

# CURRENT FLASHES

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## Energy Wise Program for 2023

Looking to make some changes to your home, business, or farm? Take some time to review our incentive programs. There are many options that may help you **SAVE MONEY & ELECTRICITY!**

The specifications for some of these programs have been slightly adjusted for the new year, yet remain beneficial to our customers. The following list features several incentives geared for home use.

- Attic Insulation
- Cooling System Tune-Up
- Induction Cooktop
- Smart Thermostat
- High Efficiency Heat Pump
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Lawn and Garden
- Electric Vehicle - Charging Station, Pre-Wiring and Commercial Conduit



All businesses are looking to be more efficient and cost effective. Could updating your lighting or heating system be the ticket your business needs? Check out our offerings that could help offset some of the cost to make an improvement.

- Commercial Prescriptive Lighting
- Commercial HVAC
- HVAC System Optimization
- Custom Lighting



As for farm use, the Prescription Irrigation incentive was utilized by multiple people in our district last year. By working with your Well Contractor, changing out your nozzles on your irrigation system will likely improve your efficiency thus leading to lower application costs. Other options for farm use are also listed.

- Corner Pivot - Variable Frequency Drive
- Prescriptive Irrigation

- Custom Ag
- Agricultural – Heat Mats



More information on these offerings and more can be found on our website at

[www.cedarknoxppd.com](http://www.cedarknoxppd.com). Click on Energy Efficiency/Rebate Program to see the details of each program. Any questions regarding rebates can be directed to Matt at (402) 254-6291. We are here to help and can work together to help make a more sustainable future for us all.

## CLOSED FOR TRAINING

CKPPD will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 for President's Day and for an all-employee training.

For outages and emergencies as always, call us and a trouble crew will respond.

## Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant (REDL&G)

Cedar-Knox PPD offers a loan program to our customers called REDL&G. We were designated recipients of those funds from the USDA in 2007. For more than 15 years we have helped several small businesses to provide economic development. These funds shape and strengthen our rural infrastructure, spur rural economy and increase per capital income with low interest loans.

### Types of Loans:

#### > Partnership Loans

- Provide "gap" financing to entrepreneurs unable to access 100% of the needed financing from a financial institution.

#### > Microloans

- Loans under \$50,000 that can be finalized without bank participation.

### Eligibility:

- At least one full time equivalent job must be created or retained for each \$35,000 in loan dollars.
- Loan dollars may not represent more than 40% of the total financing needs

- 10%-20% equity is generally required.

- Bank financing is encouraged and preferred with each borrower, but not required.

### Goals:

- To further the economic development of Northeast and North Central Nebraska.
- To promote and assist the growth and development of business and industrial concerns with Northeast and North Central Nebraska.

### How to Apply:

- A pre-application may be obtained by visiting <https://nenedd.org/business-loans/>

With interest rates rising, this is a good opportunity for business owners to obtain low interest gap financing to start, expand, transfer ownership or to purchase an existing business. These funds can assist in financing fixed assets such as land, building equipment, and working capital. Check out the website above for more information!

# WHAT IS IT?

## LIGHTNING ARRESTER

Many of us have heard about the importance of having a surge arrester for our homes. A surge arrester is a device that protects your electrical equipment from damage caused by overvoltage. A typical surge arrester has both a ground terminal and a high-voltage terminal. When a powerful electric surge travels from the power system to the surge arrester, the high voltage current is sent directly to the ground to avoid damaging the equipment in your home. In a similar way, Cedar-Knox uses a different version called lightning arrestors on our electric grid. We also realize the importance of protecting the system from overvoltage situations, so these are installed throughout the district to protect from...you guessed it, lightning. The lightning arrester takes the surge to the ground, therefore protecting the system. The lightning arrester is mounted near critical infrastructure equipment to not only protect the apparatus but also the load or service that it feeds.



## Congratulations

Ed Kalin is celebrating 20 years with Cedar-Knox Public Power. Ed is our mechanic. We thank Ed for maintaining our wide range of vehicles, trucks, and other equipment. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!



20 Years

## Want to save time and money?



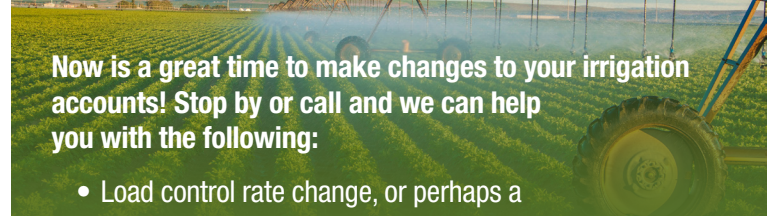
## Sign up for E-statements and Automatic Payments!!!

With the recent increase to postage stamps, now would be a great time to try our e-statements. Cedar-Knox PPD can deliver your monthly statements to your email inbox ensuring you receive your information in a timely manner. We can also email or text you a reminder to check on that new bill.

Another option to consider is one of our automatic payment functions. We offer an automatic checking withdrawal or recurring card charge to pay monthly bills. To sign up for either of these options, a simple form needs to be completed. Then the task of paying this bill will be handled automatically going forward, thus saving you postage money and time.

Ready to make the switch? Give us a call, we can help instruct you over the phone how to make the changes to your account.

## GET A JUMP ON IRRIGATION SEASON



Now is a great time to make changes to your irrigation accounts! Stop by or call and we can help you with the following:

- Load control rate change, or perhaps a change to the recipient of the bill, if needed.
- Naming your accounts to make identification easier.
- Analysis of your usage patterns.
- Set up automatic payments – no more late fees.
- Maybe you are ready to make a change with paperwork... Paperless billing can help optimize your time and organization.



## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Office Hours

56272 W Hwy 84 – Hartington  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS.

### To Report an Outage or Emergency

Call (402) 254-6291 or (800) 891-5196, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Be ready to provide the following information:

- The name and/or account number under which your electric service is listed
- Your phone number – if necessary to call you back
- The type of problem you are experiencing – flickering lights, complete power outage, etc.