 minutes.
- Dress it up with shredded cheese, tortilla strips, sour cream, or diced avocados.

Nutrition Information: YIELD: 6, Calories per Serving: 214, Total Fat: 5g, Carbs: 27g, Protein:17g  
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\*Pro tip: For even more flavor use seasoned air fried chicken tenderloins.

