



To: **Board of Trustees and Attorney**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees has been scheduled for March 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
3. Presentation of Check Register
4. Presidents Report
5. Attorney's Report
6. Sunflower EPC Report
7. KEC Report
8. General Managers Report
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - a. Approval of Annual Meeting Caterer
 - b. Approval of Annual Meeting Gifts
 - c. Nominating Committee Membership approval
 - d. Tariff Amendment
 - e. 2026-2029 Strategic Plan
 - f. Ness City Hospital Fundraiser
11. Safety Program Report
12. Executive Session (is not requested).
13. Adjourn

Upcoming Events:

Office Closed – Good Friday		April 3
Sunflower Board Meeting	Hays	April 15
LSEC Nominating Committee		April 27
LSEC Board of Trustees	Dighton	April 27

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FEBRUARY 2026
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LANE-SCOTT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, in the offices of the cooperative at 410 South High Street, Dighton, Kansas. President Richard Jennison called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. In addition to President Richard Jennison, the other trustees in attendance were: Gary Shapland, Gerome Copeland, Randall Evans, Randy Evans, Susan Nuss, Shelly Turner, James Jordan and Craig Ramsey. Also present Richard McLeon IV and Joseph D. Gasper, Attorney.

Randy Evans was recognized for his completion of his CCD.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

President Jennison called for action on the minutes of the prior meeting held on January 19, 2026. *Hearing no corrections to the printed minutes, the minutes were approved as printed.*

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

President Jennison called for questions regarding the check list for the month.

A question regarding the rewrite for Brookover Cattle company was raised. Manager McLeon will let the board know by email what the rewrite was for.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jennison reported that he spoke with Ken Holmes and that he would not be personally conduct a manager search but that Tammy Lehman who works for his company would be able to. Upon discussion, President Jennison will discuss Tammy Lehman meeting with the Trustees prior to the March 23 meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Gasper had no current items to report.

REPORT OF SUNFLOWER DELEGATE

A copy of the Sunflower report was included in the board packet and emailed to the trustees.

President Jennison had no additions to the written report.

KEC REPORT

Craig Ramsey, KEC representative, had no additional items to report to the included KEC report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager McLeon commented on the following matters:

- The credit card statement and CEO/Manager expense report were provided for review.
- The railroad crossing bill is in the legislature. Upon review of the proposed language, the bill is potentially problematic for cooperatives, so KEC is expressing opposition to the proposed bill.
- Total operating revenue and the operating margins are beginning the year in the red, but they are above the five-year average. Negative margins are expected in January.
- Total kWh sales are about 3.5% below January 2025, but revenues are strong with irrigation having their second highest January in 10 years.
- Reliability remains high. LSEC had one outage affecting 77 meters for 3.5 hours.
- No major Safety incidents reported.
- The Oneok Substation is near completion and Transmission line construction underway. This project is about 96% complete.
- The Tallgrass contract negotiations are underway between Sunflower and Tallgrass related to materials purchasing and delivery. This project is about 4% along. Tallgrass has agreed to purchase and provide the substation transformer for the project.
- LSEC will move forward with Shallow Water system improvements without the developer project as they are not willing to fund their portion.
- The manager's expense report was reviewed.
- No action was taken on the *per diem* request by Manager McLeon per his request, as he may not attend the events due to his son's return from his middle eastern military deployment.
- The January 2026 Operating Margin is -\$35,962.
- The January 2026 Total Margins were -\$10,083.
- The Cash Balance is \$6,776,444.

- Operations continues to be busy primarily with maintenance projects.
- Trustees up for re-election are requested to let Manager McLeon know whether they intend to run for re-election.
- IT is working on improving trustee online documents.
- The Youth Tour and Leadership had 6 applicants. Two will be selected for the Youth Tour and two for the Colorado Leadership trip.
- Over 40% of the membership are enrolled in SmartHub.

RECEIPT OF MANAGER’S REPORT

The board received the Manager’s report as indicated herein, and there were no follow-up questions.

SAFETY REPORT

A safety report was included in the board packet.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business before the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Policy 508

- The safety council recommended changes to board policy 508 regarding Job Training, Safety and Loss Control. The board reviewed the proposed changes.
- *A motion to adopt the proposed amendments to board policy 508 regarding Job Training, Safety and Loss Control, as proposed was made, duly seconded and carried.*

2. Board Policy 509

- The proposed amendment to policy 509 is to update the policy regarding purchases by employees to industry best practices to incorporate the major components of the operating policy.
- The board discussed the proposed changes including the inclusion of Trustees and retired employees as well as allowing the employees to make payments on a payment plan
- *A motion to adopt the proposed amendment to board policy 509, as presented, was made, duly seconded and carried.*

3. 2026-2029 Strategic Plan

- The five goals from CFC for the 2026 Strategic Plan do not appear to be exactly what the Trustees discussed and pose some operational difficulties for the employees to apply.
- Manager McLeon discussed the following alternative goals which align with the Boards discussion and were later reviewed with staff:
 - Continue to develop the Safety Program
 - Develop a Building Facilities Plan
 - Develop a Long-Range Construction Plan
 - Streamline Data Management
 - Successful transition to a new General Manager
- The board discussed the goals proposed by Manager McLeon and no objections were heard regarding using those goals for the 2026 Strategic Plan. The amended Strategic Plan will be presented for action at the next Board Meeting.

4. 2026 Write-offs

- The board reviewed the proposed 2026 write-offs in the amount of \$29,136.88. The write-offs will not prevent LSEC from attempting to collect the money owed.
- *A motion to approve the write-off grand total of \$29,136.88 (\$27,383.77 after capital credit applications), was made, duly seconded and carried.*

5. Wildfire Mitigation Plan

- The wildfire mitigation plan was prepared by Vantage Point along with LSEC staff. This plan is a dynamic plan which includes many of the current practices. Details of the plan were discussed with the board.
- *A motion to adopt proposed 2026 Wildfire Mitigation Plan as presented was made, duly seconded and carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and carried at 8:20 p.m., on Monday, February 23, 2026.

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Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
3860 2/13/26	WIRE	62	NRECA GROUP BENEFITS TRUST	NRECA GROUP INSURANCE	314.42
				NRECA GROUP INSURANCE	1,093.00
Total for Check/Tran - 3860:					1,407.42
3861 2/13/26	WIRE	609	STATE TAX	STATE PAYROLL TAX	4,483.84
3862 2/13/26	WIRE	610	FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX	FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX	11,164.01
3863 2/13/26	WIRE	611	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	57.26
3864 2/13/26	WIRE	613	FICA-SOCIAL SECURITY	FICA SOCIAL SECURITY	11,938.26
3865 2/13/26	WIRE	614	MEDICARE	FICA MEDICARE	2,792.06
3866 2/13/26	WIRE	1157	NRECA 401(K) PENSION PLAN	NRECA 401K ROTH CONTRIBUTION	6,521.19
				NRECA 401(k) PENSION PLAN	3,928.46
				401(k) CONTRIBUTION PAYMENT fje.602	2,971.94
				NRECA-401(K) LOAN #2	96.50
Total for Check/Tran - 3866:					13,518.09
3867 2/13/26	WIRE	1224	NRECA RETIREMENT & SECURITY	NRECA RETIREMENT & SECURITY	30,469.61
53846 2/13/26	CHK	25	LANE-SCOTT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,	Payroll Transfer	62,000.00
53847 2/16/26	CHK	1	A-1 SIGN PRO	Signs for scott park substation	522.96
53848 2/16/26	CHK	1	A-1 SIGN PRO	Door Decals	915.18
53849 2/16/26	CHK	9	CHAD RUPP	Reimb	1,857.46
53850 2/16/26	CHK	40	KANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES	KEC Monthly Assessment	8,023.88
				Business Cards - Kuhlman	64.52
Total for Check/Tran - 53850:					8,088.40
53851 2/16/26	CHK	45	BUMPER TO BUMPER OF DIGHTON	Monthly Bill	68.32
				Monthly Bill	372.96
				Monthly Bill	75.91
				Monthly Bill	134.76

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Total for Check/Tran - 53851:					651.95
53852	2/16/26	CHK 55	NESS COUNTY NEWS	Monthly Bill	125.40
				Monthly Bill	85.35
Total for Check/Tran - 53852:					210.75
53853	2/16/26	CHK 107	CINTAS CORPORATION #449	Monthly Bill	536.85
53854	2/16/26	CHK 117	NESS CITY FARM & FEED	Monthly Bill	114.72
53855	2/16/26	CHK 272	LEWIS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC	Work on 2401, & 2502	1,949.84
53856	2/16/26	CHK 380	GRAINGER	Red Safety Paint	67.98
53857	2/16/26	CHK 466	D&S MACHINE & WELDING INC	Nitrogen bottle exchange	46.83
53858	2/16/26	CHK 601	JAYHAWK OILFIELD SUPPLY INC	Generator Part	133.30
53859	2/16/26	CHK 629	POWER EQUIP & TOOL RENTALS LLC	Kubota Rental	375.25
				Chase Terminal	354.25
Total for Check/Tran - 53859:					729.50
53860	2/16/26	CHK 634	FINLEY ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. Scott Park & Manning Sectionalizing Stud		2,435.20
53861	2/16/26	CHK 646	NESS CITY ROTARY CLUB	Dues/Meals	90.33
53862	2/16/26	CHK 903	NISC	January 2026 Print Services	2,041.52
				January 2026 Print Services	740.47
				January 2026 Print Services	345.12
				January 2026 MISC	242.20
				January 2026 recurring	868.00
				January 2026 recurring	1,965.37
				January 2026 recurring	1,114.19
				January 2026 recurring	5,896.11
				January 2026 recurring	491.34
				January 2026 recurring	1,474.03
Total for Check/Tran - 53862:					15,178.35

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53863 2/17/26	CHK	46	LANE COUNTY TREASURER	Unit #2502 - Title Fee and Sales Tax	21,036.44
53864 2/17/26	CHK	46	LANE COUNTY TREASURER	Tags for Truck 2502	304.25
3881 2/18/26	WIRE	1229	NORTHEND DISPOSAL	Monthly Bill	561.42
3876 2/25/26	WIRE	263	KS DEPT OF REVENUE - SALES TAX	Sales Tax	26,073.90
3883 2/26/26	WIRE	101	ATMOS ENERGY	Monthly Bill	275.66
				Monthly Bill	48.64
Total for Check/Tran - 3883:					324.30
53865 2/26/26	CHK	1	HODGEMAN COUNTY PREMIUM	Livestock Auction	200.00
53866 2/26/26	CHK	1	NESS CITY FUN RUN	Sponsorship	100.00
53867 2/26/26	CHK	3	MJ'S STITCHING & SCREENING	Throw T-Shirts	748.65
53868 2/26/26	CHK	25	LANE-SCOTT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	Payroll Transfer	63,000.00
53869 2/26/26	CHK	40	KANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES	Registration/Meetings - Board	2,250.00
				KCL Subscription/Cemterspread	2,678.45
Total for Check/Tran - 53869:					4,928.45
53870 2/26/26	CHK	63	RICHARD JENNISON	Meeting Expense	368.85
53871 2/26/26	CHK	79	POSTMASTER	Newsletter Postage	139.78
53872 2/26/26	CHK	105	CITY OF NESS CITY	Monthly Bill	59.73
				Monthly Bill	73.00
				Franchise Fee	5,874.58
Total for Check/Tran - 53872:					6,007.31
53873 2/26/26	CHK	126	CARRIE BORELL	NRECA Tech Advantage	387.00
53874 2/26/26	CHK	135	CITY OF BAZINE	Franchise Fee	1,900.74
53875 2/26/26	CHK	160	SHULL OIL COMPANY	Monthly Fuel Bill	2,492.66

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				Monthly Fuel Bill	2,980.47
				Monthly Fuel Bill	131.96
				Total for Check/Tran - 53875:	5,605.09
53876 2/26/26	CHK	220	LANDIS+GYR TECHNOLOGY, INC	CC Saas Monthly	1,850.00
53877 2/26/26	CHK	226	KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION	Assessment	913.00
53878 2/26/26	CHK	380	GRAINGER	Leads	201.48
53879 2/26/26	CHK	392	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Monthly	2,069.98
53880 2/26/26	CHK	406	RICHARD MCLEON	KEC Winter Conference - Topeka	399.48
				Sunflower Strategic Planning - Wichita	326.44
				Ness City Rotary Meeting & City Hall	46.40
				NRECA Directors Conference - Palm Spring	151.49
				Total for Check/Tran - 53880:	923.81
53881 2/26/26	CHK	427	DIGHTON HERALD LLC	Monthly	80.00
				Monthly	80.00
				Total for Check/Tran - 53881:	160.00
53882 2/26/26	CHK	444	HAYS CAR & TRUCK ALIGNMENT, INC.	Truck #201	191.14
53883 2/26/26	CHK	450	RANDALL G EVANS	February Board Meeting	350.73
53884 2/26/26	CHK	537	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS DI	Monthly Bill	146.48
				Monthly Bill	102.54
				Monthly Bill	146.48
				Monthly Bill	336.90
				Total for Check/Tran - 53884:	732.40
53885 2/26/26	CHK	544	FIRST WIRELESS, INC.	Radios in trucks	1,304.79
53886 2/26/26	CHK	568	SUSAN NUSS	February Board Meeting	332.65
53887 2/26/26	CHK	570	JAMES W JORDAN	KEC/February Board Meeting	2,268.80

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53888 2/26/26	CHK	579	AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES	ACRE - Shelly Turner, Susan Nuss	200.00
53889 2/26/26	CHK	584	MID-STATES MATERIALS, LLC	Scott Park Sub	908.21
53890 2/26/26	CHK	588	GEROME L COPELAND	February Board Meeting	402.20
53891 2/26/26	CHK	608	J & J FUEL SERVICE, LLC	Monthly Fuel	127.20
53892 2/26/26	CHK	623	SHELLY TURNER	Meeting Expense	173.20
53893 2/26/26	CHK	624	RANDY J EVANS	Meeting Expense	389.15
53894 2/26/26	CHK	625	GARY SHAPLAND	Meeting Expense	350.73
53895 2/26/26	CHK	630	SOUTHERN STATES LLC	ONEOK	140,175.00
53896 2/26/26	CHK	1030	THE SCOTT COUNTY RECORD	Advertisting Subscription	155.00 51.78
Total for Check/Tran - 53896:					206.78
53897 2/26/26	CHK	1225	CINTAS CORPORATION	Monthly	282.81
53898 2/26/26	CHK	1300	CRAIG RAMSEY	Meeting Expense Meeting Expense Meeting Expense	386.25 2,532.90 1,521.52
Total for Check/Tran - 53898:					4,440.67
53899 2/26/26	CHK	1306	KCRE	KCRE - Shelly Turner	100.00
53900 2/26/26	CHK	20	BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOP	Monthly Fees	2,484.71
53901 2/26/26	CHK	380	GRAINGER	Supplies	184.05
53902 2/26/26	CHK	450	RANDALL G EVANS	NRECA - Palm Springs CA	3,650.44
53903 2/26/26	CHK	452	DAVIS AG-A/C SERVICE LLC	Truck #123	1,401.87
53904 2/26/26	CHK	1225	CINTAS CORPORATION	Monthly	161.85

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3869 2/27/26	WIRE	610	FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX	FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX	11,109.55
3870 2/27/26	WIRE	611	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	23.21
3871 2/27/26	WIRE	613	FICA-SOCIAL SECURITY	FICA SOCIAL SECURITY	11,951.18
3872 2/27/26	WIRE	614	MEDICARE	FICA MEDICARE	2,795.02
3873 2/27/26	WIRE	1157	NRECA 401(K) PENSION PLAN	NRECA 401K ROTH CONTRIBUTION	6,521.19
				NRECA 401(k) PENSION PLAN	3,928.46
				401(k) CONTRIBUTION PAYMENT fje.602	2,971.94
				NRECA-401(K) LOAN #2	96.50
Total for Check/Tran - 3873:					13,518.09
3874 2/27/26	WIRE	1224	NRECA RETIREMENT & SECURITY	NRECA RETIREMENT & SECURITY	30,469.61
3875 2/27/26	WIRE	609	STATE TAX	STATE PAYROLL TAX	4,489.42
3884 2/27/26	WIRE	1239	CULLIGAN OF DODGE CITY	Monthly Bill	115.65
3882 3/2/26	WIRE	183	HIBU INC	Monthly Bill	21.00
3885 3/2/26	WIRE	265	HASLER - POSTAGE ACH	Monthly Postage	50.00
				Monthly Postage	125.00
				Monthly Postage	75.00
Total for Check/Tran - 3885:					250.00
3887 3/2/26	WIRE	1187	MIDWEST ENERGY	Monthly Bill	51.05
				Monthly Bill	35.74
				Monthly Bill	51.05
				Monthly Bill	117.41
Total for Check/Tran - 3887:					255.25

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53905 3/3/26	CHK	73	STANION WHOLESALE ELEC CO INC	LINE MAT.	339.26
				LINE MAT.	37.69
				LINE MAT.	659.14
				LINE MAT.	73.24
				LINE MAT.	191.54
				LINE MAT.	21.29
				RETAIL	40.67
				RETAIL	11.82
				6019	4,795.47
				6019	609.00
				6019	182.84
				SCOTT PARK SUB WEST	601.23
				RETAIL MATERIAL	15.16
				RETAIL	103.33
				RETAIL	23.64
				LINE MATERIAL	594.05
				ELEC EXP	283.24
				LINE MAT.	92.96
				LINE MAT.	10.33
				LINE MATERIAL	460.56
				LINE MAT.	1,420.98
				LINE MAT.	157.88
				LINE MATERIAL	186.72
				LINE MAT.	48.95
				NESS SUB	154.15
				LINE MAT.	5.44
				LINE MAT.	1,727.54
				LINE MAT.	191.95
				RETAIL	622.65
				ELEC EXP	42.54
				RETAIL	451.55

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				LINE MAT.	405.25
				LINE MAT.	45.03
				LINE MATERIAL	120.01
				LINE MAT.	945.06
				LINE MAT.	105.01
				RETAIL	3,670.32
				RETAIL	15.25
				RETAIL	102.16
				ELEC EXP	1,989.00
				ELEC EXP	284.14
				LINE MATERIAL	120.01
				LINE MATERIAL	230.28
				LINE MAT.	444.55
				LINE MAT.	49.39
				ELEC EXP	12.90
				RETAIL	1,047.75
				LINE MATERIAL	355.60
				LINE MAT.	4,233.19
				LINE MAT.	470.34
				LINE MAT.	260.45
				LINE MAT.	28.94
				LINE MAT.	434.55
				LINE MAT.	48.28
				ELEC EXP	21.18
				ELEC EXP	1,292.55
				ELEC EXP	46.60
				LINE MATERIAL	236.18
				LINE MAT.	337.87
				LINE MAT.	37.54
				LINE MATERIAL	614.01
				LINE MAT.	136.22

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				RETAIL	1,951.87
				LINE MATERIAL	376.18
				LINE MAT.	131.83
				LINE MAT.	14.65
				Line Material	3,157.67
Total for Check/Tran - 53905:					37,943.76
53906 3/3/26	CHK	107	CINTAS CORPORATION #449	Monthly	99.02
53907 3/3/26	CHK	164	FAIRBANK EQUIPMENT INC.	ELEC EXP	318.99
53908 3/3/26	CHK	269	ANIXTER INC	6019	983.37
				6018	983.36
				LINE MATERIAL	13,974.80
				LINE MAT.	427.71
				LINE MAT.	47.52
				LINE MAT.	187.97
				LINE MAT.	20.89
Total for Check/Tran - 53908:					16,625.62
53909 3/3/26	CHK	306	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	LINE MAT.	209.90
				LINE MAT.	23.32
				LINE MAT.	316.88
				LINE MAT.	35.21
				TOOLS	104.06
				LINE MAT.	266.35
				LINE MAT.	29.59
				TOOLS	103.04
				TOOLS	496.93
				LINE MATERIAL	447.33
				LINE MAT.	136.52
				LINE MAT.	15.17

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Total for Check/Tran - 53909:					2,184.30
53910 3/3/26	CHK	317	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Parts	127.38
53911 3/3/26	CHK	459	YESTERDAYS BODY SHOP	Windsheild Pit	50.10
				Windsheild Pit	80.10
Total for Check/Tran - 53911:					130.20
53912 3/3/26	CHK	562	RENSENHOUSE	ELEC EXP	550.92
				6019	736.72
				6018	302.88
				LINE MAT.	87.73
				LINE MAT.	9.75
				ELEC EXP	93.12
				ELEC EXP	821.84
				ELEC EXP	71.80
				ELEC EXP	384.66
				ELEC EXP	92.99
Total for Check/Tran - 53912:					3,152.41
53913 3/3/26	CHK	616	TAD EUBANKS	Staking Program	306.00
53914 3/3/26	CHK	638	RESCO	LINE MATERIAL	6,929.70
53915 3/3/26	CHK	648	MERCHANT JT&S	Taylor Cable Book Tuition	550.00
53916 3/3/26	CHK	1251	TECHLINE, LTD	LINE MAT.	239.25
				LINE MAT.	26.58
				LINE MATERIAL	1,406.16
				LINE MATERIAL	156.24
				LINE MATERIAL	771.71
				LINE MAT.	617.63
				LINE MAT.	68.63
				LINE MATERIAL	1,702.37
				LINE MAT.	1,857.80

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53917 3/3/26	CHK	1285	TIFCO INDUSTRIES	Parts	466.15
				Parts	51.80
Total for Check/Tran - 53917:					517.95
53918 3/3/26	CHK	1293	DAL HAWKINSON	Tech Advantage	301.00
3888 3/4/26	WIRE	586	NETWORK COMPUTING SOLUTIONS	Monthly Billing for March	5,362.04
3889 3/4/26	WIRE	586	NETWORK COMPUTING SOLUTIONS	Monthly Billing for March	678.13
3886 3/9/26	WIRE	1267	AFLAC	Monthly Insurance Bill	1,874.15
53919 3/10/26	CHK	38	MICHAEL POLLOCK	Independent Electrical Industry	230.00
				Clothing Allowance	151.85
Total for Check/Tran - 53919:					381.85
53920 3/10/26	CHK	40	KANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES	Touchstone Energy Dues	716.00
				KEC Monthly Assesment	8,023.88
Total for Check/Tran - 53920:					8,739.88
53921 3/10/26	CHK	105	CITY OF NESS CITY	February Postage	1,018.60
53922 3/10/26	CHK	117	NESS CITY FARM & FEED	Monthly Bill	29.30
				Monthly Bill	110.49
Total for Check/Tran - 53922:					139.79
53923 3/10/26	CHK	145	BUMPER TO BUMPER OF NESS CITY	Monthly Bill	30.97
53924 3/10/26	CHK	187	S&W SUPPLY DIVISION	Monthly Invoice	45.65
53925 3/10/26	CHK	272	LEWIS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC	Truck #305	1,682.45
53926 3/10/26	CHK	387	WESTERN FUEL & SUPPLY	Monthly Fuel Bill	387.06
53927 3/10/26	CHK	392	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Truck #: 150	2,097.58

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Accounts Payable Check Register

02/13/2026 To 03/10/2026

Bank Account: 2 - FIRST STATE BANK

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
53928 3/10/26	CHK	395	DOLLAR GENERAL - REGIONS 410526	Monthly Bill	35.96
				Monthly Bill	16.51
				Monthly Bill	21.31
Total for Check/Tran - 53928:					73.78
53929 3/10/26	CHK	442	QUADIENT INC.	Hasler Postage	85.95
				Hasler Postage	343.80
				Hasler Postage	231.41
Total for Check/Tran - 53929:					661.16
53930 3/10/26	CHK	493	SCOTT CITY ACE HARDWARE	Truck #150, 200	215.71
53931 3/10/26	CHK	520	CENTURY BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES, I	For Kyocera 5053ci printer	271.20
				Kyocera 5054ci printer	137.57
Total for Check/Tran - 53931:					408.77
53932 3/10/26	CHK	546	AEF TRUST	Radio Tower Land Lease	1,000.00
53933 3/10/26	CHK	569	FAUROT HEATING AND COOLING INC	Morton Building Heater	689.91
53934 3/10/26	CHK	578	L&R LAWN CARE & SUPPLY	Monthly Bill	99.80
				Monthly Bill	21.69
Total for Check/Tran - 53934:					121.49
53935 3/10/26	CHK	599	MITCH'S TRASH SERVICE	Monthly Bill	75.00
53936 3/10/26	CHK	601	JAYHAWK OILFIELD SUPPLY INC	Parts	40.94
53937 3/10/26	CHK	608	J & J FUEL SERVICE, LLC	Monthly Fuel Bill	618.93
				Monthly Fuel Bill	1,056.69
Total for Check/Tran - 53937:					1,675.62
53938 3/10/26	CHK	627	BAILEY WELLS	Clothing Allowance	591.63
53939 3/10/26	CHK	641	UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE I	Monthly Shredding Services	55.00
53940 3/10/26	CHK	773	BRETZ, INC.	Truck #110 - Disposal of 6 tires	108.00

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02/13/2026 To 03/10/2026

Bank Account: 2 - FIRST STATE BANK

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
53941 3/10/26	CHK	803	ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC	Truck 2401, 112	5,562.95
				Truck 2401, 112	2,809.40
Total for Check/Tran - 53941:					8,372.35
53942 3/10/26	CHK	1016	KANSAS ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC	Locate Fee	37.24
53943 3/10/26	CHK	1160	S&T TELEPHONE COOP ASSN.	Monthly Bill	257.11
53944 3/10/26	CHK	1225	CINTAS CORPORATION	Monthly Bill	109.83
53945 3/10/26	CHK	1248	COMPLIANCE ONE	Monthly Drug Testing	378.35

Total Payments for Bank Account - 2 :	(126)	659,938.54
Total Voids for Bank Account - 2 :	(0)	0.00
Total for Bank Account - 2 :	(126)	659,938.54
Grand Total for Payments :	(126)	659,938.54
Grand Total for Voids :	(0)	0.00
Grand Total :	(126)	659,938.54



Board Meeting Summary

February 18, 2026

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Generation

Holcomb Rail Car Lease Agreement

Sunflower's current 20-year pool train lease (expiring April 2026) is shared with several other utilities. Sunflower uses the train for about 175 days per year, with partners using the remainder. Fixed annual costs apply regardless of use. To meet obligations with BNSF Railway, Sunflower leased additional equipment (2015–2020) and paid daily rental charges when partners did not use the pool train.

Staff requested board approval for an eight-year lease (through 2034 with a two-year extension option) for 128 aluminum rotary gondola railcars. Sunflower would be the sole user, with the option to sublease unused capacity and retain sublease revenue. The proposed new lease is expected to provide greater operational control, opportunities to offset costs through subleasing, and improved alignment of railcar costs with actual use.

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved the eight-year rail car lease.

Transmission

Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Western Integration

Beginning April 1, SPP will link its Eastern Interconnection and Western Interconnection regions through three new direct current (DC) interties totaling 510 MW. This new capability will allow power to be transferred between the two interconnections, improving operational flexibility, enhancing reliability during system stress events, and enabling access to a broader set of resources across regions.

SPP Demand Response (DR) and Peak Demand Assessment

Staff presented an overview of new DR policy changes proposed by SPP, which shift DR accreditation to a performance-based model and formally integrate DR into resource planning and reserve margin requirements. The framework separates DR into two categories (load-responsible entity (LRE) planning DR and market or reliability-registered DR) and places a temporary cap of 2,152 MW on non-registered, load-modifying DR for the 2027 summer season to ensure dependable load reductions during rising summer and winter peaks. Market-registered and reliability-registered DR will remain available and are accredited separately from the cap.

If approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), these changes will limit LREs to their forecasted 2027 DR levels unless they opt into a peak demand assessment (post-season performance review). Because Sunflower did not include load-modifying DR in its planning workbook, Sunflower would not be eligible to count DR toward resource adequacy in 2027 unless it opts into the peak demand assessment process.

2026 SPP Integration Transmission Planning (ITP) Update

The ITP is a yearly process led by SPP. Each ITP is a 27-month, multi-stage process (scope and modeling, resource plans, needs assessment, project selection, and final reporting), with multiple ITP and Coordinated Planning Process (CPP) studies overlapping at any given time. The 2026 ITP and 2027 CPP are currently underway and overlapped with finalization of the 2025 ITP in late 2025, making coordination with stakeholders especially important to keep priorities aligned and milestones on track.

Load growth is accelerating across the SPP footprint, with large load requests expanding beyond the southern region into northern areas in the 2026 study cycle. Year-10 load projections in the 2026 ITP show a 33%–99% increase from today, depending on how many large load requests materialize. In response, SPP is preparing to post transmission needs and develop mitigation projects, with a target to finalize the 2026 ITP portfolio by October 2026. Additional analysis is underway on 765-kV transmission options, including reevaluating terminal locations in southern Kansas.

Financial Services

January Financials

Overall, Member loads were down 2.36% from budget for the month and down 2.36% from budget year to date. Large industrial loads were down 5.18% from budget for the month and down 5.18% from budget year to date. Operation and maintenance expenses were down 1.05% from budget for the month and down 1.05% from budget year to date. Year-to-date Member kWh sales are 2% under budget estimates and down 1% over the prior year.

Transition to New CFO

With the retirement of Davis Rooney, Jeff Bieker was promoted to vice president and CFO and Brian Kitchen was hired as the new manager of treasury services. These changes require board approval of Jeff as CFO and an update to add Brian Kitchen bank signature cards and the Certificate of Authority.

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved the appointment of Jeff Bieker as vice president and chief financial officer of Sunflower.

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved removing Davis Rooney and adding Brian Kitchen from the Certificate of Authority as well as a signatory on all accounts by any subsidiary of Sunflower.

Large Load Tariff

At the January board meeting, staff presented the final Large Load Power Service (LLPS) tariff. The LLPS tariff applies to new, large loads of 50 MW or greater beginning November 12, 2025, and will be used alongside the WHM tariff.

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved the new Large Load Power Service tariff.

Long Range Plan 2026-2035

Staff reviewed the ten-year financial forecast for 2026-2035. The current year forecast for 2034 is \$9.94 above the prior year forecast. Main drivers include an increase in transmission costs due to large SPP projects. Prior year did not include Sunflower's portion of the 2024 ITP or 2025 ITP, which adds approximately \$7 mills over the next 10 years. The increase in capital expenditures for large generation projects like Clifton replacement was also not included in the prior year.

During the first three years of the plan, capacity growth outpaces load and reserve increases, resulting in a net capacity gain of 68 MW and excess capacity of approximately 178 MW from 2028–2031. In the final four years, a new generation resource partially offsets existing generation retirements, reducing excess capacity by 161 MW and leaving an estimated surplus of five MW in 2035. The long-range plan reflects a \$1.32 billion capital expansion over the next decade to maintain reliability, support growth, and position the system for long-term needs.

Member Solutions and Communications

2026 Members Conference

Sunflower is planning a refreshed Members Conference for Member trustees and select Member staff, designed to provide an engaging, informative look at our cooperative. The event will be held in Hays for central accessibility, with June 11 selected as the date that works best for participating co-ops. Sunflower staff are seeking input from the Members on key contacts at each co-op to collaborate on planning and logistics, ensuring the event meets Members' needs and maximizes participation.

Legal

Transmission Rights Only Certificate Filing

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved the ratification of the Transmission Rights Only Certificate Filing for Holcomb to Sidney Project.

Garden City S2 Water Contract

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved to extend its existing contract with Wheatland on a month-to-month basis with the agreement a true-up will happen upon finalization of contract between Wheatland and Garden City.

OTHER BUSINESS

Voting Delegates/Alternates

NRECA Annual Meeting

The 2026 NRECA PowerXchange Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn., from March 6–11.

Board Action: The Sunflower Board voted and approved Kirk Girard and Shane Laws to represent Sunflower as the voting delegate and alternate delegate, respectively, for the NRECA Annual Meeting.

Sunflower Electric Power Corp. - February 2026, Member Billing Summary								
WHM - MEMBER REVENUE	Lane-Scott	Pioneer	Southern Pioneer	Prairie Land	Victory	Western	Wheatland	Total
Demand Coincident Peak, kW	19,107	107,896	95,538	80,192	129,309	46,203	98,335	576,580
Demand NCP, kW	21,785	91,439	99,689	92,130	141,190	50,116	102,094	598,443
Wholesale Energy Usage, kWh	12,234,954	68,698,741	56,104,852	46,726,496	76,223,452	28,867,562	53,454,719	342,310,776
RTP Marginal Usage, kWh					(20,242)			(20,242)
Coincident Peak Load Ratio Share, %	3.30%	18.70%	16.60%	13.90%	22.40%	8.00%	17.10%	100.00%
Coincident Load Factor, %	95.30%	94.70%	87.40%	86.70%	87.70%	93.00%	80.90%	88.30%
Metering Points	10	27	25	28	24	26	34	174
CP Demand Rate, \$/kW	8.14	8.28	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.16
NCP Demand Rate, \$/kW	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54
CP Demand Charge, \$	155,530.98	892,943.96	777,679.32	652,762.88	1,052,575.26	376,092.42	800,446.90	4,708,031.72
NCP Demand Charge, \$	77,118.90	323,694.06	352,899.06	326,140.20	499,812.60	177,410.64	361,412.76	2,118,488.22
Demand Charge, \$	232,649.88	1,216,638.02	1,130,578.38	978,903.08	1,552,387.86	553,503.06	1,161,859.66	6,826,519.94
Energy Rate, ¢/kWh	0.7437	0.7275	0.7437	0.7437	0.7437	0.7437	0.7437	0.7404
Energy Charge, \$	90,991.35	499,750.89	417,251.78	347,504.95	566,873.81	214,688.06	397,542.75	2,534,603.59
RTP Marginal Usage Charge, \$			-		(786.04)			(786.04)
HLF Rider Net Charge, \$	5,624.73	11,577.05	(60,759.86)	10,208.06	(4,495.68)	13,271.17	24,574.53	-
EDR Rider Net Charge, \$	5,995.29	(51,355.66)	27,492.11	(17,952.73)	(4,517.99)	14,145.48	26,193.51	-
ECA Rate (ECA-02), ¢/kWh	2.0800	2.0800	2.0800	2.0800	2.0800	2.0800	2.0800	2.0800
ECA Charge, \$	254,487.04	1,428,933.81	1,166,980.92	971,911.12	1,585,447.80	600,445.29	1,111,858.16	7,120,064.14
Meter Rate, \$/Meter	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
Meter Charge, \$	1,050.00	2,835.00	2,625.00	2,940.00	2,520.00	2,730.00	3,570.00	18,270.00
Schedule 1	3,199.40	17,816.64	16,002.30	13,501.01	22,073.22	7,903.43	18,890.52	99,386.52
Schedule 11 Regional	30,953.31	172,371.37	154,818.03	130,618.72	213,552.59	76,463.56	182,760.81	961,538.39
Schedule 11 Zonal	26,848.15	149,510.75	134,285.42	113,295.52	185,230.35	66,322.64	158,522.31	834,015.14
Schedule 12	1,761.05	9,806.86	8,808.18	7,431.39	12,149.81	4,350.30	10,397.95	54,705.54
Schedule 1a	5,137.86	28,611.49	25,697.86	21,681.08	35,447.06	12,691.99	30,336.01	159,603.35
Schedule 9 SEPC	101,632.22	565,964.83	508,330.14	428,874.03	701,179.42	251,060.74	600,077.58	3,157,118.96
Msc. Transmission	2,474.77	13,423.04	12,378.11	10,443.31	17,074.06	6,113.50	14,612.21	76,519.00
Transmission Charge, \$	172,006.76	957,504.98	860,320.04	725,845.06	1,186,706.51	424,906.16	1,015,597.39	5,342,886.90
Billing Adjustments, \$ (LRR Rider, PGS)		(60,909.18)	(381.17)	(5.20)	(101,842.05)		-	(163,137.60)
ECIR Credit, \$			(11,448.69)					(11,448.69)
Community Solar Adjustments, \$		344.56	46.16	70.84	40.79		1,244.07	1,746.42
Net Charges, \$ *	762,805.05	4,005,319.47	3,532,658.51	3,019,425.18	4,782,335.01	1,823,689.22	3,742,440.07	21,668,718.66
3-2-1 Credits, \$		(7,870.90)	(137.88)	(11,927.68)	(1,983.45)			(21,919.91)
Total Charges, \$	762,805.05	3,997,448.57	3,532,520.63	3,007,497.50	4,780,351.56	1,823,689.22	3,742,440.07	21,646,798.75
Average all-in ¢/kWh	6.235	5.819	6.296	6.436	6.273	6.317	7.001	6.324
Non-Member energy charges:			Basis for Changes from Previous Month					
Non-Member energy charges:								
	\$	\$/kWh						
10 West Cities	717,247.75	0.0578	↓	1. Holcomb Capacity Factor was 56.5% for the month.				
4 East Cities	98,156.98	0.0690	↑	2. Smoky Hills #1 WF Capacity Factor was 30.9% for the month.				
KEPCo	131,288.75		→	3. Shooting Star capacity factor was 20.6% for the month.				
KMEA - EMP2 (Local Access)	73,501.40		↑	4. Smoky Hills #2 WFCapacity Factor was 32.5% for the month				
KMEA - City of Meade - (Local Access)	10,871.66		↓	5. Johson Corner Solar Capacity Factor was 19.1% for the month				
AP & NH other contracted services	336,181.69		→	6. Boot Hill Solar Capacity Factor was 24.7% for the month still testing				
KPP - OATT, L.A.C. & MA Charges	23,271.83		↓	7. Sunflower Solar @ Russell Capacity Factor was 2.2% for month				
Note:			↑ = Increase	↓ = Decrease	→ = Little Effect			

* Victory and So. Pioneer numbers do not include the full requirement cities.



KEC Board Meeting Summary

March 5, 2026, at the Wichita Marriott

To: KEC Trustees,
Alternate Trustees, and
Member System
Managers

From: Shana Read,
Director of Education and
Training

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Upcoming KEC Meetings

**KEC Board Meeting
May 6-7, 2026**
Hilton Garden Inn, Salina

**KEC Summer Meeting
Aug. 1-3, 2026**
Marriott, Overland Park

**KEC Board Meeting
Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2026**
Marriott, Wichita

**KEC Board Meeting
Dec. 2-3, 2026**
Marriott, Wichita

In official action, the KEC Board of Trustees

1. Approved the appointment of Greg Tanking of Brown-Atchison as the new District 2 Executive Committee representative.

KEC Committee Meetings

On Wednesday, March 4, the standing committees met the day before the board meeting. The **Loss Control, Safety & Compliance Committee** reviewed current regulations related to RESAP standards. The committee also heard updates on the Good Catch Program, the Pratt Community College linemen training initiative, and the upcoming Safety Summit.

The **Legislative & Regulatory Committee** discussed the NRECA Legislative Conference and heard a brief overview of energy-related bills that were introduced during the current legislative session. The committee also received regulatory updates at both the federal and state levels.

The **Executive Committee** met on March 5 to review general association activities, including the Winter Conference evaluations and plans for the 2026 Summer Meeting.

KEC Board Meeting

Prior to the board meeting on Thursday, March 5, **Angela Delgado-Sycz**, MS, SHRM-SCP, Counslr, gave a presentation on Cooperative Wellness.

The **KEC Board of Trustees** heard reports from the Executive, Loss Control, Safety & Compliance, and Legislative & Regulatory committees. The Board also heard reports from **Pat Morse**, NRECA Director, and **Mark Scheibe**, NRTC Director.

KEC CEO Lee Tafanelli presents retiring manager Kathy O'Brien with a Paul Revere Bowl in honor of her many years of distinguished service to the KEC Board.



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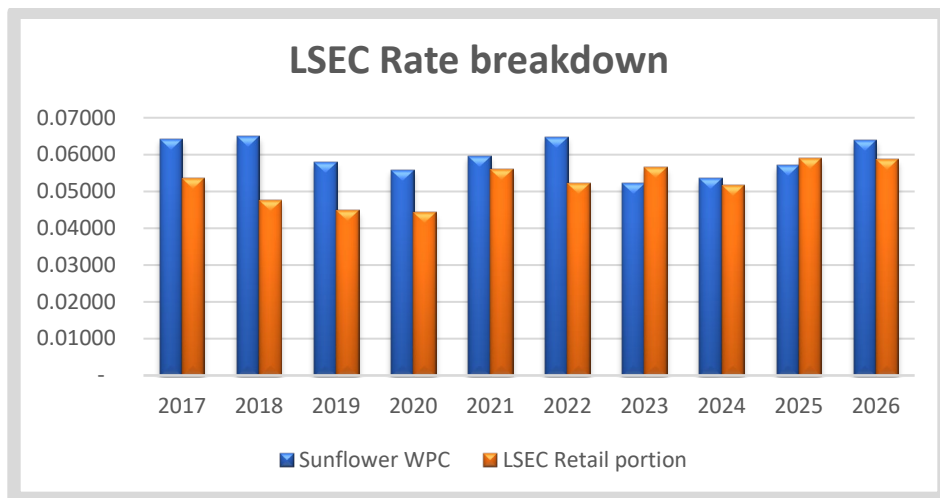
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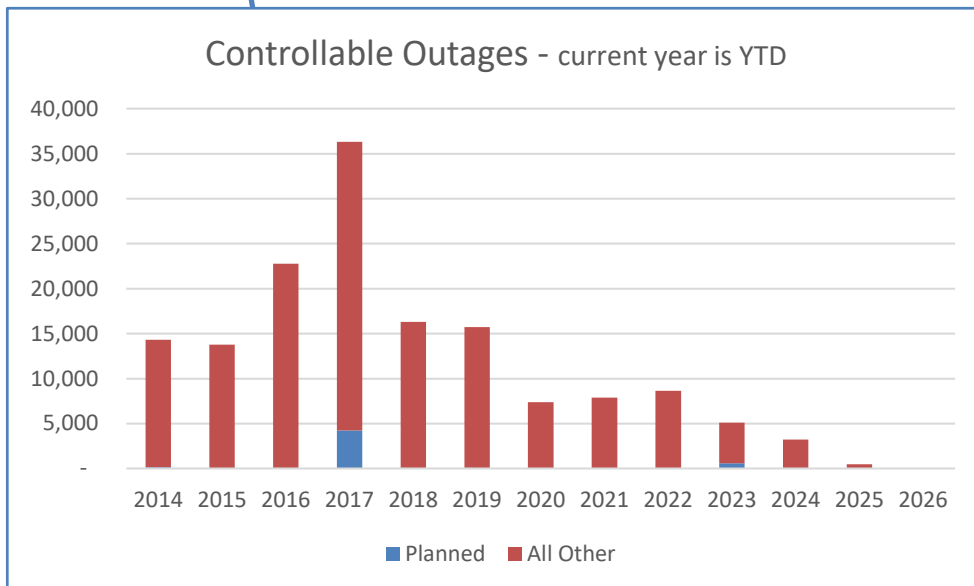
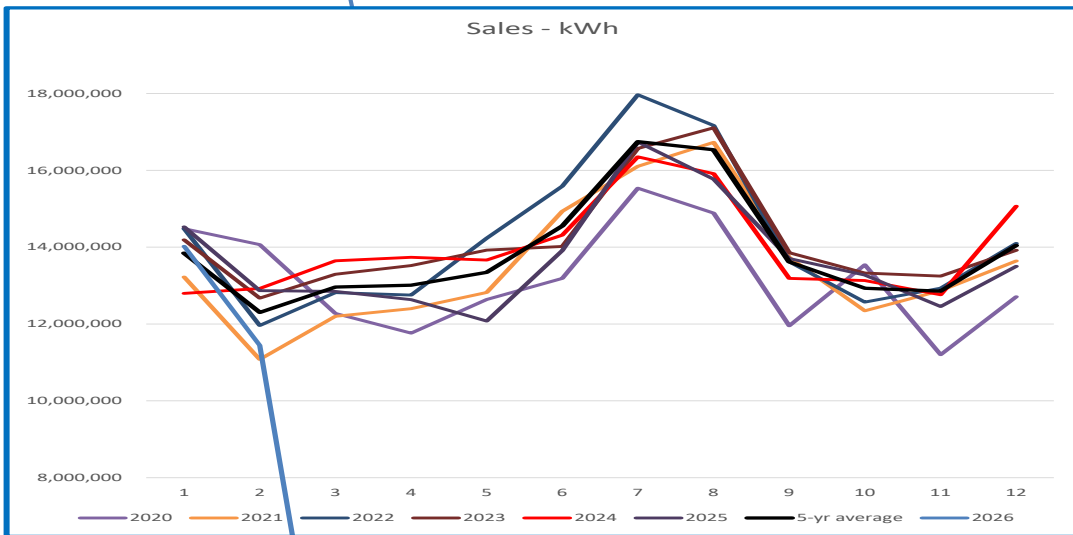
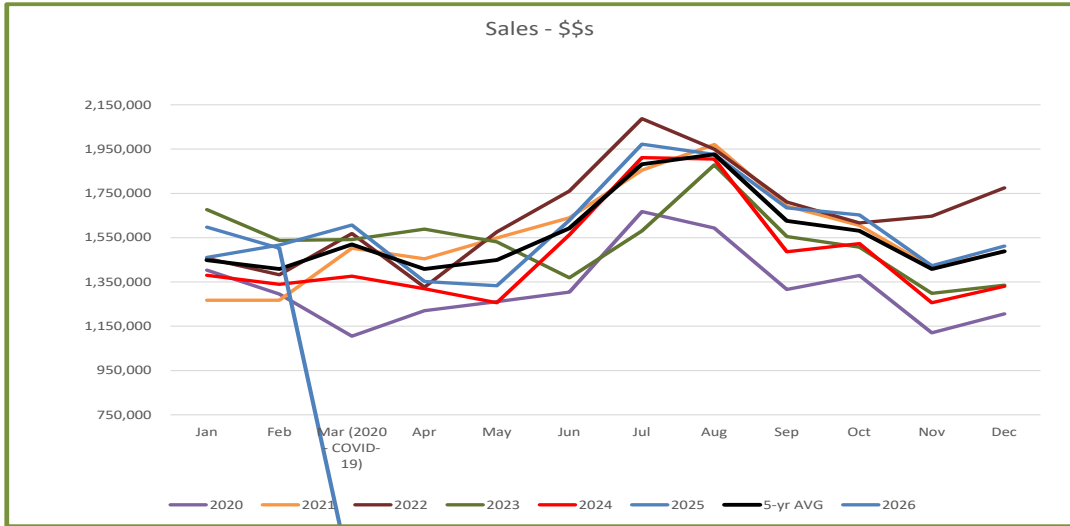
Rates, Reliability, and Safety Dashboard

Executive Summary: We continue in solid condition.

1. Operating Revenues (OR, Line 1) remain strong at \$3,239,794 YTD which is 5.2% above 2025 YTD levels. February OR was \$163,331 or 10.9% above the five-year average. The YTD Distribution revenue is \$1,494,941 which is \$100,421 above last year. Operating Margins (line 21) are \$156,253 which is \$13,663 below last year.
2. Reliability remains high. We had 4 hours of planned outages for maintenance and 5 hours of “All Other” outages affecting 168 meters. Planned outages are typically necessary for lineman safety or substation work.
3. Safety. No major incidents reported.

Revenue class	from last year		from 5-year avg.		YTD \$/kWh
	YTD kWh %	YTD revenue%	YTD kWh	YTD revenue%	
Residential	-15.93%	-6.34%	-436,077	0.60%	0.1454
Residential Seasonal	-11.70%	-2.58%	-25,449	10.10%	0.2452
Irrigation	73.80%	91.17%	59,404	94.99%	0.1000
C&I 1000kVa or less	-4.60%	3.39%	-438,498	5.54%	0.1282
C&I over 1000kVa	-4.49%	10.79%	506,019	14.94%	0.1126
Public & Street Lighting	0.00%	5.09%	-4,906	16.32%	0.1848
Sales to Public Authorities	-27.25%	-14.71%	-18,397	-2.99%	0.1725
City of Dighton	-19.66%	-13.15%	-320,019	-10.47%	0.0777
TOTALS	-7.05%	4.13%	-677,923	8.51%	0.1226





metric	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	measures
SAIDI	8.19	3.36	1.64	6.67	2.95	0.0020172	Interruption DURATION / average for every member (hrs)
SAIFI	2.56	1.33	1.02	1.10	1.09	0.04	Interruption FREQUENCY / Average # of Interruptions per customer
CAIDI	3.20	2.53	5.60	6.07	2.71	0.05	Customer Avg Interruption Duration Index - IF you are out, how long (hrs).
ASAI	99.91%	99.96%	99.94%	99.92%	99.97%	99.99%	Average Service Availability Index

- Credit Card records. (Are available for the Boards review.)
- General Manager Expense Report.
 1. March 17, , Ness City Hall visit and Ness City Rotary (\$ 46.40)
 2. March 18, Sunflower Board meeting, Hays (\$163.85).
- General Manager Per Diem Requests. None.

Departments / Sections. (Notable items are below. Full reports for all sections are posted in Call to Order).

- All Staff are developing their 2026 Projects as well as maintaining current technical and supervisory training programs.

1) Accounting and Finance.

- Operating Margin = \$192,215 with \$156,253 YTD.
- Total Margin = \$206,866 with \$196,782 YTD.
- Cash Balance – \$6,546,045.
- Rolling 12-month Metrics remain very good:
 - TIER – 2.59 (1.25 min.), OPTIER – 2.27 (1.1 min.), DSC – 2.81 (1.25 min.), ODSC – 2.62 (1.1 min.), MDSC – 2.75 (1.35 min.)
 - Equity as a % of Assets – 43.6% and as a % of Capitalization – 46.08%
 - Current Ratio – 2.65%

2) Operations Report (Dal).

- Projects
 - Construction
 - Oneok – Scott Park, 6MW and 8 miles 115kV transmission (2026 energize). Substation and Transmission line are near completion. Distribution to the member is under construction. This project is about 95% complete.
 - Tallgrass – 15MW, 6 miles 115kV transmission (2027 energize). Contract negotiations underway between Sunflower and Tallgrass related to materials purchasing and delivery. We will use Sunflower as our construction general contractor. This project has not moved and is about 2% along.
 - Shallow water – 2 to 8MW, 2-3 miles 115kV transmission (2027-2028 energize). The low side of the project is needed to serve LSEC. WE are looking for an alternative construction general contractor. This is in concept stage.
 - Tallgrass 2 – 30MW, 1-mile 115kV transmission. Materials negotiations have begun. We intend to use Sunflower as our construction general contractor.
 - Planning

- Long Range Plan (Finley Engineering). This project is about 90% completed and includes Sectionalizing Study (Finley Engineering). This project is looking at the Substations on the western side of the system (Manning, Scott Park, Twin Springs, Tallgrass, and Shallow Water) .
 - Grant Application. NRECA has announced that DOE has released funding for the second round of infrastructure grants. We are applying for about \$1.2MM in grants to harden the LSEC system and improve resiliency.
- Maintenance. Multiple maintenance projects across the LSEC system.
 - Repaired crossarm braces by Brian Mishler’s and north of Dighton.
 - Repaired broken jumpers on the John O. Farmer lease and Dighton City circuits.
 - Retired connects for Brookover Feeders, Monterey Production Co LLC, David Libberton and Danny Leger.
 - Installed cover up for Ward Electric.
 - Updated a meter loop in Healy.
 - Changed out an insulator on the Parker single-phase.
 - Changed out a bad transformer at Dick Potter’s.
 - De-energized two connects for members to do work on their side of the meter.
 - Repaired a phase floater on the east Norton circuit.
 - Measure line clearance for an oversize load traveling through our service territory.
 - Replaced an anchor at Darrel Drees’s water well.
- Pole Change Outs. Nine poles changed.
- Construction.
 - Built a mile of new 3-phase from the Scott Park substation to the McCarty Dairy.
 - Installed primary underground on circuits 1,2,3,6 for the Scott Park substation.
 - Completed the Riverside tie line.
- Engineering.
 - Assisted Jocelyn with taxing codes for meters and transformers.
 - Worked on transformer and conductor sizing for the Weskan Grain expansion.
 - Made projects as built in the mapping system.
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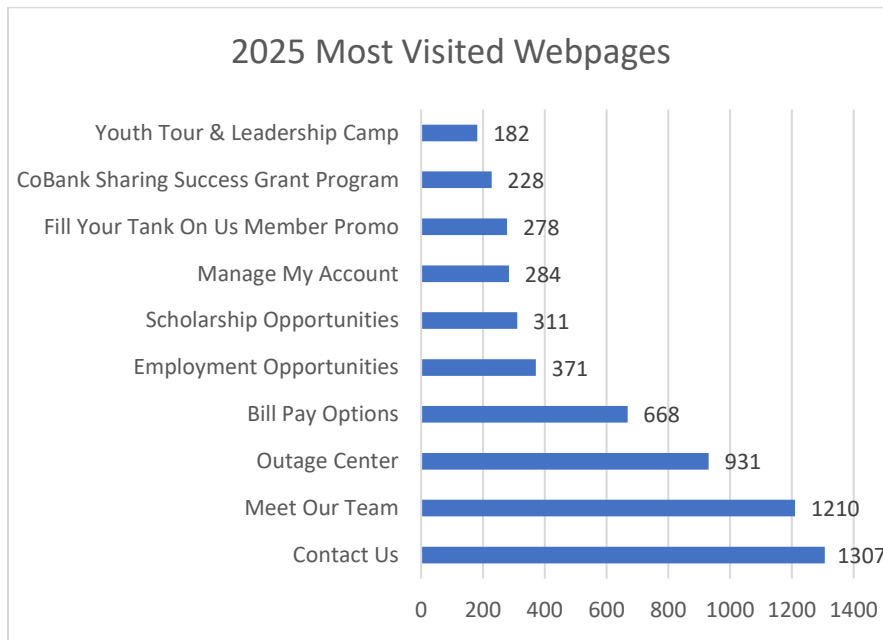
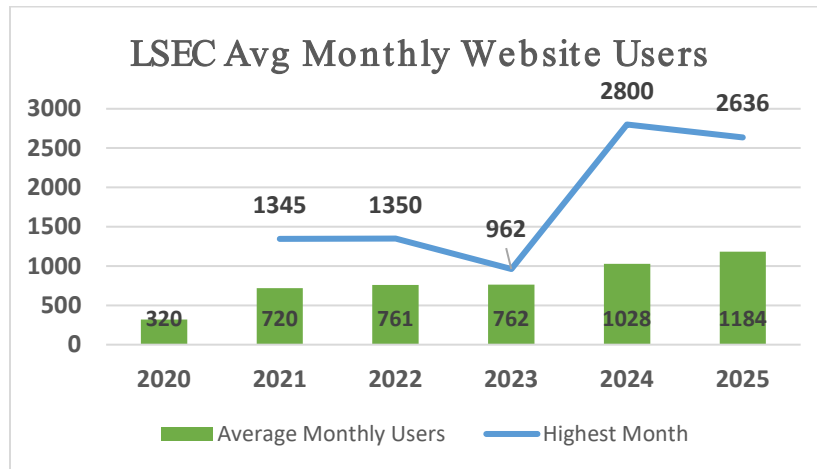
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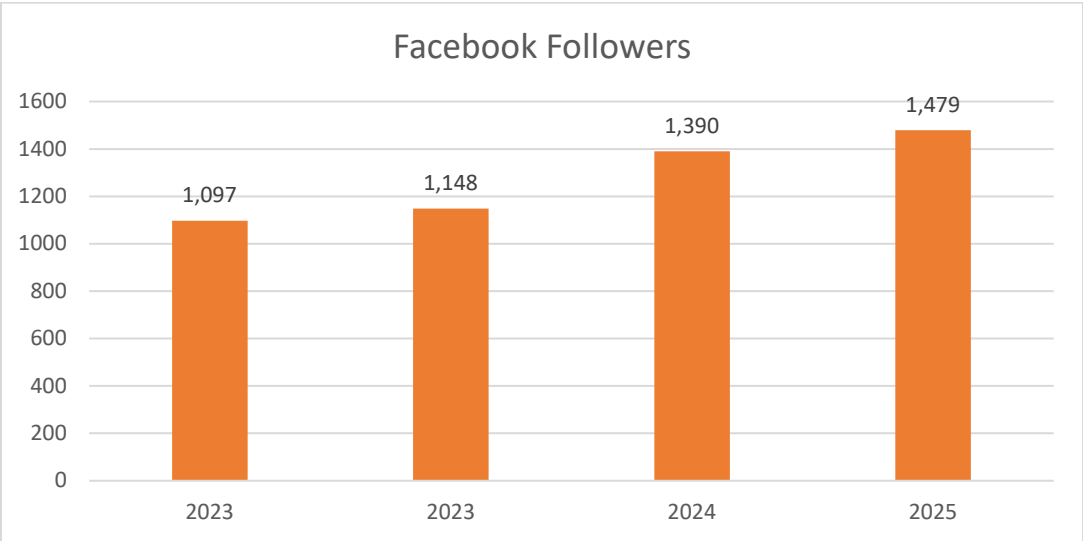
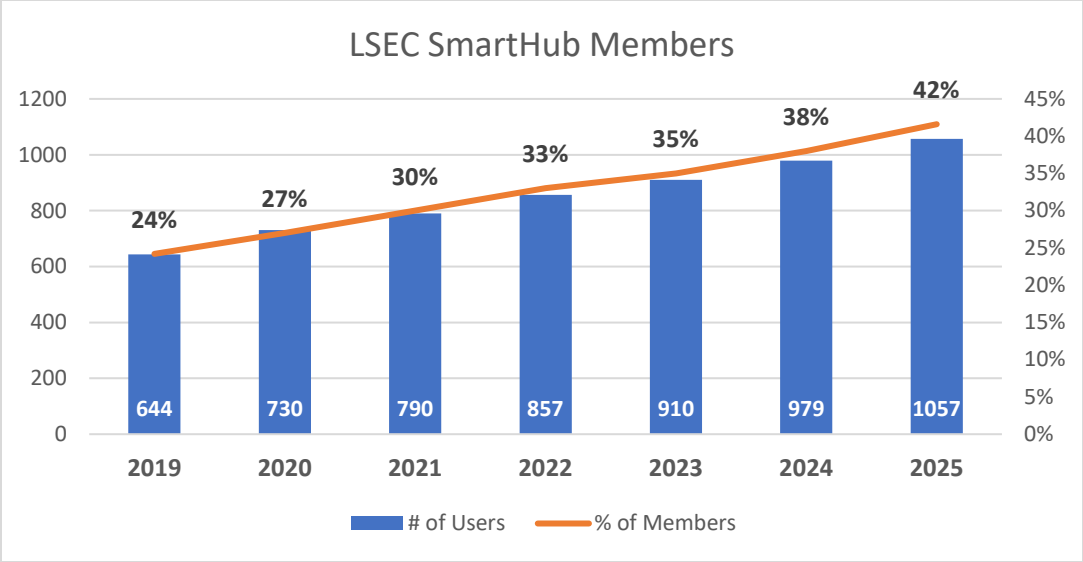
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- We are planning our 2026 Member Satisfaction Survey.
- Website demographics:





Respectfully submitted,

Richard McLeon, M.B.A., M.Sc.
 General Manager / CEO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATING REPORT
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION**

BORROWER DESIGNATION
KS0042

PERIOD ENDED February 2026

BORROWER NAME
The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.

INSTRUCTIONS - See help in the online application.

This information is analyzed and used to determine the submitter's financial situation and feasibility for loans and guarantees. You are required by contract and applicable regulations to provide the information. The information provided is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552)

CERTIFICATION

We recognize that statements contained herein concern a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States and the making of a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code Section 1001.

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY PART 1788 OF 7 CFR CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1718 OF 7 CFR CHAPTER XVII

(check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in Part D of this report.

DATE

PART A. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE			THIS MONTH (d)
	LAST YEAR (a)	THIS YEAR (b)	BUDGET (c)	
1. Operating Revenue and Patronage Capital	3,084,094	3,239,794	3,834,657	1,657,418
2. Power Production Expense				
3. Cost of Purchased Power	1,689,574	1,744,854	2,160,070	796,191
4. Transmission Expense				
5. Regional Market Expense				
6. Distribution Expense - Operation	127,997	172,100	223,671	124,259
7. Distribution Expense - Maintenance	170,815	206,821	228,413	90,960
8. Customer Accounts Expense	53,274	47,175	51,160	21,849
9. Customer Service and Informational Expense	12,970	11,047	16,560	5,940
10. Sales Expense	13,278	26,460	20,674	12,793
11. Administrative and General Expense	314,806	317,127	364,292	148,195
12. Total Operation & Maintenance Expense (2 thru 11)	2,382,714	2,525,584	3,064,840	1,200,187
13. Depreciation and Amortization Expense	343,253	348,310	397,497	174,575
14. Tax Expense - Property & Gross Receipts				
15. Tax Expense - Other				
16. Interest on Long-Term Debt	185,298	179,254	181,109	89,614
17. Interest Charged to Construction - Credit				
18. Interest Expense - Other	1,224	1,053	923	527
19. Other Deductions	1,689	29,340	3,524	300
20. Total Cost of Electric Service (12 thru 19)	2,914,178	3,083,541	3,647,893	1,465,203
21. Patronage Capital & Operating Margins (1 minus 20)	169,916	156,253	186,764	192,215
22. Non Operating Margins - Interest	44,499	28,009	43,011	13,684
23. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction				
24. Income (Loss) from Equity Investments				
25. Non Operating Margins - Other	(32,525)	12,520	15,993	967
26. Generation and Transmission Capital Credits	232,170			
27. Other Capital Credits and Patronage Dividends	5,332			
28. Extraordinary Items				
29. Patronage Capital or Margins (21 thru 28)	419,392	196,782	245,768	206,866

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PART B. DATA ON TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PLANT

ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE		ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE	
	LAST YEAR (a)	THIS YEAR (b)		LAST YEAR (a)	THIS YEAR (b)
1. New Services Connected	3	2	5. Miles Transmission		
2. Services Retired	2	17	6. Miles Distribution – Overhead	2,030.02	2,031.40
3. Total Services in Place	6,065	6,084	7. Miles Distribution - Underground	9.17	9.61
4. Idle Services (Exclude Seasonals)	350	394	8. Total Miles Energized (5 + 6 + 7)	2,039.19	2,041.01

PART C. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS		LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	
1. Total Utility Plant in Service	66,165,605	30. Memberships	0
2. Construction Work in Progress	1,340,446	31. Patronage Capital	23,743,713
3. Total Utility Plant (1 + 2)	67,506,051	32. Operating Margins - Prior Years	1,508,833
4. Accum. Provision for Depreciation and Amort.	25,317,651	33. Operating Margins - Current Year	156,254
5. Net Utility Plant (3 - 4)	42,188,400	34. Non-Operating Margins	3,763,035
6. Non-Utility Property (Net)	0	35. Other Margins and Equities	290,013
7. Investments in Subsidiary Companies	255,487	36. Total Margins & Equities (30 thru 35)	29,461,848
8. Invest. in Assoc. Org. - Patronage Capital	12,951,134	37. Long-Term Debt - RUS (Net)	0
9. Invest. in Assoc. Org. - Other - General Funds	445,461	38. Long-Term Debt - FFB - RUS Guaranteed	28,480,828
10. Invest. in Assoc. Org. - Other - Nongeneral Funds	221,958	39. Long-Term Debt - Other - RUS Guaranteed	0
11. Investments in Economic Development Projects	0	40. Long-Term Debt Other (Net)	3,800,815
12. Other Investments	5,501	41. Long-Term Debt - RUS - Econ. Devel. (Net)	0
13. Special Funds	0	42. Payments – Unapplied	0
14. Total Other Property & Investments (6 thru 13)	13,879,541	43. Total Long-Term Debt (37 thru 41 - 42)	32,281,643
15. Cash - General Funds	250,348	44. Obligations Under Capital Leases - Noncurrent	0
16. Cash - Construction Funds - Trustee	100	45. Accumulated Operating Provisions and Asset Retirement Obligations	0
17. Special Deposits	25	46. Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities (44 + 45)	0
18. Temporary Investments	6,073,614	47. Notes Payable	0
19. Notes Receivable (Net)	0	48. Accounts Payable	912,390
20. Accounts Receivable - Sales of Energy (Net)	1,464,315	49. Consumers Deposits	176,113
21. Accounts Receivable - Other (Net)	121,253	50. Current Maturities Long-Term Debt	1,610,168
22. Renewable Energy Credits	0	51. Current Maturities Long-Term Debt - Economic Development	0
23. Materials and Supplies - Electric & Other	859,092	52. Current Maturities Capital Leases	0
24. Prepayments	149,044	53. Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	716,882
25. Other Current and Accrued Assets	47,831	54. Total Current & Accrued Liabilities (47 thru 53)	3,415,553
26. Total Current and Accrued Assets (15 thru 25)	8,965,622	55. Regulatory Liabilities	0
27. Regulatory Assets	0	56. Other Deferred Credits	19,261
28. Other Deferred Debits	144,742	57. Total Liabilities and Other Credits (36 + 43 + 46 + 54 thru 56)	65,178,305
29. Total Assets and Other Debits (5+14+26 thru 28)	65,178,305		

Formulas - 12-month rolling average

Feb-26

RUS = 7 CFR § 1710.114

Equity - % of Assets

	43.36%
Margin + Equities - C36	28,245,923
Total Assets - C29	65,149,883

Distribution Equity

	29.61%
Margin + Equities - C36	28,245,923
Total Assets - C29	65,149,883
Patronage Capital - C8	12,719,433

Equity - % of Capitalization

	46.08%
Current Equity - C36	28,245,923
Current LT Debt - C43	33,055,269

Current Ratio

	2.65
TI, C & A Assets - C26	9,305,424
TI C & A Liabilities - C54	3,513,340

General Funds Level

	10.60%
Non Utility Property - C6	-
Invest in Assoc, Other GF - C9	445,461
Other Invest. - C12	5,501
Special Funds - C13	-
Cash Gen. Funds - C15	192,937
Temporary Investments - C18	6,402,551
Prepayments Unapplied - C42	-
Total Utility Plant - C3	66,458,767

Cash to Debt

	20.62%
Cash Gen. Funds - C15	192,937
Temporary Investments - C18	6,402,551
CFC CTC's - Stat Report	221,958
Current LT Debt - C43	33,055,269

Financial Reporting Ratios

TIER

RUS = 1.25

2.59

Net Income - A29	147,143
Interest on LT Debt- A16	92,466

DSC

RUS = 1.25

2.81

Depreciation - A13	172,826
Interest on LT Debt- A16	92,466
Pat. Cap. or Margins - A29	147,143
Prin. & Int. Pymts - N, d Total	146,870

MDSC

CFC - 1.35

2.75

Depreciation - A13	172,826
Interest on LT Debt- A16	92,466
Operating Income - A21	117,779
Non-Op Margins - Int - A22*	19,222
Patronage Capital - C8	12,719,433
Pat Cap Cash Calc	2,083
Prin. & Int. Pymts - N, d Total	146,870
LT Lease Calculation*	-
if C44 > 0.02 C36	-

Operating TIER

RUS - 1.1

2.27

Operating Income - A21	117,779
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2.62

Operating Income - A21	117,779
Depreciation - A13	172,826
Interest on LT Debt- A16	92,466
Patron. Refund from G&T, other - A26+A27	2,083
Prin. & Int. Pymts - N, d Total	146,870
Interest on LT Debt- A16	92,466
LT Debt - other - C40	4,028,641
sum A16+C40	4,121,108

Operations Report February 2026

- Maintenance
 - Refused transformers and side taps.
 - Worked locate tickets in Ness and Scott Counties.
 - Repaired lights system wide.
 - Changed out bad meters.
 - Monthly substation inspections.
 - Repaired crossarm braces by Brian Mishler's and north of Dighton.
 - Repaired broken jumpers on the John O. Farmer lease and Dighton City circuits.
 - Retired connects for Brookover Feeders, Monterey Production Co LLC, David Libberton and Danny Leger.
 - Installed cover up for Ward Electric.
 - Updated a meter loop in Healy.
 - Changed out an insulator on the Parker single-phase.
 - Changed out a bad transformer at Dick Potter's.
 - De-energized two connects for members to do work on their side of the meter.
 - Repaired a phase floater on the east Norton circuit.
 - Measure line clearance for an oversize load traveling through our service territory.
 - Replaced an anchor at Darrel Drees's water well.
- Pole Change Outs
 - Changed out 4, double circuit poles along Hwy 4.
 - Changed out 4, burnt poles on the Kendal tap caused by the Finney County fire.
 - Changed out 1, transformer pole on the Mishler tap.
- New Construction
 - Built a mile of new 3-phase from the Scott Park substation to the McCarty Dairy.
 - Installed primary underground on circuits 1,2,3,6 for the Scott Park substation.
 - Completed the Riverside tie line.
- Engineering
 - Assisted Jocelyn with taxing codes for meters and transformers.
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Substation NCP and CP from Sunflower Determinants

NCP KW			2026												NCP % capacity (kW/kVa)
Substation	Recorder ID	Substation capacity (kVa)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Beeler	SF02 BEELER	28000	7,177	7,844											28.0%
Dighton 14400	SF02 DIGH14400	28000	5,229	5,133											18.7%
Dighton 7200	SF02 DIGH7200	22400	2,620	2,290											11.7%
Manning	SF02 MANNING	25000	5,561	4,706											22.2%
Manning B	SF02 MANNINGB	7500	-	-											0.0%
LS Seaboard	SF02 SEABOARD	billing	340	336											
Twin Springs 14000	SF02 TSPRGS14	11300	337	256											3.0%
Twin Springs 7200	SF02 TSPRGS72	11300	166	133											1.5%
Dighton WAPA	SFWP DIGHTON	billing	154	137											
Dighton - West	SF02 DIGHTCTYW	1500	469	400											31.3%
Dighton - North	SF02 DIGHTCTYN	1500	446	423											29.7%
Dighton - South	SF02 DIGHTCTYS	1500	622	429											41.5%
City of Dighton	SFS2 DIGHCTY	billing	1,332	1,110											
Alexander 115 Sub	MK02 ALEXAN	20000	1,601	1,265											8.0%
Ness City 115 Sub	MK02 NESS115	20000	3,384	3,544											17.7%
LSEC Billing NCP	time		12:00	14:00											
	date		1/17	2/20											
Non-Coincidental Peak		178000	29,438	28,006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.5%
last year:			29,012	29,081	27,803	27,278	27,611	38,230	46,111	38,369	39,878	31,952	24,004	25,216	

CP KW			2026												CP % capacity (kW/kVa)
Substation	Recorder ID	Substation capacity (kVa)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Beeler	SF02 BEELER	28000	5,216	5,994											21.4%
Dighton 14400	SF02 DIGH14400	28000	4,660	3,962											16.6%
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Alexander 115 Sub	MK02 ALEXAN	20000	1,480	1,208											7.4%
Ness City 115 Sub	MK02 NESS115	20000	2,913	2,153											14.6%
Sunflower System CP	time		13:00	8:00											
	date		1/23	2/5											
Sum of CP		173500	21,858	20,090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.6%
last year:			23,406	22,125	20,003	21,921	21,864	28,397	29,851	28,514	26,330	24,440	20,661	20,748	

City of Dighton NCP			2026												NCP % capacity (kW/kVa)
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City of Dighton	SFS2 DIGHCTY	billing	1,332	1,110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Coincidental Peak		4500	1,537	1,252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34.2%
last year:			2,400	1,962	406	359	473	645	774	792	635	523	306	388	

Sunflower Billing Summary			2026												CPKW
Substation	Recorder ID	Substation capacity (kVa)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
City of Dighton @ 2% Subtract from WHM			1,486	983											
Demand 1		178000	20,372	19,107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.4%
Demand 2 NCP		178000	21,801	21,785											12.2%
Energy purchased			13,693,641	12,234,954											

CYBERSECURITY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

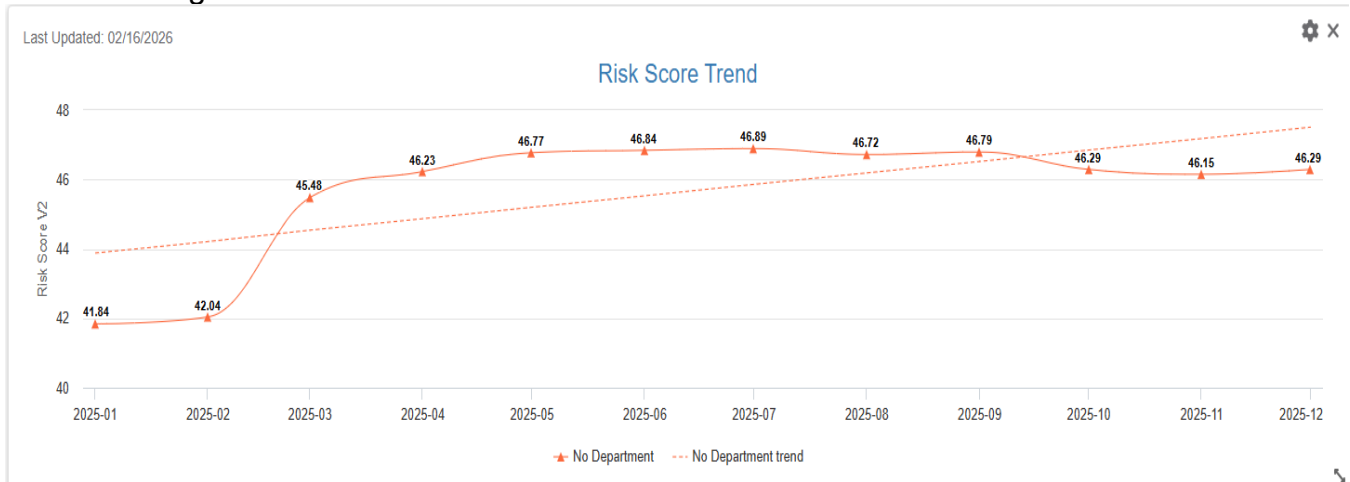
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Cybersecurity

- **Testing Results: 2025 KnowBe4 Risk Assessment Score**



Medium

Risk Score: 46.9



i Your Risk Score Explained

- KnowBe4 Recommendation

Recommendations

- Your biggest risk area is Email Security. We recommend assigning targeted training for this security type.
- New employees are impacting your score. Be sure to assign a foundational training module to introduce them to the cyber threat landscape. [Learn more about the new employee bias.](#)
- Action Plan:

The plan is to improve environmental risk by training users that are the frontline cybersecurity defense. The object is to reduce and ensure that emerging threats are identified, and users can identify email threats and handle them appropriately.

 1. **Foundational Training:** Sent to all new employees and trustees that have not previously received a foundational cybersecurity training course in the past.
 2. **Quarterly Training:** Resume quarterly cybersecurity training for all users.
 3. **Phishing Email Simulation Testing:** Continue testing for email handling reporting for all users.
 4. **Job Specific:** Provide any specialty cybersecurity training as needed.
 5. **Clickers Training:** Additional training for individuals who clicked on a phishing test and could have put the company at risk.

Information Technology

- KEC IT & Cybersecurity Committee meeting planning.
- NRECA IT Leadership Program
- Cathy Domsch Time and Project Management Training Program
- Rainmaker Leadership Training
- 2026 Project planning and scheduling.
- Review SmartHub programming.
- Miscellaneous User Technical Assistance

Communications & Member Service Board Report – March 2026

1. Nominating Committee List – **For Approval** (Need a new member for Scott/Logan)

Lane/Gove
Jay Schmalzried
Lex Bush
Ben Cramer (most likely unable to attend)

Finney/Hodgeman
Dan Wehkamp
Doug Vieux

Logan/Scott
John Beaton
Vacant

Ness/Rush
Lane Copeland
Kenney Schlegel

2. Annual Meeting: **For Board Approval**

Quote from John Ross: \$17.00 / plate or \$20.50 / plate with ice cream option

Pulled Pork

Sliced Sausage

Cheesy Spuds

Louie Beans

Creamy Cucumber Salad

Spicy Slaw

Watermelon

Kettle Chips

Additional Options:

Fatboy Casserole (layered ice cream, chocolate, caramel & toppings) - \$3.50

or

Homemade Ice Cream - \$3.50

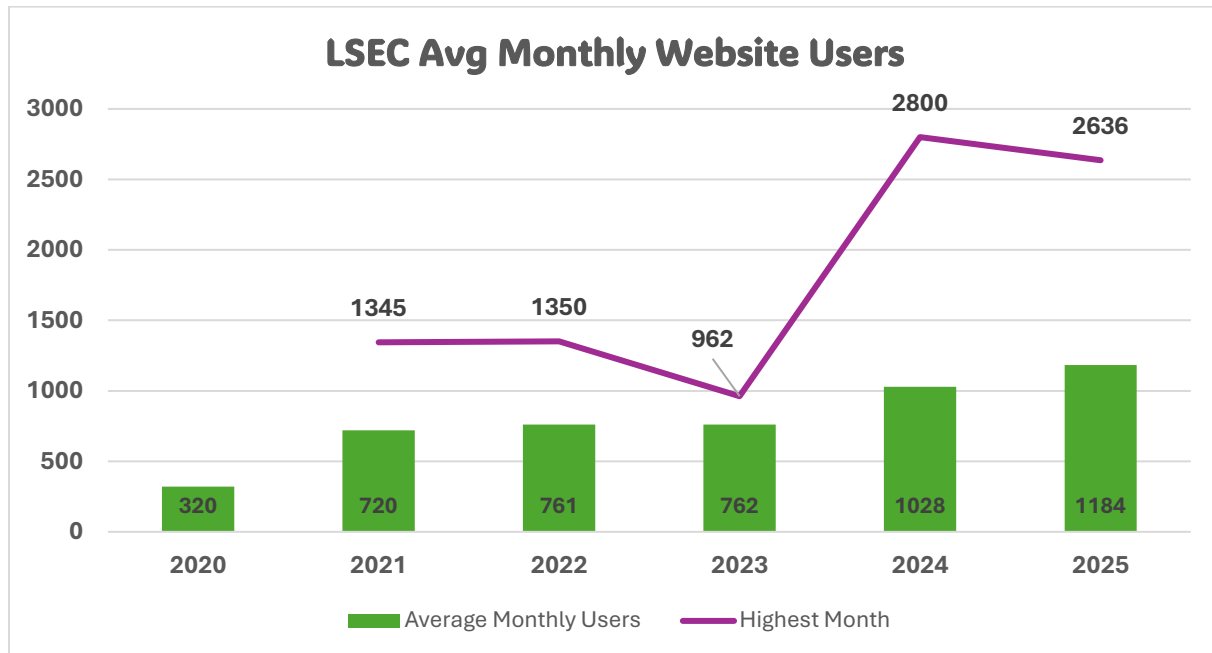
3. Annual Meeting Gift: Enamel & stainless steel camping mug with Lane-Scott 85 Year customized logo (this is not an exact graphic – for mock-up purposes only).



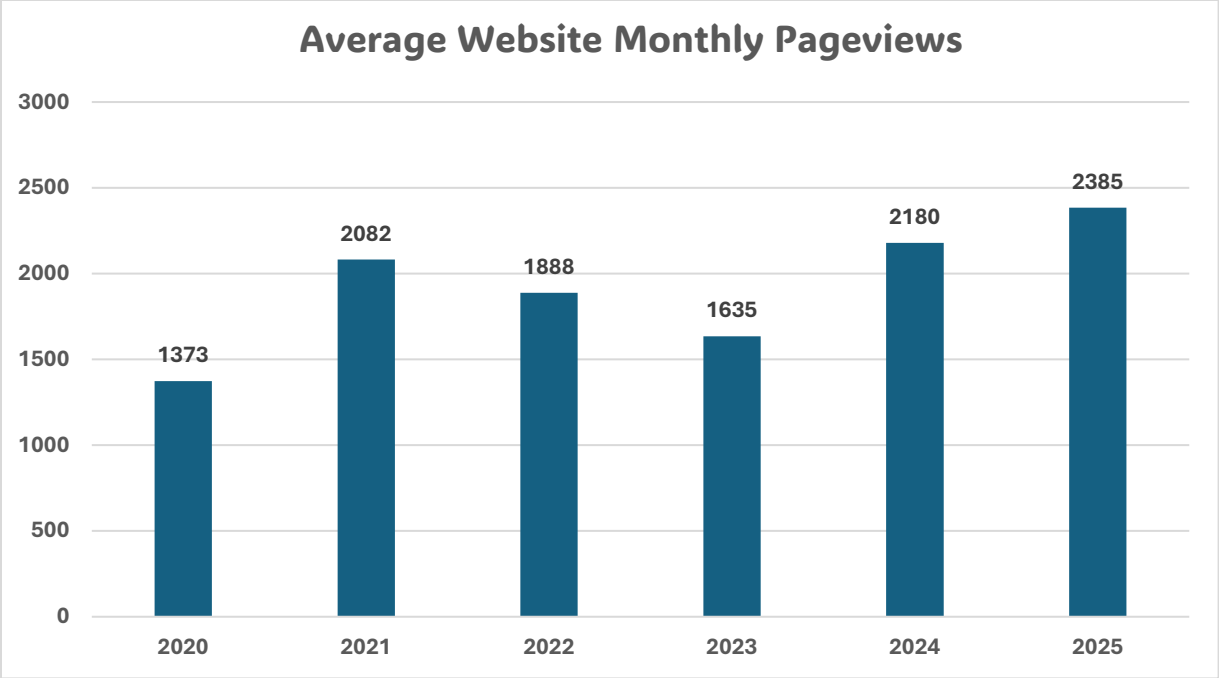
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9. Member Satisfaction Survey: We will have a survey go out this spring. I have started the process with Inside Information.
10. I'm working on getting a Mission Statement sign for the lobby.
11. Typically, at the March board meeting I give an update on SmartHub, Website & Social Media statistics:

Lane-Scott Electric Website User Data



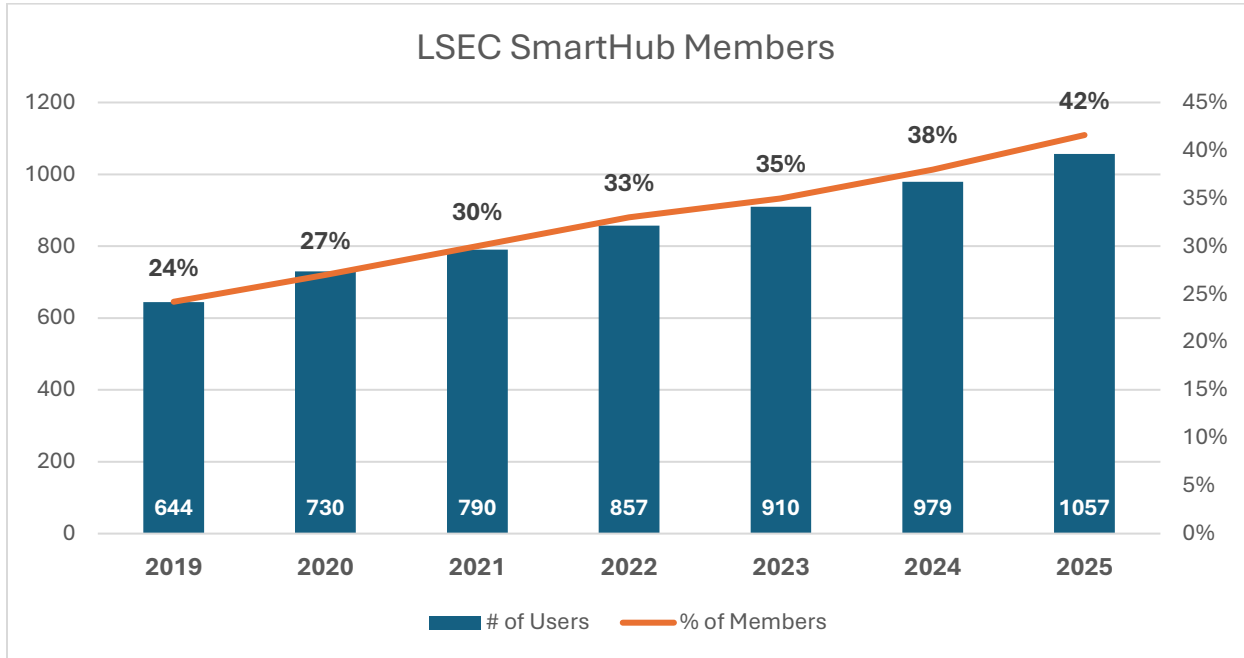
Users are defined as the total number of active users per specified time frame.



Pageviews are calculated based on the total number of pageviews a website receives during a specific timeframe. In 2025 the average number of monthly pageviews was 2,385.

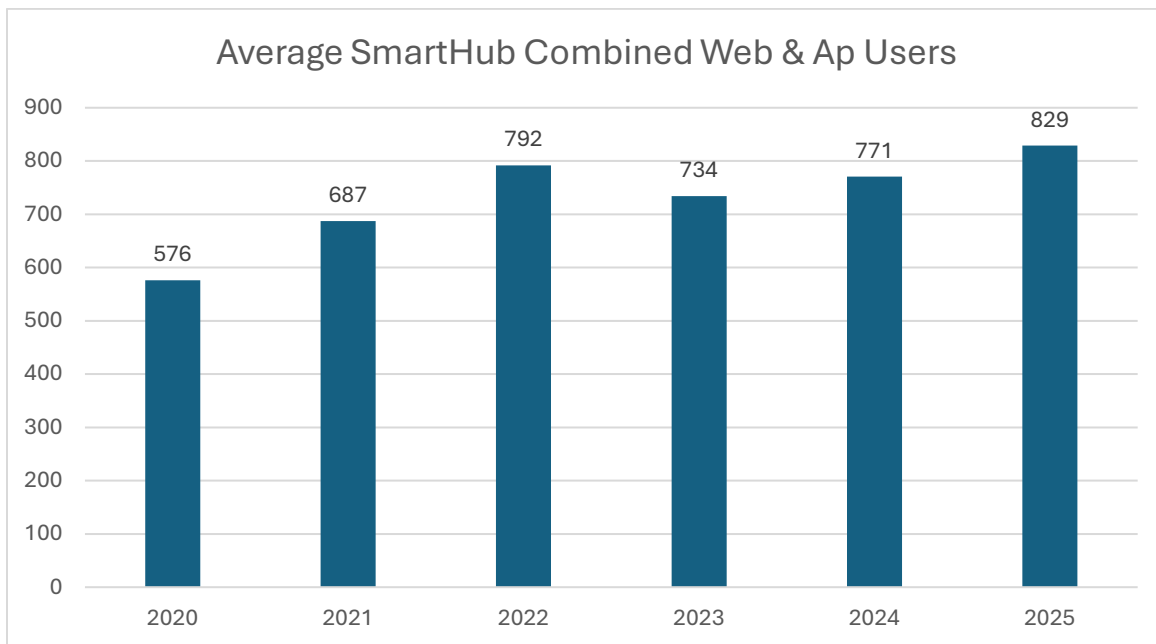


SmartHub User Data



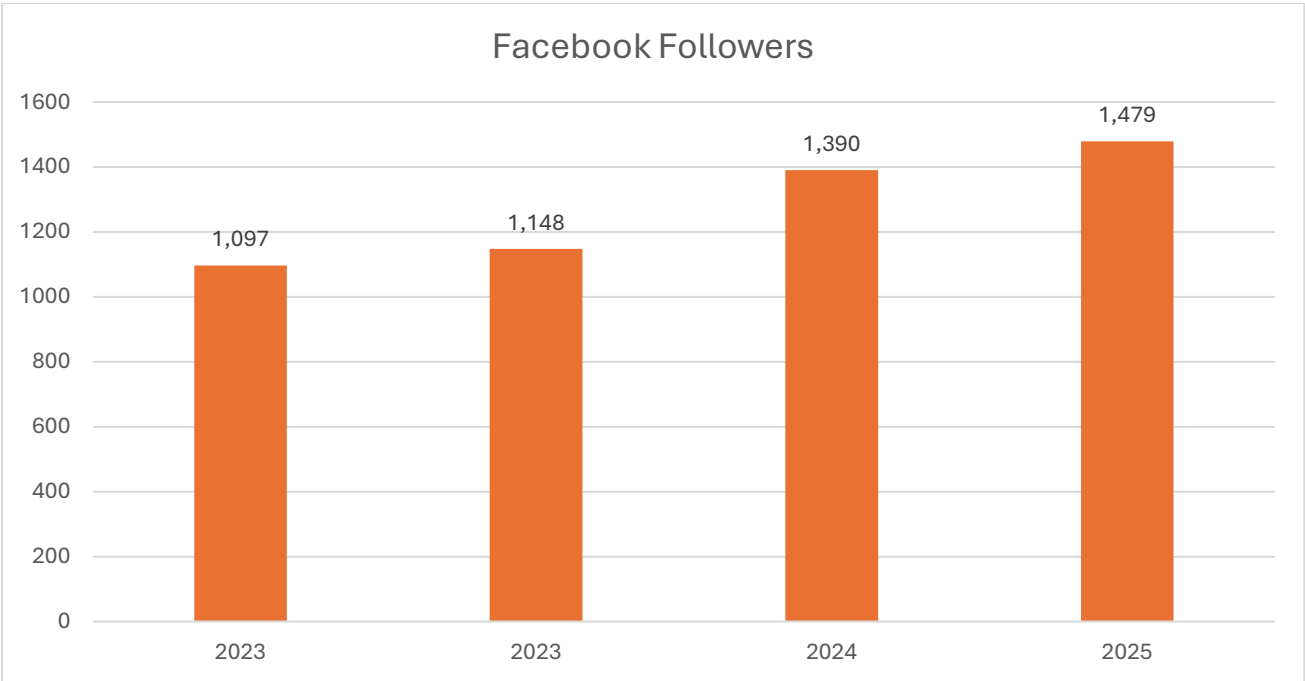
This is the total number of members who have an active SmartHub account.

42% of our members now have a SmartHub account.



This report is pulled from Google Analytics and tracks the members who actively use the SmartHub website or app. This is the monthly average for the year.

Social Media



March Board Meeting – Human Resources Report-February Duties

Normal monthly duties include: employee assistance, customer service, payroll, FLSA reports, payroll taxes, 401(k) distributions, Health Insurance, Group Insurance, and RS distributions.

1. Completed CMS disclosure for BCBS.
2. Ran the annual dependent census for BCBS.
3. Completed the end of month Labor Distribution Report
4. Work with staff on the Active Shooter Plan.
5. Zoom meeting with Bruce Tulgan covering “27 Challenges Managers Face”.
6. Completed and submitted the Compliance One and No Time Lost reports.
7. Scheduled training and reservations for employees and directors.
8. Sent out electronic evaluations to employees with an anniversary hire date in March and their supervisors.
9. Set up hearing tests for employees.
10. Prepared office work calendar for office Staff.
11. Filed the 1094-B and 1095-B forms with the IRS.

Other Job Duties:

1. Completed my portion of the Property Tax report.
2. Completed & Submitted Sales and Use Tax
3. Compiled audit paperwork for the auditors.

February Warehouse Report

Total Inventory Dollars on Hand for February:

Line Material--\$523,271

Inventory Turns—0.914

Resale Material--\$231,717

Inventory Turns—0.640

Generac Update:

The guys installed 4 generators in February, making it a great month. We have 2 estimates that will be followed up in March and another 4 that need to be completed as time allows. February services were completed and a few service calls were received. This continues to be a growing segment of the Retail department.

Electrician Update:

Michael remained very busy in February and did a good job staying on top of the calls. We have multiple estimates for future work, and he was able to finish a couple larger jobs. The Circle C grain bin build is progressing and looks like it will be finished in March.

Line Material:

We haven't seen any big changes for line material in the first two months of this year, which is good. There have been some price increases, but it seems to remain stable. There are a few items still on back order for the Scott Park Sub, but other than those, lead times aren't terrible yet either. Our stock is currently at good levels so we will be able to weather any storms that may come our way.

10. a. 2026 LSEC Annual Meeting Caterer

We have used John Ross for several years without incident. He has worked well with us and is a crowd pleaser, so we did not solicit further bids.

Last year, meals, taxes, and tip (15%) totaled \$11,256 with 435 plates served (\$25.88 per plate total). We pay for a minimum of 500 plates. This year he has provided the following bid: \$17.00 / plate or \$20.50 / plate with ice cream option. This is a \$0.50 increase per plate from last year or \$250 for 500 plates.

The recommended menu is:

- Pulled Pork
- Sliced Sausage
- Cheesy Spuds
- Louie Beans
- Creamy Cucumber Salad
- Spicy Slaw
- Watermelon
- Kettle Chips

Additional Options:

Fatboy Casserole (layered ice cream, chocolate, caramel & toppings) - \$3.50

or

Homemade Ice Cream - \$3.50

Staff Recommends that the Board approve John Ross as the caterer at the \$20.50 per plate level.

10. b. 2026 LSEC Annual Meeting Gift

The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative was founded in 1941, making this the 85th year of the Cooperative. That's something we would like to celebrate.

Every year, Ann Marie has identifies several gift options and asks employees to vote on a preference. This year, the employees selected an enamel & stainless-steel camping mug with a "Lane-Scott 85 Year" customized logo (this is not an exact graphic – for mock-up purposes only).



The estimated cost will be \$8.00 per mug, and we anticipate ordering about 500 mugs (\$4,000). Last year we spent \$5,610.55 on Solar power banks and Child ID kits.

The employees of the cooperative request that the Board approve the camping mug as the 2026 Annual Meeting gift.

10. c. 2026 LSEC Nominating Committee

The 2026 general election timeline is:

1. February 23 – Incumbent Trustees are asked to notify the coop as soon as possible whether they intend to run for re-election.
2. February 27 – The LSEC Board is asked to review / submit names for the 2026 Nominating Committee.
3. March 23 – The LSEC Board of Trustees approves the Nominating Committee
4. April 24 – last day for members to submit application for Trustee election.
5. April 27 – Nominating Committee meets and recommends a candidate slate for the 2026 Board of Trustees election. Their recommendation is posted as per the Bylaws.
6. June 10± - Open balloting begins.
7. July 14 – Annual Meeting and Trustee elections.

The Nominating Committee meeting is on Apr. 27 at 6:30 prior to the board meeting. The 2026 Nominating Committee membership for approval is:

- Jay Schmalzried Lane/Gove
- Lex Bush Lane/Gove
- Ben Cramer Lane/Gove

- Dan Wehkamp Finney/Hodgeman
- Doug Vieux Finney/Hodgeman

- Chad Griffith Logan/Scott
- John Beaton Logan/Scott

- Lane Copeland Ness/Rush
- Kenney Schlegel Ness/Rush

Staff Recommends that the Board approve the above members for the 2026 Nominating Committee.

10. d. Tariff Amendment

The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative Board approved the Wildfire Mitigation Plan at the February 2026 Board of Trustee meeting. This plan included a provision for an emergency Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) which is a Disconnection Without Notice. This Tariff amendment inserts PSPS language into the 2022 Tariff in Section III. Service Rules and Regulations, subsection J. Discontinuance of Service, Item 3. Disconnection Without Notice as subitem “h.” The Proposed Amendment reads as follows:

- h. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).
 - i. LSEC will consider de-energizing a portion of its system in response to a known public safety issue, or in response to a request from an emergency management/response agency. Any de-energizing of the lines will be performed in coordination with key local partner agencies, but the final determination is made by LSEC. The Cooperative will re-energize when the public is no longer in danger and the de-energized portion of the system has been inspected for safe re-energization.
 - ii. LSEC will de-energize a portion of its system in response to an appropriate de-energize order from a governing regulatory authority. The cooperative will re-energize upon appropriate authorization after the de-energized portion of the system has been inspected for safe re-energization.

Subitem h.,i. is taken directly from two parts of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan and recognizes that the cooperative “...will consider...” de-energizing power lines. The first sentence of subitem h.,ii. reflects the potential for an appropriate government body to legally order us to de-energize and our compliance with that lawful order.

The Staff recommends that the Board approve this amendment as presented.

- d. Failure to pay a deposit as required by this tariff; or
 - e. Failure of a guarantor to pay the amount guaranteed in the written, executed agreement that allows for disconnection of the guarantor's service, or
 - f. Upon the quicker of ten (10) days written notice when member is proved to have misrepresented his or her identity for the purpose of obtaining electric service; or
 - g. Upon ten (10) days written notice, when member refuses to grant the Cooperative access for reasonable purpose (e.g., line inspection, meter reading, tree trimming, maintenance, retirement, replacement, etc.).
3. DISCONNECTION WITHOUT NOTICE. Service may be disconnected without notice for any of the following reasons:
- a. Where a known dangerous condition exists, and for as long as the condition exists. Where reasonable, given the nature of the hazardous condition, a written statement providing notice of disconnection and the reason therefor will be posted at the place of common entry or upon the front door of each affected residential unit as soon as possible after service has been disconnected; or
 - b. Where service is connected without authorization by a person who has not made application for service; or
 - c. Where service was reconnected without authority after termination for nonpayment; or
 - d. Where there has been tampering with the Cooperative's equipment or evidence of theft of service.
 - e. Failure to make payment according to a due date extension agreement.
 - f. Installation of behind the meter generation without a Cooperative inspected and approved automatic disconnect switch.
 - g. Abandonment of service.
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 - ii. **LSEC will de-energize a portion of its system in response to an appropriate de-energize order from a governing regulatory authority. The cooperative will re-energize upon appropriate authorization after the de-energized portion of the system has been inspected for safe re-energization.**
1. INSUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR DISCONNECTION. Cooperative service may not be disconnected for any of the following reasons:
- a. Delinquency in payment for electric service by a previous occupant of the premises that is unrelated to the current occupant;
 - b. Failure to pay the account of another member as guarantor thereof, unless the Cooperative has in writing the guarantee as a condition precedent to service; or
 - c. Failure to pay charges arising from an under billing due to any faulty metering unless the meter has been tampered with or unless such under-billing charges are due under this tariff.
2. EFFECT ON MEMBERSHIP STATUS. Any member who is disconnected for a delinquent bill or any other violation of these terms and conditions will no longer be considered a member. When reconnecting service, the member will be required to initiate a new membership contract as per these Rules and Regulations if the account is disconnected over twelve (12) months.
3. RECONNECTION OF SERVICE. As soon as is practicable, after the disconnecting condition has been remedied and appropriate fees paid, the Cooperative shall restore service. The Cooperative may refuse to restore service until equipment has been repaired, replaced or appropriate anti-theft devices installed.

10. e. 2026-2029 LSEC Strategic Plan

The Board of Trustees and General Manager / CEO of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Lane-Scott EC or cooperative) met at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Dighton, Kansas on January 7-8, 2026, to perform a Strategic Planning exercise. The session was facilitated by CFC’s Jim Gossett and assisted by Regional VP Mike Lewis. The purpose of the exercise was to identify, prioritize and develop strategic action items for the Cooperative to address over the next three years.

The Board discussed and recognized five strategic goals at the February 23, 2026, Board meeting. These goals were then presented to Staff to generate strategic objectives to accomplish each goal. The General Manager and Staff commits to present quarterly progress reports on each goal.

2026-2029 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives	
1 Continue to develop the Safety Program.	
	A. Create a Disaster Recovery Plan.
	B. Continuous recordkeeping improvement.
	C. Develop formal employee and public safety education program.
2 Develop a Building Facilities Plan.	
	A. Identify and effect necessary repairs, rebuild, or relocation of the Ness City office within budget.
	B. Identify and effect necessary repairs to comprehensive Dighton Headquarters within budget.
3 Develop a Long-Range Construction Plan.	
	A. Develop and implement a systemwide Sectionalizing Study Plan.
	B. Analyze current and future substations and prepare improvement recommendations and timeline.
	C. Analyze existing and potential circuits for construction or rebuild.
	D. Create maintenance, testing, and/or replacement plans for critical infrastructure.
4 Streamline data management.	
	A. Implement a data mining program or system.
	B. Develop and implement a data management program.
	C. Develop Disaster Recovery Plan.
	D. Develop an asset tracking and lifespan system.
	E. Continuous improvement in Operations and Engineering software.
5 Successful transition to a new General Manager.	
	A. Develop company-wide professional and section-specific technical
	B. Develop a Business Continuity Plan.
	C. Review and update Manager polices as necessary.
	D. Develop critical planning workbooks for Staff.
	E. Assist the Executive Search process by the Board of Trustees.

Each objective will be assigned to a specific Staff member for responsibility and accountability. There will be multiple specific components to each objective which will be developed for my approval.

It is understood that the General Managers evaluation will be largely based on progress toward these goals and that Staff evaluations will be largely based on progress toward the strategic objectives.

Staff recommends the proposed 2026-2029 Strategic Goals and Objectives for the Boards' approval.

10. f. Ness City Hospital fundraiser

The Ness City Hospital is presenting a community fundraiser on May 2, 2026. The goal is to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 for necessary structural repairs to the hospital. Much like Lane-Scott, the hospital needs roof repairs as well as plumbing and other structural repairs.

As one of the leading businesses in Ness County, I would like to participate at the \$2,500.00 level (8 tickets and a premier VIP reserved table). Representing Lane-Scott we would prioritize ticket distribution to:

1. Board Trustee and spouse
2. Gen. Manager and spouse
3. Ness City employee and spouse
4. Other employees and spouses

Staff Recommends that the Board approve a Gold \$2,500.00 sponsorship participation in the Ness County Hospital fundraiser.

From: [Shelby Hawkinson](#)
To: [Richard McLeon](#)
Subject: Dos de Mayo - Fiesta for Healthcare
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 1:29:27 PM
Attachments: [FIESTA FOR HEALTHCARE SPONSOR \(002\).docx](#)
[Screenshot 2026-02-19 144412.png](#)

You don't often get email from shelbyh@nchospital.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Richard,

I hope this message finds you well.

I was asked to send you over some information about our upcoming fundraiser!. This event is an important opportunity to bring our community together while raising funds to support much-needed infrastructure upgrades within our hospital facilities. We have not done a fundraiser for several years, so we are very excited! Looking back the last small fundraiser we did was hosting a golf tournament back in 2019!

Your sponsorship will directly impact the quality, safety, and efficiency of care we provide to families in our community. We are proud to serve this region, and with partners like you, we can continue strengthening and modernizing our facility for years to come. We are hoping to raise enough funds to help go towards major infrastructure upgrades like a new roof, plumbing and hvac and if not we plan to put it towards minor repairs / upgrading equipment.

Please find our sponsorship information attached. We would be honored to have your support and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to invest in the health of our community.

Warmly,

Shelby Hawkinson
Accounts Payable/HR Rep
shelbyh@nchospital.org
312 Custer, Ness City, KS 67560-1654
PHONE:785-798-2291 ex 261 FAX:785-798-2996



Dear R&R Dirtworks,

On behalf of our rural hospital, we are excited to announce our upcoming community fundraiser, Dos de Mayo: Fiesta for Healthcare, a lively piano event benefiting our local healthcare services on May 2nd 2026.

This event is designed to bring our community together for an evening of fun, music, and purpose — all while raising critical funds to support the care and services our hospital provides every day.

As a valued local business leader, we invite you to partner with us as a sponsor for this special event.

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000.00 which will directly support the Ness County Hospital. In rural healthcare, every dollar truly makes a difference. Your sponsorship will help ensure our neighbors, friends, and families continue receiving high-quality care close to home.

We are currently seeking sponsors at several levels, including:

Presenting Sponsor – \$4,000

- **Event named “Dos de Mayo: Fiesta for Healthcare presented by [Your Business]”**
- **Logo featured on all promotional materials, social media and website recognition**
- **Recognition from stage during the event**
- **8 Individual Tickets for the event**
- **Premier VIP reserved table for 8 guests with sponsor gift**
- **Chips & Salsa for your table**
- **8 Drink Tickets**
- **4 Song Request Tickets**
- **4 Entry to Sponsor Only Raffle. Exclusive entry. Incredible prize. Endless gratitude.**

Gold: \$2500

- **Logo featured on all promotional materials, social media and website recognition**
- **8 Individual Tickets for the event**
- **Premier VIP reserved table for 8 guests with sponsor gift**
- **Chips and Salsa for your table**
- **8 Drink Tickets**
- **2 Song Request Tickets**
- **2 Entry to Sponsor Only Raffle. Exclusive entry. Incredible prize. Endless gratitude.**

Silver: \$1000.00

- Logo featured on all promotional materials, social media and website recognition
- 6 Individual Tickets for the event
- VIP reserved table for 6 guests with sponsor gift
- Chips and Salsa for your table
- 6 Drink Tickets
- 1 Song Request Ticket
- 1 Entry to Sponsor Only Raffle. Exclusive entry. Incredible prize. Endless gratitude.

Bronze: \$500.00

- Logo featured on all promotional materials, social media and website recognition
- 4 Individual Tickets for the event
- 4 Drink Tickets
- 1 Entry to Sponsor Only Raffle. Exclusive entry. Incredible prize. Endless gratitude.

Sponsor: \$250.00

- Logo featured on all promotional materials, social media and website recognition
- 2 Individual Tickets to the event
- Sponsor Gift

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available, and we would be happy to customize a package that aligns with your business goals. If you would like to donate, any amount is very appreciated and your name or business will be recognized.

This event is expected to draw 150–200 community members, offering excellent visibility for your business while demonstrating your commitment to local healthcare.

We would be honored to partner with you to make this event a success and to continue strengthening healthcare in our community.

With Gratitude,

Richard Bergling

Richard Bergling, CEO
Ness County Hospital
312 Custer, Ness City, KS 67560-1654
PHONE: 785-798-2291 ex 253

SAFETY PROGRAM

- **Safety Monthly Summary:** Working with Carrie on Emergency Response Plan, working on items to be fixed from Safety Council Yearly Walk Thru. Setting objective goals for board strategic plan.
- Safety council assisted with Cathy Domsch Time and Project Management Training Program:
 - 1st meeting: Researched other resources and provided examples of active shooter disaster recovery templates, active shooter procedures, and state trooper recommendations to assist with project planning.
 - After 1st meeting: Documented workshop planning results, created project workflow, and an agenda plan from the team project building exercise to be reviewed at the 2nd meeting training session.
 - 2nd meeting: Realigned project goals and adjusted project direction. Then reviewed the agenda and workflow to determine adjustments needed.
 - After 2nd meeting: Created active shooter procedure from project building exercise for 3rd meeting review.

SAFETY PROJECTS **COMPLETED** AS OF February 2026

- Rubber gloves changed out.
- In House Safety Meeting, we discussed the KEC Safety Summary, reviewed and made changes to the Active Shooter Plan.

Ann Jennings's submitted report:

- Downed Power Lines: After the Storm Video-social media
- Downed Power Line: After an Accident-social media
- Overhead Line Safety: Look Up Before You Lift Ladder Safety- social media
- Fire Prevention: Flickering Lights Can Indicate an Electrical Problem-social media
- Secure Equipment Before a Storm-social media
- Consumer Protection Week-Cybersecurity- 3 Social Media Posts (Utility Call Scams, Protect Your Personal Accounts and passwords, Use Strong Unique Passwords& Avoid Suspicious links)

Diana Kuhlman submitted reports:

- Attended Monthly Safety Meeting.
- Coordinate Monthly Drug Testing.
- Submitted No- Time Loss Report to Federated and KEC.
- Participate in Active Shooter Mock Drill Planning.

SAFETY PROJECTS **IN PROGRESS** AS OF February 2026

1. Completed SafetyAmp Inspection digital form: Working on developing right of way permits, and overlength permits.
2. FCC radios: Looking into location for a tower south of McCracken to help with dead zones and redundancy on east side of LSEC system.

3. Safety Council Yearly Walk through items being repaired. 70% completed.

4. RESAP Onsite Observation.

- Sub Station Circuits are being identified.
- URD cables being identified and labeled. In Progress.
- Pad mount and switch cabinet signage in progress of being updated.
- Fixing items that were noted during KEC RESAP observation. 95% Completed.

LANE-SCOTT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
SAFETY MEETING
February 19th, 2026

Chris Terhune called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes were read: Minutes were reviewed. Dal Hawkinson made a motion to approve January 21st, 2026, minutes. Kevin Bradstreet seconded the motion.

Present: Richard McLeon, Dal Hawkinson, Chad Rupp, Chris Terhune, Myron Seib, Kevin Bradstreet, Dellon Shelton, Blake McVicker, Taylor Cable, Bailey Wells, Tad Eubanks, Scott Briand, Micheal Pollock, Boston Shimmer, Carrie Borell, Ann Jennings, Diana Kuhlman, Jocelyn Walker, Cindy Fuentes-Ummel, and Lillie Koehn.

Absent: Kasey Jenkinson, Ben Mann, and Nate Burns.

Guest:

Truck report of inspections:

105	Bailey Wells	OK
110	Dellon Shelton	OK
112	Taylor Cable	OK
123	Boston Shimmer	Needs a new fuel pump and windshield pit repaired.
132	Bailey Wells	OK
136	Taylor Cable	OK
143	Boston Shimmer	OK
145	Dal Hawkinson	OK
150	Kevin Bradstreet	OK
191	Boston Shimmer	OK
200	Bailey Wells	OK
201	Blake McVicker	OK
305	Dellon Shelton	OK
2401	Myron Seib	OK
2402	Chris Terhune	OK
2501	Nate Burns	OK
2502	Chad Rupp	Installing New Radio.
2503	Bailey Wells	Installing New Radio.

Trailer and Equipment report for inspections:

502	Myron Seib	OK
507	Myron Seib	OK
515	Myron Seib	OK
504	Myron Seib	OK
505	Chris Terhune	OK
508	Chris Terhune	OK
509	Chris Terhune	OK
513	Chris Terhune	OK
516	Chris Terhune	OK
517	Chris Terhune	OK
518	Boston Shimmer	OK
519	Boston Shimmer	OK
700	Chris Terhune	OK
701	Chris Terhune	OK
702	Chris Terhune	OK
703	Chris Terhune	OK
512	Myron Seib	OK
514	Boston Shimmer	OK

Warehouse, building, and pole yard inspections:

Ness City Warehouse	Myron Seib	OK
Ness Pole Yard & Transformer Dock	Myron Seib	OK
Warehouse	Boston Shimmer	OK
Pole Yard & Transformer Dock	Boston Shimmer	OK
Office	Diana Kuhlman	OK

Personal Tools: All Passed

Gloves Monthly Test Results: 2 gloves rejected due to ozone. Employee's #85, and #135.

Line Hoses Annual Test Results: All passed.

Blankets Annual Test Results: All Passed.

Sleeves Quarterly Test Results: Nothing to report.

Substation and Regulator Report: New Substation north of Scott City. The sub is named after Scott Park. All substation checks were completed. Over lease will be spraying substations for vegetation.

PCB Report: None to Report

Line Clearance: Reufanucht 1ph. Levet Slagle's Residence.

Accident and Near Misses: Large grass fire in Northeastern Finney County burned a total of 5-A-1's. Phase broke and fell to the ground causing a fire on the East Norton 3phase, only grass was burnt from this fire. Two broken A-5 's replaced in Ness County from Wind gusts. A Single car accident on Hwy 4 struck and broke C-8 structure. Only damage was to the pole and vehicle. Ness City Post Office had a delivery truck that snagged the neutral and broke the neutral, secondary voltage traveled through the broken neutral causing voltage on the neutral, equipment was damaged inside and on the outside of the building.

Good Catch Report: Kasey Jenkinson and Kevin Bradstreet heard a loud grinding noise on front right of truck #150. Upon inspection it was discovered that the front right wheel bearing was bad.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- ♦ **Richard McLeon:** The Lane-Scott Electric has received National recognition for being innovative in our industry. Richard presented a presentation for NRECA along in the breakout sessions. Two trustees also attended. Culture change was one among many other topics that were discussed. OSHA metrics have been reduced to zero over the last four years. Controlled outages reduced by 74 percent. Financials were discussed with an equity increase of 5 percent, with 7 million growth, and 4 million debt decrease. Retail is running in the black. IT has made major upgrades to our infostructure with mapping upgrades to help limit outage times. All of this is done from a team effort amongst everyone at LSE. Looking into options for Ness City Office relocation or rebuild. Discussed long range plan and how that breaks down into other plans at LSE. Sunflower is looking into upgrading their pole inspection process. Generator plant on order for Clifton Station.
- ♦ **Dal Hawkinson:** Reclosures for Scott Park substation are being installed, and settings programmed. Energizing substation transformers soon. One Oke should have electrical done in April. One Oke is also installing the transformer at the Beeler Pump Station. Tall Grass is ordering the transformer for the Canyon Sub. Working with Sunflower Electric for transmission logistics. Tallgrass is also wanting to add 30-Watt Meg load south of Dighton Lo Substation. Consultation with Sunflower Electric to see if load is obtainable. Wildfire Mitigation Plan is completed. Working with Woofter Construction on Dighton main office building repairs. All paperwork has been completed for Mark Nelson Grant and 1 to 1.2 million may be obtainable with approval of grant. FEMA windstorm is completed. We should receive \$220,000 for reimbursement. Weskan Grain is wanting to add load for new bin site amongst other new entities.
- ♦ **Cindy Fuentes-Ummel:** Cold weather rule will no longer be effective after March 15th, 2026. ACH sign up was sent out. Several members have signed up.
- ♦ **Carrie Borell:** KnowBe4 training courses have been sent out to employees.

- ♦ Ann Jennings: Annual meeting gift ideas will be sent out to employees for approval. Six applicants applied for the youth tour. Applicants will be notified of which 4 were selected. Smart Hub has 40% of members using it.
- ♦ Diana Kuhlman: Working on yearend cleanup.
- ♦ Myron Seib: Ward Electric is $\frac{3}{4}$ done with the Midwest 115 line. Switching line and deenergizing Alexander substation will be needed to complete pole replacement and reconductor of the line. Sunflower Electric Corporation would like to be notified if there are any fires that are close to their 115-transmission line.
- ♦ Chad Rupp: Asked if SmartHub could send out notifications to members or possibly work in conjunction with Lane County Emergency Management Department. Looking into water canons for putting out the base of burning poles.
- ♦ Chris Terhune: Reviewed KEC Safety Summary, discussed and reviewed Active Shooter Procedures.

Meeting adjourned.

Chris Terhune
Safety Coordinator

Carrie Borell
Safety Administrator