



May 2025

Annual Meeting

South Central Electric held its annual meeting at the Windom Community Center on April 1, 2025. Board President Ron Jorgenson led the meeting, which was attended by 200 members and guests. Guest Speaker Bob Sahr, East River Electric CEO, spoke about the importance of cooperatives and membership.

Director Matt Peters announced the scholarship and youth tour winners. The Washington D.C. Youth Tour Essay contest winner is Peter Nickel of Bingham Lake. Ava Lepp of Butterfield was the second place winner and David Regier of Mt. Lake was the third place winner. Keeley Runge of St. James is the winner of the \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship.

South Central Electric Attorney John Edman announced the results of the Director elections. Steve Sell was elected to serve as the District 1 Director. Matt Peters was re-elected to serve as the District 3 Director.

The cooperative received a total of 862 ballots. The minutes and financials were both approved by the membership.

ELECTION RESULTS

Approve minutes of 2024 annual meeting

Yes 808 ✓ No 4

Approve 2024 financial report

Yes 809 ✓ No 7

Approve the unanimous election of District 1 Director

Yes 817 ✓ No 14

Director for District 1

Brent Imker 321
Steve Sell 530 ✓

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Ron Horman, South Central Electric General Manager/CEO, presented his last financial report to the membership. Ron will be retiring on June 30.

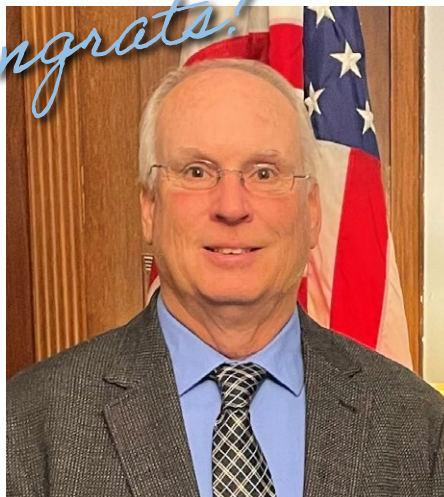
Approximately 200 members and guests attended this year's annual meeting at the Windom Community Center.





Keeley Runge of St. James was announced as the winner of the \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. Keeley plans on attending South Dakota State University, majoring in Agricultural Education and Leadership.

Congrats!



Jim Haler, South Central Electric Member Services Manager, was named as the new shared General Manager/CEO upon the retirement of current GM/CEO Ron Horman. Mr. Haler will serve as the GM/CEO of both South Central and Redwood Electric. Jim has been the Member Services Manager since 2011. He lives in St. James with his wife, Elaine.



Pictured from left to right are the 2025 Washington D.C. Youth Tour Essay contest winners. **David Regier** of Mt. Lake was the third place winner, **Ava Lepp** of Butterfield was the second place winner, and **Peter Nickel** of Bingham Lake is the tour winner.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH



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Is your home safe? May is a great month to check out potential electrical hazards around the house. Learn more: safeelectricity.org/public-education/tips/home-safe-home

SCE TO DISTRIBUTE \$473,507 IN CAPITAL CREDITS TO MEMBERS

South Central Electric will be distributing \$473,507 to members with patronage from 2003-2004. Those who earned capital credits and have active accounts will see the capital credits posted to their March electric usage bill. This is the bill members received with this newsletter at the end of April. Members with capital credits exceeding \$600 or without active accounts will be mailed their capital credits.



Thank you!

We would like to thank **Brent Imker** for his service on the South Central Electric Board. Brent was first elected to the board in April 1986, representing the members in the northwest part of the SCEA service territory. We appreciate Brent's voice for the membership over the last 39 years. Brent's time on the board ended with the recent election. We wish Brent and his family the best.



Welcome!

Steve Sell was elected to serve as Director for District 1. We would like to welcome Steve to the Board. Steve and his wife Kristi live between Jeffers and Storden.

SCEA WATER HEATER PROGRAM

SCEA's peak shave water heater program provides members with a Marathon water heater at a discounted price for participating in the load management program.

The cost for water heaters is **\$750**. This is a great value for members. SCEA pays the cost of the electrician to wire the water heater and radio control. The member would pay any costs incurred by a plumber.



2025 REBATE PROGRAMS

The recipient must be a South Central Electric member. Any checks or credits will be made in the name or account of the member. The program will end when funds are exhausted; additional rebates may be added at a later date. The completed applications will be processed on a first come first served basis as they are received in our office. Rebate applications can be requested by calling the St. James office or available online at www.southcentralelectric.com.

REBATES:



Must be an Energy Star® appliance to qualify.

Please see rebate applications for details.

- Dehumidifier** **\$20** Credit applied to the energy bill
 - Air Source Heat Pumps (ducted)** **\$300** HSPF rating over 9.5 **\$500**
 - Ductless/Mini-Split Heat Pump**..... **\$350**
 - Ground Source Heat Pump**..... **\$300/ton** (Limit 10 tons)
 - Air Conditioner Tune Up** **\$30**
 - Managed Electric Heat**..... **\$20/kW**
- Radio controlled, qualifies for a discount of **\$.031/kWh** on system usage. Stored or dual fuel heat. Heat pumps are not eligible for this program.
- LED Yard Light**..... **\$25/ea.** limit 3

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REBATES:

Rebates are available on a custom basis. Rebates will be based on kW reduction on retrofit projects. To be eligible for a rebate the project must have a minimum savings of 1kW. We do not have rebate programs for new construction. Call SCEA for information on these rebates.

COGENERATION NOTICE

In compliance with South Central Electric Association's adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, South Central Electric Association is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers, whom satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility.

South Central Electric is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility.

Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the South Central Electric Board. Interested members should contact South Central Electric Association, P.O. Box 150, 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James, MN 56081 or call (507) 375-3164.

Protect Your Home and Family With a Briggs & Stratton Home Standby Generator

You can be confident that South Central Electric works hard every day to keep your lights on. For those times when mother nature strikes, we still have you covered with our generator program. You can purchase a whole home Briggs & Stratton Power Protect generator from South Central Electric. If you lose power, the generator automatically takes over. When power is restored, it automatically shuts down. Power when you need it without the hassles of portable or PTO generators.

Estimated Cost of \$9,000 to \$12,500 includes the following:

- Briggs & Stratton® Power Protect DX with industry leading 10-year warranty.
- Minnesota winter ready with battery warmer, oil heater & battery charger.
- Automatic transfer switch.
- Electrician installation.



*Generators run on LP or Natural Gas.
Estimate does not include costs of gas
installation from your gas provider.*

**Call our office to learn more at
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The Board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at South Central Electric's building at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James, MN.

Please see our website for a summary of the board meetings.

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