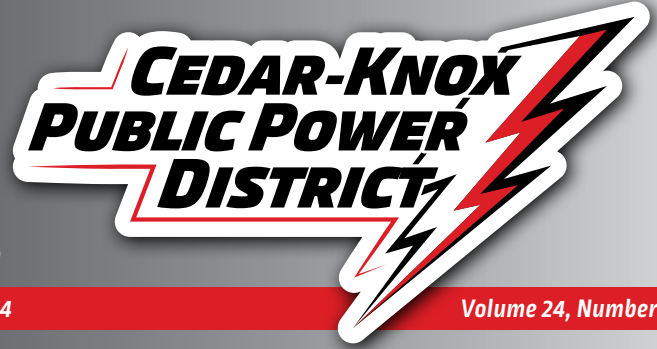


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FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER: CKPPD TO ASSIST CITY OF LAUREL



Mike Lammers

I recently received a phone call from Keith Knudsen, Mayor of Laurel, wondering whether CKPPD could help out in the short-term to assist the city with operating and maintaining the electrical system following the simultaneous resignation of several employees. After numerous meetings to discuss immediate concerns, the Laurel City Council and the CKPPD Board of Directors reached an agreement that allows Cedar-Knox to operate and maintain the City's electrical facility. Both entities agreed to a six-month service agreement that will automatically renew monthly until either party gives 30 days' notice to exit the agreement. Services provided by CKPPD will be billed as contract labor, and all billing processes will remain with the city at this time.

Our first priority is to ensure safety to both the general public and the staff of Cedar-Knox. At present, we're engaged in a hazard assessment within the town and have already addressed several areas of concern, mitigating possible risks. We will continue to address any hazards in the short-term to alleviate any potential danger. Going forward, our focus will be on preserving reliability throughout the agreement period to try to ensure uninterrupted flow of power.

We have served Laurel with wholesale power for many years, fostering a strong long-standing relationship that will serve as a bridge to begin discussions regarding long-term solutions for the City's needs. Both the City of Laurel and CKPPD will be actively exploring the possibility of a merger, but recognize there is sizable research,

education, and ongoing communication to the community and the district that will need to take place before any decision can be made. This research takes time and we are committed to transparency and open communication with the district and community as details unfold.

Maintaining our pillars of safe, affordable, and reliable is paramount as we transition into this interim role and potentially long-term into the future. With opportunity comes inherent risk, and it is imperative that we meticulously assess and manage these risks to ensure a potential long-term solution not only aligns with the present needs of CKPPD, but also safeguards its future.

NEW CKPPD LOGO

Over the years, CKPPD has been associated with multiple logos and colors. To bring more consistency to the Cedar-Knox name, we have developed a new logo to be identified by. Last fall, we asked our Board of Directors and employees to weigh in on a few options and we are pleased with the final product. It will take some time while we transition to this new logo - be on the lookout for it on our trucks, employees, paperwork, and more!!



REMINDER

We are still under construction. Please watch for signs directing you to parking and where to enter the office if you come visit us in person. We are still here to serve you and appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you.



APRIL 18TH IS LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY!

Join us in thanking our linemen for their commitment to providing safe, reliable, and affordable service to all our customers.





YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?

- Cedar-Knox Public Power District selects students to attend camp each year to represent Northeast Nebraska.
- Use the QR Code or go online at cedarknoxppd.com/programs-services/youth-energy-camp/ to apply by May 1st
- Camp is July 22-26, 2024 at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE
- Student must currently be in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade... And your home must be served by CKPPD



WHY GO TO ENERGY CAMP?

- Learn about public power in Nebraska and what makes it unique
- Tour two Nebraska Power Plants
- Have a chance to win a trip to Washington D.C.
- Meet other students from all over Nebraska and Wyoming
- Participate in activities: sports, swimming, a dance, and a banquet
- Attending this camp would be an excellent addition to scholarship applications & resumes



CONGRATULATIONS

Eric Becker has reached 20 years of service as a Cedar-Knox PPD employee. He began as an Apprentice Lineman, became a Journeyman Lineman, and is currently a Lead Line Technician. Eric and his wife, Miranda, live west of Hartington with their kids, Owen and Corinne. We want to congratulate Eric on this milestone and thank him for all his hard work and contributions to CKPPD.

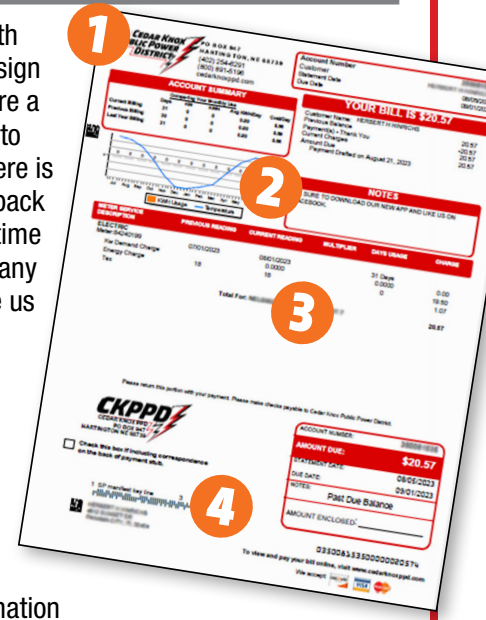


20 Years

NEW! STATEMENT LOOK

This month is the first month with the new statement design for our customers. Below are a few notes to take a look at to become familiar with it. There is a lot of information on the back as well so please take the time to check it out. If you have any questions or concerns, give us a call!

- 1 Office contact information
- 2 Enhanced usage graph by month with temperature information
- 3 Billing summary information
- 4 Tear sheet to return with payment



ATTENTION IRRIGATORS

Customers with irrigation accounts will soon be billed the Horsepower Capacity Charge on May 1, 2024. If you are thinking of changing your load control rate option, please call or stop by the office by **April 30th**. After that date, customers can only go to a more expensive rate option for an additional fee.

2024 IRRIGATION RATES

IRRIGATION RATES	HP CHARGE (x Measured HP)	KWH CHARGES
No Control	\$45.50	\$0.0690
Every Other Day Control	\$31.50	\$0.0586
Every Day Control	\$25.50	\$0.0425
Paid Disconnect	\$10.00	No usage available

The load control program helps us to curtail usage during peak times in the summer. By selecting a less expensive controlled billing rate, CKPPD can shut down your service for no more than 12 hours at a time. For several years now, we have had limited controlling days and total hours. Please refer to your irrigation letter we recently mailed to you. We strongly encourage you to call in or stop by to discuss your options.

Spring checks of our load control equipment will begin soon. If your radio has been moved or unhooked, please call the office to let us know.

Irrigation customers are reminded to notify Cedar-Knox PPD of any changes that have been made to your irrigation system during the past season. CKPPD personnel will review the changes to determine if a new usage pattern can be identified resulting in a change for your billing. Changes could include:

- Different or added pivots
- Added wells
- Different sizing of wells
- Re-nozzling of system