

# INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

2025 Annual Report



Mountrail-Williams  
Electric Cooperative

# Chairperson Report



**Bob Grant**  
Board Chairperson

Welcome to the 35th Annual Meeting of Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC).

Thirty-five years is an important milestone and one worth celebrating. What began as conversations between Mountrail Electric Cooperative Inc. and Williams Electric Cooperative Inc. led to a historic merger of what we now know as MWEC. Through long-term planning, the Board of Directors and membership knew

that coming together would better position our cooperative to afford and operate new emerging technologies needed by our membership. The merger of our two cooperatives became the first of its kind in North Dakota and the third in the nation. Looking back, it's clear that decision set our membership up for lasting success and put us in a stronger position to keep serving you for years to come.

Over the years, we've faced our share of challenges. I remember a time when farmers and ranchers struggled through a difficult economy, with many leaving the farms and ranches and some sadly experiencing bankruptcy. These were not easy times for our communities or our membership. Through it all, the diversity of two counties along with the strength of the cooperative network, helped us weather those challenges.

I always say that our greatest asset is our people and with more employees and crews we were able to focus on maintenance while also investing in infrastructure upgrades. What we didn't know at the time was that the oil boom would soon put that long-term planning to the test. But because we had already invested in infrastructure and planned ahead, we were ready for the unprecedented growth.

The pace of development required rapid expansion of infrastructure and careful coordination. Working together with organizations like HDR Engineering, Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO), National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), Upper Missouri Power Cooperative (UMPC), Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and many local businesses, we met the challenge. Strong relationships built on trust made it possible.

As oil and gas growth stabilized, we were able to focus on upgrading and rebuilding the system to meet the needs of today and tomorrow. We continue to follow our construction plans to keep the electrical system in strong shape and will make improvements as needed. As part of this long-term plan, we've built new offices in Williston and New Town, with Stanley coming online later this fall. The decision to build three fully functioning offices across our MWEC footprint, was made with expansion in mind, positioning your cooperative to meet the growing needs of its membership. Investments in substations, transmission lines, and distribution lines have already reduced the number of outages, shortened restoration times, and strengthened

reliability. All while experiencing very little change in the rates charged to the membership over the past 35 years.

This progress reflects long-term planning and execution, along with system improvements guided in part by Southwest Power Pool (SPP), the operator of the power grid from the Canadian border to Texas. Through processes like Notices to Construct (NTCs), we have been able to proactively strengthen our system and ensure it continues to meet the demands of today and tomorrow.

"Will electricity continue to be reliable and affordable into the future?" I believe these questions are driven by news articles and social media about the rising power demand of data centers and other large load industries without an understanding of the forecasting and planning to maintain a reliable grid. Adding a new load is complex and can be misunderstood. What we can assure you is that every request for power and our ability to serve it is carefully evaluated, no matter the size. Experts use load forecasts and system modeling to make sure the grid can handle new demand or identify when upgrades are needed—just as they've done through more than 20 years of growth.

I have confidence in that process. These are people working with the grid every day, using real data and experience to guide decisions on when and where to invest. In other words, while public policy has its place, decisions about the electric grid are best led by technical expertise and system planning, with a clear focus on long-term reliability for our members.

I encourage you to review the annual meeting booklet. Reading the reports from the department managers and listening to the reports tonight may bring up some questions for you. Please ask the questions tonight or jot them down to ask a board member or any of the staff at any time. We need and want your feedback to ensure we stay true to our purpose because MWEC exists for you, the membership.

We will continue Investing for the Future through strong leadership and dedicated employees who remain focused on improving how we serve you. Every investment and decision we make, and every mile of line we build is done with you in mind. Delivering safe, reliable, and affordable electricity is more than a catch phrase. It is our commitment to you every day. ■

# Agenda

- **Presentation of Colors**
- **National Anthem**
  - **Williston Children’s Choir**
- **Invocation**
- **Call to Order**
- **Member Quorum Report**
- **Notice of Annual Meeting and Mailing**
- **Annual Meeting Minutes**
- **Recognition of Guests**
- **Introduction of Directors**
- **Business Session**
  - **Director Candidates**
  - **Appointment of Tellers**
  - **Elections**
  - **Financial Report**
  - **Attorney Report**
- **Guest Speaker**
  - **Calli Thorne**
- **Presentation of Reports**
- **Unfinished Business**
- **New Business**
- **Adjournment**

## On the Cover

High School Lineworker Program  
Students using CDL Simulator

# Rules

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson shall take the chair at the time set forth for the opening of the annual meeting or the time to which the annual meeting has been adjourned and shall call the convention to order.

## 2. POINT OF ORDER:

The Chairperson shall preserve order and decide all questions of order subject to the appeal to the convention.

## 3. RECOGNITION BY THE CHAIR:

Every member previous to his speaking shall rise from his seat and address the Chairperson and remain standing before proceeding to speak until he is recognized by the Chairperson.

## 4. WHO RECOGNIZED:

When two or more members rise at the same time to speak, the Chairperson must designate the member who is to speak but in all cases, the member who shall rise first and address the Chairperson may speak first.

## 5. RULES AS TO SPEAKING, NUMBER OF TIMES, AND DURATION:

No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the convention nor more than once until every member choosing to speak on the subject pending shall have spoken. Nor shall any member occupy more than five minutes at the first time nor more than three minutes the second time without the consent by a majority of the members present. After all members have spoken any director, manager, employee or attorney may speak.

## 6. MOTION TO BE SECONDED AND STATED BEFORE DEBATE:

No motion shall be debated unless put forth and the same be seconded. It must then be stated by the Chairperson before the debate and any such motion must be reduced to writing if the Chairperson desires it.

## 7. MOTION MAY BE WITHDRAWN:

If the motion has been stated by the Chairperson, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before amendment upon decision of the delegate offering it with consent of the seconder.

## 8. MOTION ON DEBATE AND PROCEDURE:

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to table, to postpone, to amend, or substitute.

## 9. MOTION TO ADJOURN IN ORDER, WHEN:

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is addressing the Chairperson or a vote is being taken.

## 10. CONDUCT BEYOND THESE RULES:

On any point not covered in the above rules "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern.

## 11. VOTING:

All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or bylaws.

## 12. VOTING ELIGIBILITY:

Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. Joint membership shall constitute a one joint vote.

# General Manager Report



**Alex Vournas**  
General Manager

**A**s a member owned cooperative, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative exists for one purpose: to serve our members. Every decision we make, whether financial, operational, or strategic, is guided by that responsibility. In 2025, your cooperative remained focused on a simple but critical goal: Investing for the Future while responsibly meeting the needs of today.

The electric industry continues to change, and the expectations placed on electric utilities continue to grow. Reliability, safety, and

affordability all matter more than ever. At MWEC, investing for the future means planning ahead and making disciplined, long-term decisions so members can continue to count on reliable and affordable service. Electric infrastructure is built to last for generations, and the choices we make today will affect members far into the future. Rather than reacting to challenges as they arise, we focus on proactive planning. This planning strengthens reliability, manages risk, and helps control long-term costs. It ensures the cooperative is prepared not just for the next year, but for decades to come.

A reliable electric system begins with a strong commitment to safety for our employees, our members, and the public. Our employees work in demanding conditions and often face extreme weather and high risk environments, making safety a constant priority. In 2025, MWEC continued investing in training, equipment, system inspections, and preventive maintenance designed to reduce outages and improve reliability. These efforts produced real results. 2025 was the most reliable year on record for MWEC, with an average member power availability of 99.98 percent. That means members experienced less than two hours of outage on average. That same focus on public safety and risk reduction also led to the adoption of MWEC's Wildfire Mitigation Plan in 2025. This proactive effort helps reduce wildfire risk, protect communities, and strengthen system resiliency. At the same time, we continued strengthening both our distribution and transmission systems through strategic investments in lines, substations, and facilities. By preparing the system ahead of need, we reduce risk, improve performance, and avoid more costly solutions in the future.

A strong financial foundation underpins every investment we make. In 2025, disciplined cost control, careful planning, and strong margins allowed the cooperative to reinvest in the system while maintaining financial stability. As a not for profit, member owned cooperative, our goal is not to generate profit, but to balance long term affordability with the investments required for reliability. Member equity and capital credits remain central to this model. They return value to members while preserving the financial strength needed to support future system needs and manage risk responsibly.

Even with strong financial management, we recognize that rising costs across the electric industry affect the rates our members pay. At the beginning of 2026, MWEC implemented its first residential rate increase since 2009. We know rate changes are never easy, and this decision was not made lightly. Rates must strike a careful balance between affordability and the investments required to maintain reliability, safety, and long term system health. While we expect continued increases in costs in the years ahead, our commitment remains clear. We will work hard to limit these rate increases and maintain affordability for our members, while ensuring the future reliability our members expect. It is also important to note that large loads such as data centers are not the reason for the rate increase. MWEC and Basin Electric Power Cooperative have programs in place that require large loads to cover the full cost of the infrastructure needed to serve them. Wholesale power costs, inflation, and the need to invest in generation and transmission infrastructure to ensure reliability are the primary drivers of increasing rates. These investments are made to deliver long-term value by helping ensure dependable service, fewer outages, and more stable costs over time, rather than more disruptive and costly corrections in the future.

Investing for the future also means investing in people and communities. Our employees are the cooperative's greatest asset, and their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to service make everything else possible. We continue to support workforce development, provide modern tools, and foster a culture built on accountability and teamwork. Beyond the electric system itself, MWEC plays a key role in improving the quality of life across the communities we serve. This includes supporting local growth, strengthening essential services, and staying engaged through open communication, community involvement, and programs that invest in the next generation.

As we look ahead, the path forward is clear. MWEC will continue to plan thoughtfully, invest responsibly, and remain focused on the long term interests of our members. The challenges facing the electric industry are real, but so are the opportunities. With strong finances, a reliable system, dedicated employees, and engaged members, your cooperative is well positioned for the future.

On behalf of our employees and Board of Directors, thank you for your continued trust in Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative. Together, we will continue Investing for the Future for today's members and for generations to come. ■

# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

## JUNE 3, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the members of Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative met at the Stanley High School in Stanley, North Dakota on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

### RECOGNITION

Chairperson Grant recognized the dinner entertainment, Gettin' Outta Dodge; Hometown Elegance for preparing the meal; Music Machine, Jeff Nelson, for providing sound coordination; Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Greg Wheeler, for the video system and recording of the meeting; and to Stanley High School for use of their facilities.

### SAFETY MOMENT

Ryan Block, Safety Coordinator for the Cooperative, outlined the safety procedures which were in place for this meeting.

Chairperson Grant pointed out the childcare and activities provided by Stanley High School's FCCLA group.

### PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

The presentation of colors was presented by the Stanley American Legion Post 134 Honor Guard. Wrigley Hysjulien led the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

### INVOCATION

Director Geri Bratvold provided the invocation and led a prayer.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Grant called the 2025 Annual Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

### QUORUM

Chairperson Grant reported there were 427 registered members in attendance.

### RECOGNITION OF OTHERS PRESENT

Chairperson Grant recognized Manager Vournas and Attorney Foust. It was noted Attorney Foust was the meeting parliamentarian and recording secretary.

### AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as printed and presented, and was seconded and carried.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Secretary Jorgenson read the official notice of the 2025 Annual Meeting.

### APPROVAL OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and carried to suspend the reading of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes and accept the minutes as printed and presented in the annual meeting booklet provided to the attending members.

### ANNUAL MEETING RULES

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the annual meeting rules as printed and presented.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairperson Grant recognized and welcomed all Mountrail-Williams guests, legislators, neighboring cooperative directors and employees, consultants, suppliers of the Cooperative, and Veterans in attendance. He also noted the letters of greetings received from numerous political offices.

### INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson Grant introduced the current Board of Directors. He also recognized past Board members and past Cooperative employees in attendance.

### RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

Chairperson Grant recognized and presented certificates to Director Peterson, Director Lalim, and Director Norby for each achieving Credentialed Cooperative Director. Director Norby was also recognized and received certificates for achieving the Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential.

### SCHOLARSHIP, MEMBER GIFT AND ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

Director Wilhelmli announced two "luck of the draw" \$1,000.00 scholarships would be announced at the end of the meeting, eligible to dependents of members who are 2025 high school graduates and students finishing their freshman year of college. He also announced the procedure to receive the 2025 Annual Meeting attendance gifts, and pointed out the panel question cards available to submit for the round-table discussion portion of the meeting and survey questionnaires.

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Director Peterson reported there were three petitions submitted, one for each district up for election. The candidates who filed petitions before the deadline and verified to have met candidate qualifications and background checks in accordance with the bylaws included:

West District and within Precinct 1C: Jennifer Wade  
Central District and within Precinct 2C: Ryan Wilhelmli  
East District and within Precinct 3C: Kyle DeTienne

The candidate biographies were included in the meeting handout.

Chairperson Grant appointed an election committee to run the election. The members selected were:

From the West District: Thomas Smith  
From the Central District: Steven Martens  
From the East District: Dena Dorval

Chairperson Grant called for the membership to cast a unanimous vote for the uncontested Director positions. A motion was made, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for the West District – Jennifer Wade. A motion was made, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for the Central District – Ryan Wilhelmli. A motion was made, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for the East District – Kyle DeTienne. Chairperson Grant congratulated Jennifer,

Ryan and Kyle for being elected to serve a new term on the Cooperative Board.

### **AUDIT REPORT**

Director DeTienne introduced Eide Bailly, LLP to present the 2024 audit report. John Frosig, of Eide Bailly, LLP, presented the results of the financial audit for the Cooperative for the year ending December 31, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. It was reported Mountrail-Williams received a clean, unmodified opinion. Frosig presented a high-level summary of the financial audit and reported GAAP accounting principles were followed to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements. He summarized the financial statements. The Financial Report was given in full and reviewed by the Board of Directors at its March 2025 meeting.

### **LEGAL REPORT**

Director Wade introduced Attorney Brittany Foust to present the legal report. It was reported that Attorney Foust and In-House Counsel Johnson Ellis attended the special and regular board meetings for the Cooperative. Attorney Foust noted that the Board's actions in the past year had complied with the bylaws of the Cooperative as well as the laws of the State of North Dakota. She informed the membership that the Cooperative continues to participate as an intervenor in the ongoing State lawsuit brought by McKenzie Electric Cooperative against Basin Electric and Upper Missouri. She also informed the membership that the Cooperative continues to monitor and participate in relevant ongoing FERC cases that could impact the Cooperative. It was reported there are no other known or anticipated specific or threatened litigation or claims that would impact the financial integrity of the Cooperative.

### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

Director Wade reminded the membership of the written reports provided in the annual meeting report.

### **MANAGER REPORT**

Manager Vournas thanked the members for joining the meeting and Cooperative staff for all their work on the meeting. Vournas briefly reviewed the Cooperative's financials in 2024 and noted the bulk of the Cooperative's cost is from the cost of power. He announced the Cooperative retired \$17.3 million in capital credits to its members. Vournas also informed the membership the Cooperative approved a wildfire mitigation plan and that the Stanley office location completion date is estimated for Fall 2026, and showed a mockup of the office.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Director Jorgenson introduced Todd Brickhouse, CEO and General Manager of Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Brickhouse explained the membership structure and service area of Basin Electric Power Cooperative. He discussed the capital expenditures being spent in Northwest North Dakota, notably Pioneer Generation Station, Bison Generation Station, and transmission projects, as well as the projected budgets for those projects. Brickhouse also talked about load growth driven by changes in the technology industry and the large load project requests electric cooperatives are receiving. Basin Electric is working to address these large load requests.

### **ROUND TABLE**

Manager Vournas, Chairperson Grant, and Todd Brickhouse had a round table discussion and addressed some questions from the membership. It was noted if not all questions received were able to be answered, the Cooperative would follow up with the member to address his or her question. They talked about reliability, Cooperative growth, data centers and why Northwest North Dakota is a good environment for data centers, a broad overview of the Basin Electric Cooperative model for large loads to insulate existing members, and how Cooperative partnerships have been important to meet growth demands.

### **LUCK OF THE DRAW SCHOLARSHIPS**

Director Norby welcomed Steven Martens from the Central District and Dena Dorval from the East District to assist in the drawing for the "Luck of the Draw" scholarships. Lane Vachal and Kennedy Keever were the winners of the scholarships. Director Norby congratulated them.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought forward for discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Grant announced a \$150.00 attendance credit will be credited to qualified members' power bill. There was no other new business brought forward for discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was seconded and carried to adjourn. ■

# Financial Report



**Cole Hendrickson**  
Chief Financial Officer

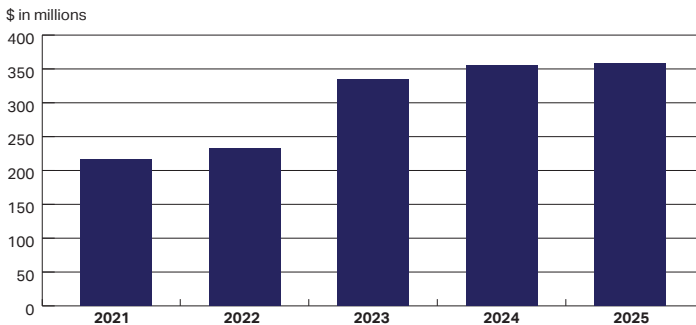
**D**uring a time of rising costs and changing demands, your cooperative remains financially strong and forward focused. Through disciplined financial management and a commitment to long-term planning, we continue investing for the future while responsibly meeting the needs of today. This report highlights how MWEC is strengthening its financial foundation, reinvesting in infrastructure, and returning value to our members.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Total operating revenue for the year reached over \$456 million, reflecting stable demand and rates that are based on the true cost of delivering power to our members, not to generate profit. As a member-owned cooperative our focus is on affordability, reliability, and sustainability.

The cost of power remains our largest expense, totaling \$357,749,752.05. While inflationary pressures and wholesale power costs are outside of our control, how we plan and respond is not. Through careful financial planning we continue to maintain financial stability. The cooperative closed the year with \$30,413,149 in total margins and \$15,429,789.95 in operating margins, generated through core electric operations. These margins, the difference between revenues and expenses, are essential to reinvesting in the system and ensuring long-term financial strength.

### 5-YEAR COST OF POWER OVERVIEW



## INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

A strong balance sheet allows the cooperative to invest today for the benefit of tomorrow. Total assets at year-end were \$997,091,706, primarily driven by continued investment in electric plant and infrastructure. These investments enhance system reliability, improve operational efficiency, and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Long-term debt totaled slightly over \$389.6 million, aligned with the useful life of system assets and managed prudently to maintain flexibility. Responsible debt management ensures the cooperative can continue modernizing its system while protecting financial stability.

## MEMBER EQUITY AND CAPITAL CREDITS

Members' equity is a cornerstone of the cooperative model. Total members' equity stood at \$447,327,457, representing the collective ownership interest of the membership. This equity reflects decades of disciplined management and reinvestment.

In keeping with cooperative principles, margins are returned to members through capital credit retirements. In 2025, the cooperative returned over \$17,300,000 in capital credits, returning tangible value to members while maintaining the equity necessary to support future system needs.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Strong margins, disciplined cost management, and a solid balance sheet demonstrate the cooperative's commitment to financial integrity. By continuing to reinvest in infrastructure, manage risk responsibly, and return value to members, your cooperative remains well positioned for the years ahead.

As we move forward, our focus remains clear: Investing for the future while delivering safe, reliable, and affordable electricity for the members we serve—today and for generations to come. ■

# Financials

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PATRONAGE CAPITAL

Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

### WHERE IT CAME FROM

	2025	2024
<b>OPERATING REVENUE:</b>		
Electric	\$437,111,431	\$447,153,705
Lease	18,115,243	16,849,458
Other	961,357	952,431
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$456,188,031</b>	<b>\$464,955,594</b>

### WHERE IT WENT

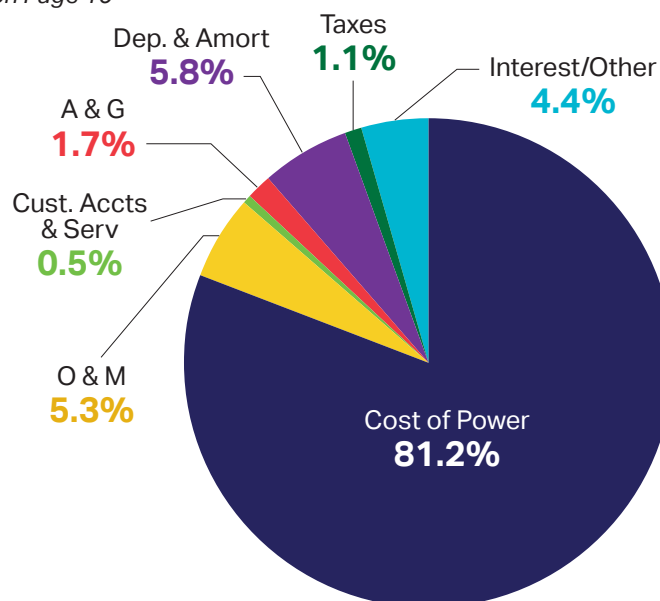
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Cost of Power	\$357,749,752	\$354,650,404
Transmission Expense-Operations	1,592,208	1,436,558
Transmission Expense-Maintenance	820,101	469,005
Distribution Expense-Operations	13,283,704	12,403,190
Distribution Expense-Maintenance	7,885,595	6,168,852
<b>Total Operations Costs</b>	<b>23,581,608</b>	<b>20,477,605</b>
Customer Accounts Expense	2,047,095	1,873,164
Customer Service & Info. Expense	337,977	294,410
Administrative & General Expense	7,579,425	7,186,824
<b>Total Administration Costs</b>	<b>9,964,497</b>	<b>9,354,398</b>
Depreciation Expense	22,105,770	21,176,674
Accretion of Plant Reserve	3,100,523	2,665,377
Taxes	4,840,460	4,862,488
Interest on Long-Term Debt	19,131,733	18,038,566
Amortization of Loss on Reacquired Debt	181,401	181,401
Other	102,497	43,510
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$440,758,241</b>	<b>\$431,450,423</b>

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### 2025 COST OF ELECTRIC SERVICE

Cost of Power	\$357,749,752
O & M	23,581,608
Cust. Acct/Serv	2,385,072
A & G	7,579,425
Dep/Amort	25,387,694
Taxes	4,840,460
Interest/Other	19,234,230

**TOTAL \$440,758,241**



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<b>OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE CAPITAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$15,429,790</b>	<b>\$33,505,171</b>
<b>GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION AND OTHER COOPERATIVE CAPITAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>13,763,124</b>	<b>23,511,235</b>
<b>NET OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>\$29,192,914</b>	<b>\$57,016,406</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING MARGINS:</b>		
Merchandising, Less Costs & Expenses (2025 - \$464,433; 2024 - \$1,195,401)	\$99,162	\$306,295
Other Non-Operating Margins	(229,838)	(9,321)
Interest Income	1,350,911	2,076,542
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>\$1,220,235</b>	<b>\$2,373,516</b>
<b>NET MARGINS</b>	<b>\$30,413,149</b>	<b>\$59,389,922</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

<b>ASSETS:</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
In Service	\$813,344,255	\$733,162,585
Under Construction	67,805,771	90,747,207
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT IN ELECTRIC PLANT</b>	<b>\$881,150,026</b>	<b>\$823,909,792</b>
Less Accumulated Provisions for Depreciation	\$213,579,687	\$197,201,279
<b>ELECTRIC PLANT - NET</b>	<b>\$667,570,339</b>	<b>\$626,708,513</b>
<b>OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS:</b>		
Investments in Associated Companies	\$193,347,230	\$182,840,097
Other Investments	288,514	274,729
Revolving Loan Fund	255,215	254,591
Special Funds	756,897	865,040
<b>TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$194,647,856</b>	<b>\$184,234,457</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,085,363	\$4,136,940
Temporary Cash Investments	-	10,453,503
Accounts Receivable, Less Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts (2025 - \$5,562,505, 2024 - \$5,573,644)	27,775,391	23,432,433
Other Accounts Receivable - FEMA	-	2,118,403
Unbilled Revenue	36,572,517	38,244,508
Materials and Supplies	56,318,799	53,431,549
Prepayments	3,553,105	7,382,865
Interest Receivable	5,600	375,732
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$128,310,775</b>	<b>\$139,575,933</b>
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES</b>	<b>\$6,562,736</b>	<b>\$6,937,445</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$997,091,706</b>	<b>\$957,456,348</b>

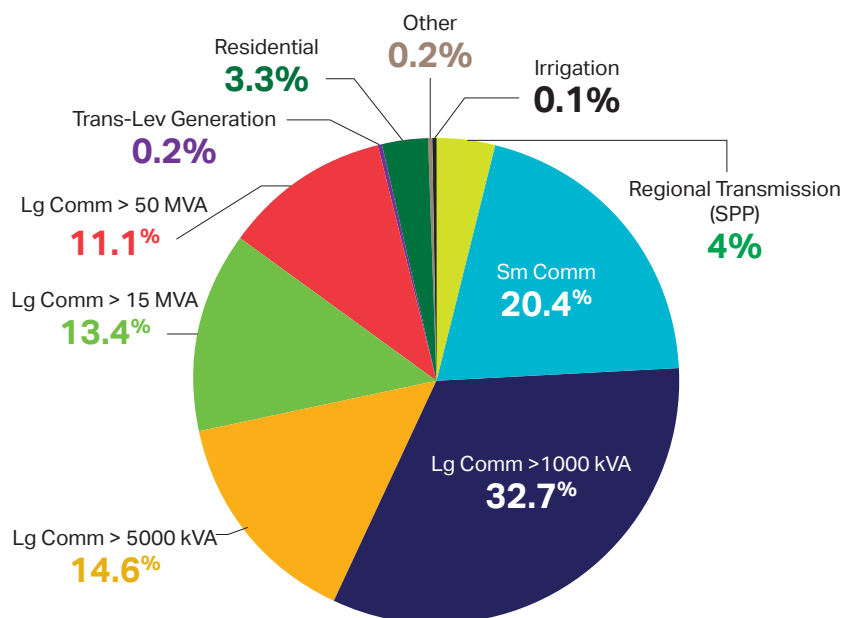
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## EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES

EQUITIES:	2025	2024
Patronage Capital	\$425,849,786	\$414,868,921
Other Equities	21,477,671	18,643,294
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES</b>	<b>\$447,327,457</b>	<b>\$433,512,215</b>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT MATURITIES</b>	<b>\$389,662,478</b>	<b>\$371,909,392</b>
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Deferred Revenue	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
Leased Plant Maintenance Reserve	711,923	711,923
Plant Retirement Reserve	30,905,150	27,804,627
Postretirement Benefit Obligation	54,996	55,384
<b>TOTAL OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$43,672,069</b>	<b>\$40,571,934</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$12,600,494	\$11,628,972
Line of Credit	7,081,914	29,600,000
Accounts Payable	34,085,226	36,429,928
Customers Deposits	4,031,232	4,360,765
Taxes Accrued	9,978,624	9,552,730
Accrued Interest	-	-
Miscellaneous Accrued Current Liabilities	53,463	55,023
Accrued Compensated Absences	1,047,110	1,079,300
Postretirement Benefit Obligation-Current	-	16,400
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$68,878,063</b>	<b>\$92,723,118</b>
<b>DEFERRED CREDITS</b>	<b>\$47,551,639</b>	<b>\$18,739,689</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES &amp; LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$997,091,706</b>	<b>\$957,456,348</b>

### 2025 OPERATING REVENUE

Residential	\$14,915,209
Regional Transmission (SPP)	18,115,243
Sm Comm	93,037,008
Lg Comm > 1000 kVA	149,340,701
Lg Comm > 5000 kVA	66,550,651
Lg Comm > 15 MVA	61,116,192
Lg Comm > 50 MVA	51,013,116
Trans-Lev Generation	807,878
Other	979,899
Irrigation	312,134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$456,188,031</b>



# Blueprint to Build: Progressing Forward

We are excited to share that great progress is being made as we build the new Stanley office. What once started as a strategic plan, and a concept on paper, is becoming a reality. If you would like to follow our progress over the next few months go to: [mwec.com/stanley](http://mwec.com/stanley).

We're looking forward to sharing this space with you. Stay tuned for details on an upcoming open house and tour opportunity. ■



Construction photos May 2026

## Lineworker Program

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) partnered with Bismarck Public Schools Career Academy for the third year in a row to offer an exciting opportunity for high school students to participate in an elective program focused on lab-based electronics and electrical skills. The week-long program took place at Bismarck State College, offering high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors a taste of dorm life while offering a hands-on introduction to skills required to be a lineworker.

### 2025 ATTENDEES

- Beau Welty** – Eight Mile School - Trenton
- Logan Bergstrom** – Williston High School
- Camden Moor** – Williston High School
- McCoy Jorstad** – Tioga High School
- Waylon Copenhaver** – Williston High School
- Aiden Fairchild-Brown** – Stanley High School
- Andrew Burford** – Alexander High School



Students work on wiring to better understand how electricity works

To learn more about the lineworker and other educational programs visit, [mwec.com/education](http://mwec.com/education). ■

# Engineering Report



**Scott Iverson**  
Engineering Manager

One of the key roles of the Engineering Department is planning for the future.

While we can't predict what lies ahead, we do our best to make investments in personnel, equipment, and technology that will allow Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWE) to adapt in the future. These decisions are made with the goal that smart investments today will help us avoid costs in the future. These decisions are made so today's investments help keep future costs in check.

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MWE continues to invest in technologies that improve how we operate and serve our members. In the past, outages required crews to patrol long stretches of line to find a fault. Being able to have devices out on the line allows us to collect data to improve reliability. By inputting this data into an outage management system, our Dispatch Department can often narrow down the location of the fault, sometimes within just a few poles or a single piece of underground equipment. What once may have required crews to drive several

miles to find the cause of an outage can now be resolved more efficiently, reducing outage duration and lowering associated costs. While not every fault can be predicted, we are able to better understand our system data and are starting to find ways to anticipate issues before they occur.

In 2025, MWE also saw the interconnection of two natural gas generation facilities to the distribution system, with each having a generating capacity of 10 MW. These projects highlighted the complexity of integrating new generation, where our experience with emerging technologies played a key role in our success.

## TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

MWE is a transmission owning member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a regional transmission organization responsible for reliability, monitoring, market operation, and other duties. Each year SPP completes an Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) that identifies transmission needs through detailed reliability and economic analysis. This process ensures the transmission system continues to operate in a reliable fashion. MWE participates in this process by providing load forecasts, reviewing data, and providing ideas for new projects based on our familiarity of the local system.

### MWE projects completed in 2025

- West Bank South Transmission Switchyard
- Construction of the Stony Creek Compressor Substation
- 115 kV lines
  - NE Williston Substation to the Folvag Substation
  - Slette Substation to the Stony Creek Compressor Substation
  - West Bank South Switchyard to the Beaver Lodge Switch
- New Town Static Synchronous Compensator

### MWE projects under construction in 2025

- 115 kV line
  - Springbrook Substation to the East Fork Substation
  - Crane Creek Substation to the Satterthwaite Substation
  - Crane Creek Substation to the Van Hook Switchyard
  - Ellisville Substation to the Simpson Substation
  - Strandahl Substation to the Blacktail Switch
  - Strandahl Substation to the Mont Substation
- Substations
  - Construction of the Dry Fork Substation
  - Addition of substation transformer at the Farmvale Substation

### MWE projects in the planning/design stage in 2025

- A 115 kV line from the Sanderson Substation (owned by Lower Yellowstone Electric Cooperative) to the Basin Electric Pioneer Substation

Basin Electric also has several projects underway in our area. Project responsibilities between Basin Electric and MWE are divided by voltage level. Basin is responsible for the 345kV and 230kV projects while MWE is responsible for 115kV and below. This reflects Basin Electric's role as the bulk transmission owner and MWE's role as the local transmission load serving entity.

### Other area projects

- The Leland Olds to Tande 345kV line - This project will include an off ramp at Crane Creek Substation that will support eastern Mountrail County.
- The Saskatchewan 230kV transmission connection - This will enhance reliability for both Canada and our region.
- The Watford City area to Basin Electric's Pioneer Generation Station new 345kV line - This line will strengthen the transmission system within the Bakken area.

## LOAD FORECAST

MWE's load forecast is used for financial forecasting and system planning. It is also shared with Basin Electric and SPP to support regional planning efforts. Electrical demand is the major driver for capital investments, including new generation. It is important for a load forecast to accurately reflect the electrical needs of our membership. ■

# Operations Report



**Matt Glueckert**  
Operations Manager

## OVERVIEW

In 2025, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) experienced significant progress in safety, reliability, and system growth, positioning itself well to meet future challenges and support continued growth.

## SAFETY

The dangers that come with the construction, maintenance, and troubleshooting of transmission and distribution lines are significant. The risks are high, the

heights are dangerous, and there is little margin for error.

To manage these risks, we continually look for ways to improve. Some improvements involve investing in new tools or equipment; others focus on techniques that reduce exposure and minimize risk. We work to strengthen safety through a combination of equipment, training, and a shared commitment to knowledge and understanding.

In January 2026, MWEC received the Safety Performance Award presented to electric cooperatives with zero recordable injuries in 2025. We know safety takes everyone and never has a finish line, but we are proud of this accomplishment.

As we move forward, we will build on the habits and practices that helped us get here and continue looking for improvements that ensure everyone gets home safe at the end of the day, every day, including every employee, crew, and community member.

## RELIABILITY AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

One of the main drivers of electric grid reliability is extreme weather. In 2025, our area experienced an overall favorable weather year; however, it is not unusual for us to deal with four to five extreme weather events over the course of a year.

Because we never know when the next extreme event will occur, planning and proactive preventive maintenance are critical to keeping the lights on. Key improvements include expanded pole testing, aerial power-line patrol, and updates to construction standards.

These improvements have had an immediate impact on reliability, and we expect even greater benefits as these practices continue to expand. Line inspections and patrol are a key part of preventive maintenance efforts. We are working with several companies to pilot and evaluate technology options (for example, higher-resolution aerial imagery, infrared, and data/analytics tools) that can help us respond faster, prioritize work, and in some cases prevent outages before they occur.

## BY THE NUMBERS:

**10,000** Poles tested

**500 miles**

Aerial patrol of MWEC transmission line completed

## SYSTEM GROWTH, TRANSMISSION READINESS, AND FACILITIES

Our system continues to grow, and we continue to add new infrastructure. For operations, Investing in the Future means investing in updated construction standards and maintenance.

To meet our members' growing needs, we are planning for a future that includes a dedicated transmission team ready to respond during emergencies while supporting year-round maintenance. This proactive approach will help ensure our transmission system remains strong and resilient for years to come. Although smaller than our distribution system, a single transmission line outage can impact a wide region. These high-voltage lines are critical for carrying electricity over long distances—without them, our distribution system cannot deliver power when and where it's needed.

As we continue Investing for the Future, we are excited to be moving into the new Stanley facility in Fall 2026. This investment in Mountrail County and our greater MWEC membership will lay the foundation for continued growth and reliability, while supporting our day-to-day operations, into the future.

As we look ahead, we will keep safety at the forefront while strengthening maintenance and operational practices to improve reliability and keep your lights on.

Thanks for your support! ■

# Substation/Dispatch/Security Report



**Steve Peterson**  
Division Manager:  
Substation/Dispatch/  
Security

The construction outlook for Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's (MWEC) substation department is expected to remain very active through 2027 and beyond. In 2025, several new projects were under construction or in the design phase, driven by two major factors: continued growth and system reliability.

## GROWTH DRIVES INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION

MWEC continues to make significant investments to

strengthen and expand our electric system. The addition of Basin Electric Power Cooperative's new generation projects has driven some MWEC projects, as additional transmission and substation infrastructure is needed to deliver safe and reliable electricity to our members.

Load growth also requires the construction of new substations and the addition of transformers at existing substations to ensure our members' power needs are met. Developing a new substation typically involves three separate projects before it becomes operational:

1. Construction of the new substation.
2. Building a transmission line to serve the substation.
3. Upgrades to existing infrastructure to supply power to that transmission line—often requiring improvements at a nearby substation.

## RELIABILITY THROUGH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

MWEC is also making significant investments to further strengthen reliability by continuing to "loop" the transmission system. In a looped transmission system, power can feed into a substation, and ultimately serve our members from two or more directions. This means that if one transmission line experiences a fault or needs to be taken out of service for maintenance, the substation can remain energized through an alternate path. This added redundancy improves system reliability. Redundancy in the electric system is similar to having a backup irrigation pump. If one pump fails during the growing season, another can keep water flowing to the crops. A looped transmission system provides the same reliability for delivering power.

Currently, construction is underway at two MWEC substations to accommodate a new 13-mile transmission line that will provide an alternate power path to three substations. Several similar projects are also in the design phase.

## TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES SECURITY

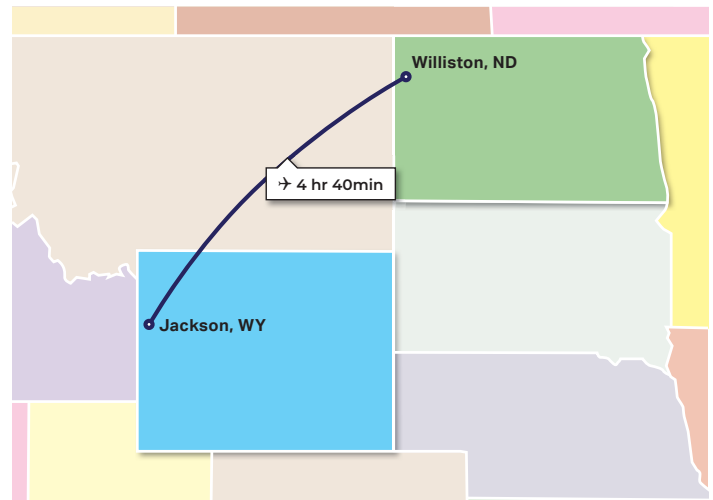
As new projects move forward, advanced technologies are being implemented to strengthen safety for both the public and employees, safeguard equipment, and support system

reliability. MWEC's Substations, Dispatch, and Security departments do a great job of managing the ever-changing technologies of the electric grid. The Substation Department is responsible for testing and maintaining this equipment to verify proper operation. The Dispatch Department monitors the electrical system 24/7 to maintain system stability and initiate a timely response when issues arise. With the addition of new substations, offices, and facilities, the Security Department oversees an expanding network of cameras, doors, and gates to ensure the physical security of cooperative assets. In 2025, approximately 75 cameras were installed.

These are busy and exciting times for your cooperative. By investing today, we are strengthening our system to ensure safe, reliable power for years to come. ■

## 460 miles of transmission line

That's the flight distance between Williston, ND and Jackson, WY



## 5,506 miles of distribution line

Like flying from Williston, ND to Barahona, Dominican Republic and back



# Information Technology/Mapping/ Compliance Report



**Jerry Rehak**  
IT/Compliance/  
Special Projects Manager

**A**t Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC), we are committed to the future. Our investments in Information Technology (IT), Mapping, and Compliance are all made with you, our members, in mind. Investing for the Future guides how we approach these efforts, as we constantly ask ourselves, “How can we best utilize our resources to make the biggest impact on your member experience?” In 2025, we made great progress. While maintaining grid reliability, our team also focused on enhancing your member experience by improving overall communication efforts.

as a supportive tool—protecting member privacy, cooperative data, and accuracy—while keeping technology aligned with the cooperative’s mission of serving its members.

## **MAPPING**

Our Mapping Department continues to support MWEC’s employees and members. We provide the most accurate graphical information available. Fifteen different maps allow MWEC to make informed and educated decisions that impact your power needs.

In 2025, we were excited to provide members with more accurate outage information. MWEC launched an updated public-facing outage map, featuring improved outage visibility, more precise customer counts, and the ability to overlay weather conditions. I am very proud of every member of our IT, Mapping, Compliance and Cybersecurity teams. They constantly strive to make MWEC the best cooperative it can be. ■

## **COMPLIANCE**

The Compliance Department is guided by one overarching principle: a culture of transmission grid reliability. Compliance supports our members by serving as the backbone of safe, reliable, and efficient operation of our Bulk Electric System (BES). By adhering to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards, the Compliance Department helps to ensure the stability of the power grid and prevent disruptive outages.

Working with NERC and our Operations Department, Compliance has developed a blueprint outlining the best ways to provide transmission reliability. This collaboration has helped strengthen MWEC’s reputation as a regional power provider. Through ongoing training, self-certifications, audits, and careful data and evidence management, compliance demonstrates MWEC’s continued commitment to a culture of reliability.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

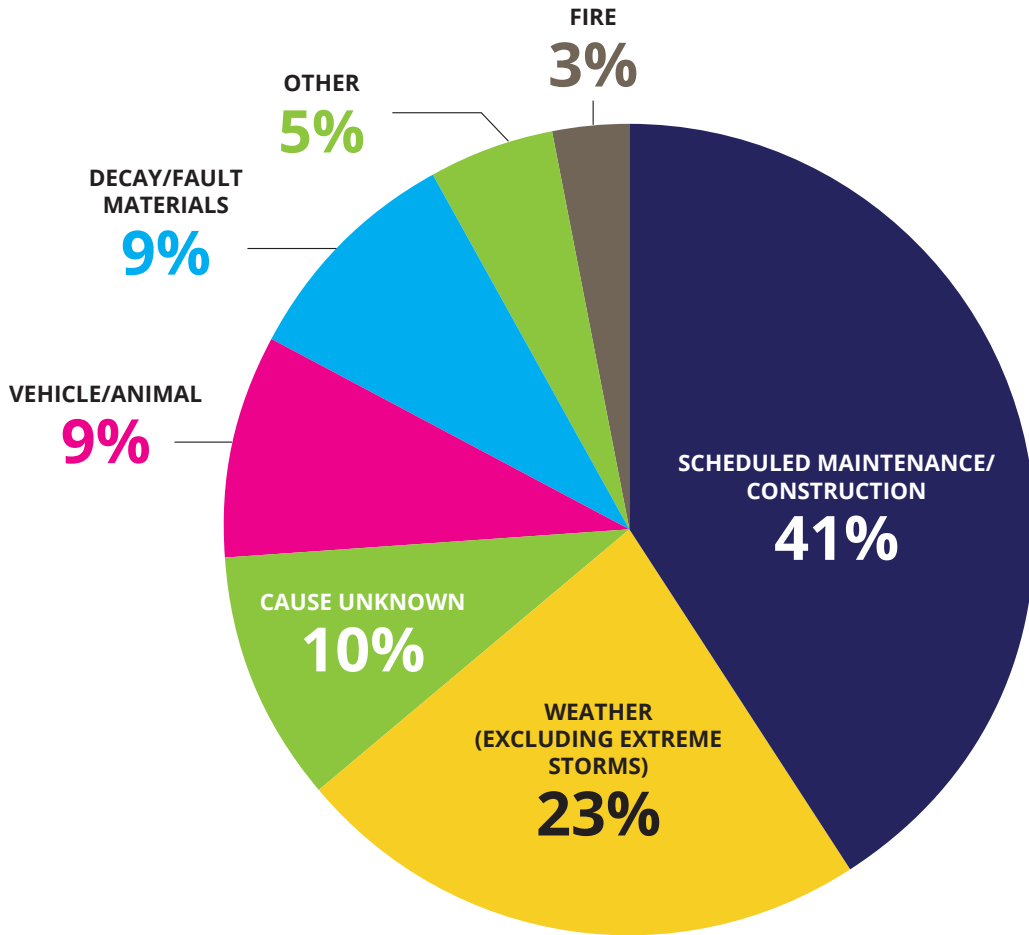
Over the past year, the IT Department has focused on strengthening the cooperative’s technology foundation to better support reliable operations, cybersecurity, and member service. This work included maintaining and upgrading core systems, improving protections for sensitive information, supporting employees with modern tools, and ensuring critical systems remain available and resilient.

We also continue to work with our Security Department to install security cameras and other monitoring equipment at substations, which helps deter theft and vandalism while allowing for quick visibility when an alarm or issue arises.

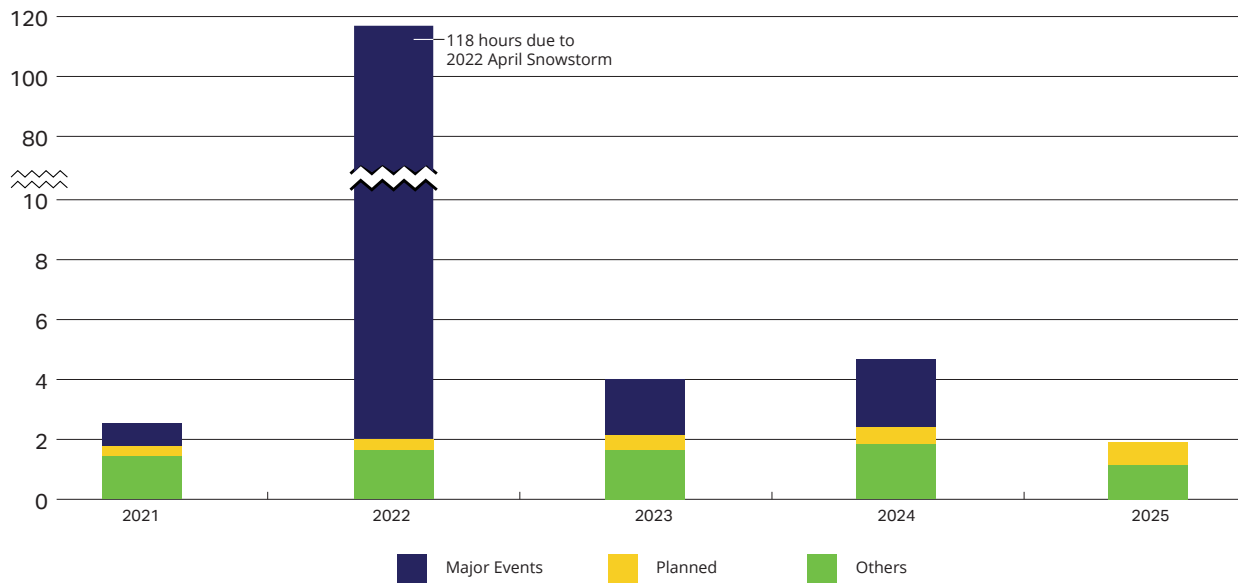
In addition, the IT team has begun carefully exploring practical uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to assist with tasks such as drafting communications, summarizing information, and improving efficiency, while emphasizing safe and responsible use. Clear guidelines and human review help ensure AI is used

# Outage Report

## 2025 OUTAGES BY CAUSE



## 5-YEAR OUTAGE OVERVIEW



# PR/Communications Report



**Dubi Cummings**  
PR & Communication  
Manager

At Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC), communication is an important part of how we serve our members. As part of our commitment to Investing for the Future, we continue to improve how we share information. Our goal is to keep you informed, prepared, and connected to your cooperative.

According to the American Customer Satisfaction Index survey, MWEC maintained strong member satisfaction scores in 2025. Feedback from this survey continues to guide our approach,

with members emphasizing the importance of timely and relevant communication.

In response, we are optimizing our use of SmartHub to deliver communications tailored to member preferences. For planned power outages, several members have received phone calls or letters encouraging enrollment so we can deliver updates by text, email, app notification, or voice message. Currently, 83% of members are enrolled, that is a big step forward in our communication efforts.

While SmartHub isn't currently used for unplanned power outage notifications, we're committed to improving all communications to keep members informed and prepared.

## COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

As a cooperative, concern for community is at the core of what we do. In 2025, MWEC supported local organizations and events that enhanced the quality of life across our service area.

MWEC donated to 161 organizations/events. To name a few:

- Mountrail County Achievement Days
- New Town Harvest Fest
- Grenora Community Club
- NDSU Williston Research Extension Field Days

Last year marked the launch of MWEC's Volunteer Time Off program, providing employees up to eight hours of paid time to support local nonprofits and causes they care about. A few organizations that benefited include the Great Plains Food Bank, the Williston United Way Community Sale and the Van Hook Classic.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting the next generation remains a priority for MWEC. We invest in local students and offer hands-on learning opportunities designed to give them a firsthand understanding of how electric cooperatives operate and make a difference in our communities.

- In 2025, \$19,500 in scholarships was awarded to local students

**30 APPLICATIONS**  
MWEC-BEPC Scholarship

**14 APPLICATIONS**  
Haugen Family Scholarship

**32 APPLICATIONS**  
Community Scholarship

**14 RECIPIENTS**  
\$19,500 awarded

- We sponsored a local student on an all-expense-paid Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C., with Director Kyle DeTienne and MWEC staff member Jessica George serving as chaperones. To read this year's winning Youth Tour essay, visit: <https://mwec.com/youth-tour>.

We continue to partner with area schools to promote the High School Lineworker Program through the Bismarck Public Schools Career Academy. This hands-on program introduces students to electrical and linework skills. In 2025, seven students from our area participated in the program.

## IMPACT GRANT

MWEC launched its Impact Grant program in 2025 to support nonprofit and community projects. We received 33 applications representing a diverse range of projects highlighting the continued growth in our region.

### 2025 recipients included:

• Berthold Ambulance	Handheld radios
• Fred & Clara Eckert Foundation	Greenhouse project
• Northern Plains Youth for Christ	Heating and cooling system upgrade
• Ray Food Pantry	Pantry flooring
• TR 4 Heart and Soul	Horse trailer
• Stanley Park District	Trees for playground windbreak
• American Legion Auxiliary Arthur Solie Post 121	Veteran photo and memorabilia display
• New Town Church of God Indian Mission	Construction of upstairs bathroom
• West Prairie Church	Updated signage

From communication improvements to investment, MWEC remains focused on Investing for the Future for our members and the communities we call home. ■

*For 2026 Scholarship Recipients, see page 19.*

# 2026 Scholarship Recipients

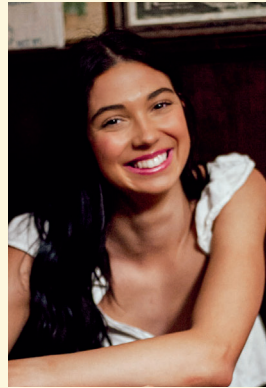
## MWEC-BASIN ELECTRIC



**Erika Littlefield**  
Stanley High School  
\$2,000



**Elizabeth Nelson**  
Stanley High School  
\$1,500



**Angela Wold**  
Williston High School  
\$1,000



**Beau Welty**  
Trenton High School  
\$2,500



**Colton Grove**  
Ray High School  
\$2,500

## COMMUNITY



**Sydney Rudningen**  
Grenora High School  
\$1,000



**Jordyn Pennington**  
New Town High School  
\$1,000



**Vanessa Fransen**  
North Shore Plaza  
High School  
\$1,000



**Aletta Nelson**  
Ray High School  
\$1,000



**Erika Littlefield**  
Stanley High School  
\$1,000



**Cheryl Hayes**  
Tioga High School  
\$1,000



**Micah Fleck**  
Williston High School  
\$1,000



**Benjamin Crosby**  
Williston Trinity  
Christian School  
\$1,000

## 2025 LUCK-OF-THE-DRAW



**Kennedi Keever**  
North Dakota  
State University



**Lane Vachal**  
Bismarck State  
University

# Operation Round Up

Operation Round Up is a program where members voluntarily "round up" their electric bills to the next whole dollar amount. The extra money is put into a trust in which a voluntary board meets and grants the funds to community-based, nonprofit organizations serving Mountrail and Williams Counties.

The average contribution is 50¢ per month or about \$6 per year. ■

Since its inception in 1997  
**OVER \$447,500**  
has been awarded through Operation Round Up

**2025 Disbursements**  
Mountrail Cooperative Trust:  
\$8,250  
Williams Cooperative Trust:  
\$9,250  
**TOTAL: \$17,500**

## 2025 Recipients

- Injured Military Wildlife Project
- Little Lambs Childcare, Inc
- Miss Williston Organization
- Ray Daily Kids Transportation
- The Fred and Clara Eckert Foundation
- The Crazy Cat Crew
- McVay Elementary PTO
- Williston Trinity Christian
- Western Star Literacy
- Garden Valley PTO
- Mountrail County Pink Ladies
- Parshall United Church of Christ
- Stanley Commercial Club
- BIO Girls of Stanley
- Injured Military Wildlife Project
- Stanley Area Cares for Kids
- Bethel Lutheran Women
- Prairie Quilters Guild
- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Mountrail Bethel Home Auxiliary
- Northern Pines Stables



# Right-of-Way



**Leah Johnson Ellis**  
In-House Legal Counsel/  
ROW

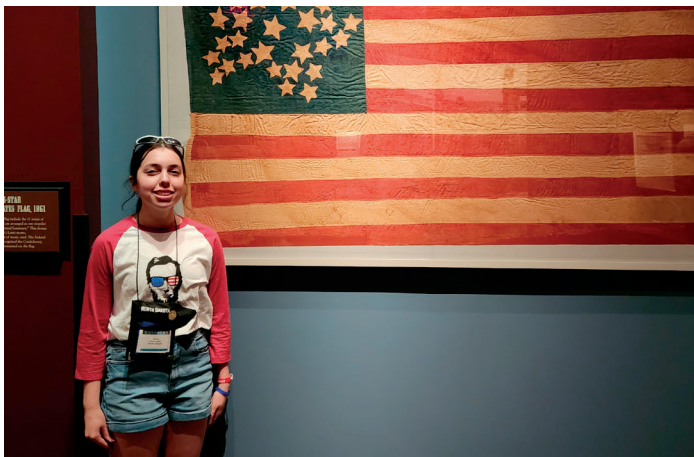
**M**eeting the needs of a growing system takes teamwork, and we appreciate the role our members and landowners play in making that possible. In 2025, MWECC installed approximately 140 miles of new line. Throughout the year, our Right-of-Way (ROW) representatives worked with landowners to secure approximately 430 easements.

Easements give MWECC the ability to build electric lines and bring necessary equipment onto and across private property.

As part of our commitment to Investing for the Future, in 2025, MWECC welcomed a dedicated ROW staff member in Mountrail County. This additional local presence allows us to better serve members and support the region's growing electrical demand.

We recognize that construction and maintenance activities impact our members, and we remain committed to being responsible stewards of your land. If you have any concerns or questions about right-of-way on your land, whether it's planning, construction, or reclamation, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact one of our ROW representatives. ■

## Youth Tour – Studying the Past



2025 MWECC Delegate, **Alivia Lowery**, at the Gettysburg Museum.

**S**even days, four flights, fourteen students, thousands of steps and unforgettable memories. That's only part of what made up the 2025 Youth Tour.

For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWECC) delegate Alivia Lowery, the highlight of the trip for her was the FBI Experience. "It was especially cool to see the boat from the Boston marathon bombing," she said.

Through this all-expenses-paid trip, delegates not only get to meet other students from North Dakota, but they also get the opportunity to meet students from all over the country. "It was also cool to meet kids from across the country that I would've otherwise never known without this experience," Lowery said.

The 2025 Youth Tour came with an exciting addition – chaperones provided by MWECC. Each year, one North Dakota electric cooperative takes a turn in providing up to two chaperones for the event. This year, it was MWECC's turn, with Director Kyle DeTienne and PR & Communications Coordinator Jessica George chosen as the MWECC chaperone representatives.

"Even with the long days, you could see just how impactful this experience was for them in their eyes, excitement, and connections made," George said.

"It was an honor to accompany such bright, respectful, and engaged young people," DeTienne added. "What stood out most was the enthusiasm and maturity of the students," he said, "they represented their communities with pride and curiosity, making the experience not only educational but truly enjoyable."

The week-long itinerary includes flights, hotel, and transportation, all put together by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperative (NDAREC) staff. It takes many hours of planning, meetings, and coordinating such a unique opportunity.

Lowery adds that she would "absolutely" recommend others to apply. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," she added, "I learned a lot about the inner workings of the government, which helped open my eyes to a whole new field of job opportunities." ■



### MEET YOUR 2026 YOUTH TOUR DELEGATE

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWECC) is proud to announce the winner of its 2026 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour essay competition, Cullin Hughes of Williston.

Hughes is excited for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. We look forward to hearing about his trip and the insights he will share with the community. ■

# Service Anniversaries

## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

LUCAS HOLIEN  
TYLER KAHL  
ROBERT WILEY  
TY BARBOT  
KASEY YOST  
CHAD DAVIS

## 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

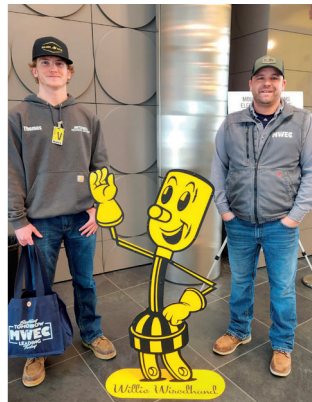
KELLY LESMEISTER  
KYLE RENNER  
LEAH JOHNSON ELLIS  
LUANNE AXELSON  
CHAD CHRISTENSEN

## 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

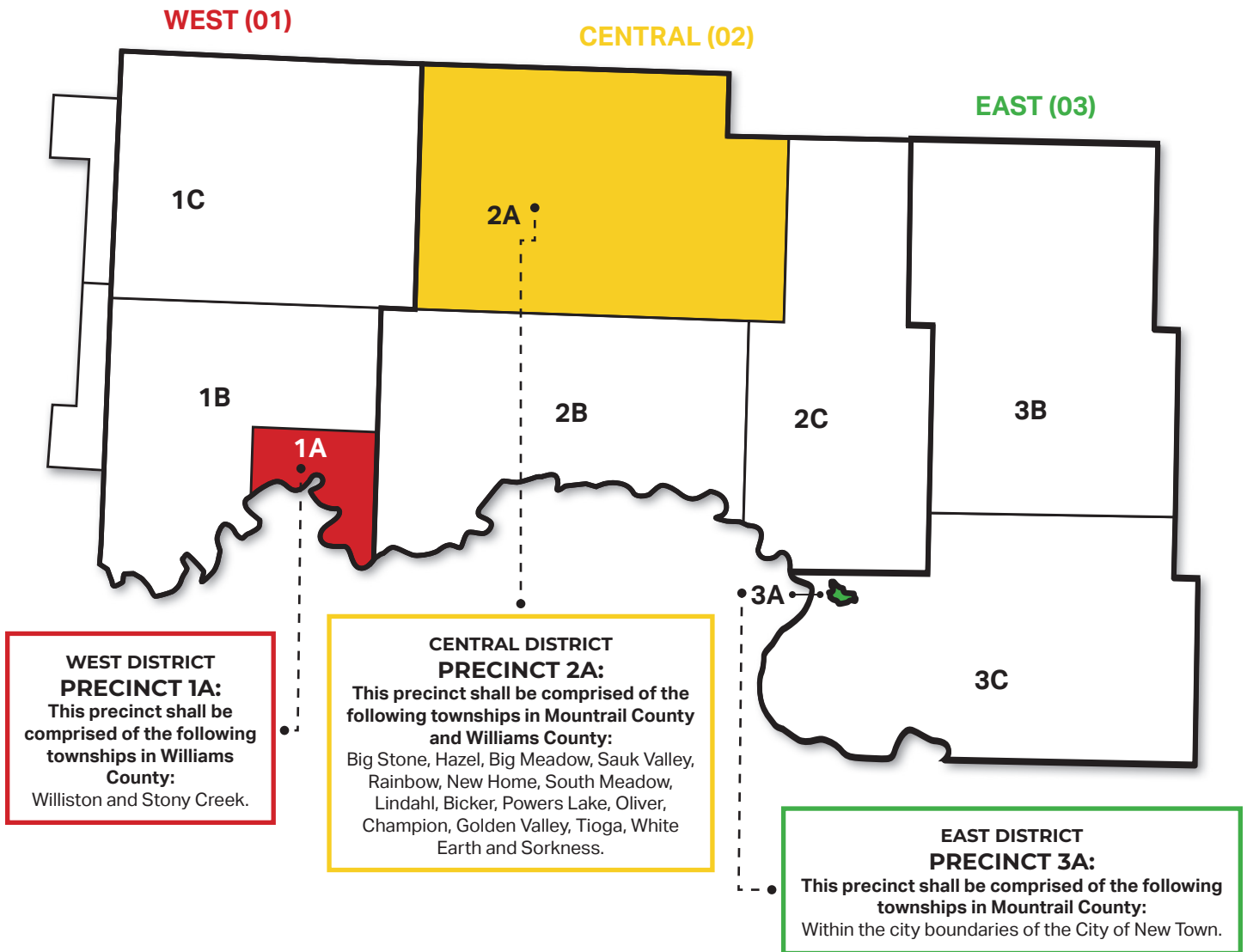
BRANDON BLOMBERG

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

DEVIN DORVAL  
TODD MELLAND  
DUSTY FLADELAND



# Board Seats Up for Election



## Guest Speaker



Calli Thorne

Calli Thorne is a keynote speaker, global leadership trainer, mindset coach, and multibusiness entrepreneur. She is married to her husband CJ and they have three young children. Calli grew up on her family's farm and ranch in northwest North Dakota and today they operate multiple enterprises including a backgrounding feedlot, cow/calf operation, run yearlings, and they sell beef directly to consumers.

Calli is a certified member of the John Maxwell Leadership Team where she works with a variety of clients. She hosts rural women's masterminds and offers 1-1 coaching. She also works with farm and ranch families to improve their communication, which in return, builds better relationships and allows future generations to carry on the family legacy.

Calli also offers Mental Health First Aid certification classes which teaches others how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges. ■

# Board of Directors



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DIRECTOR  
DISTRICT 1C  
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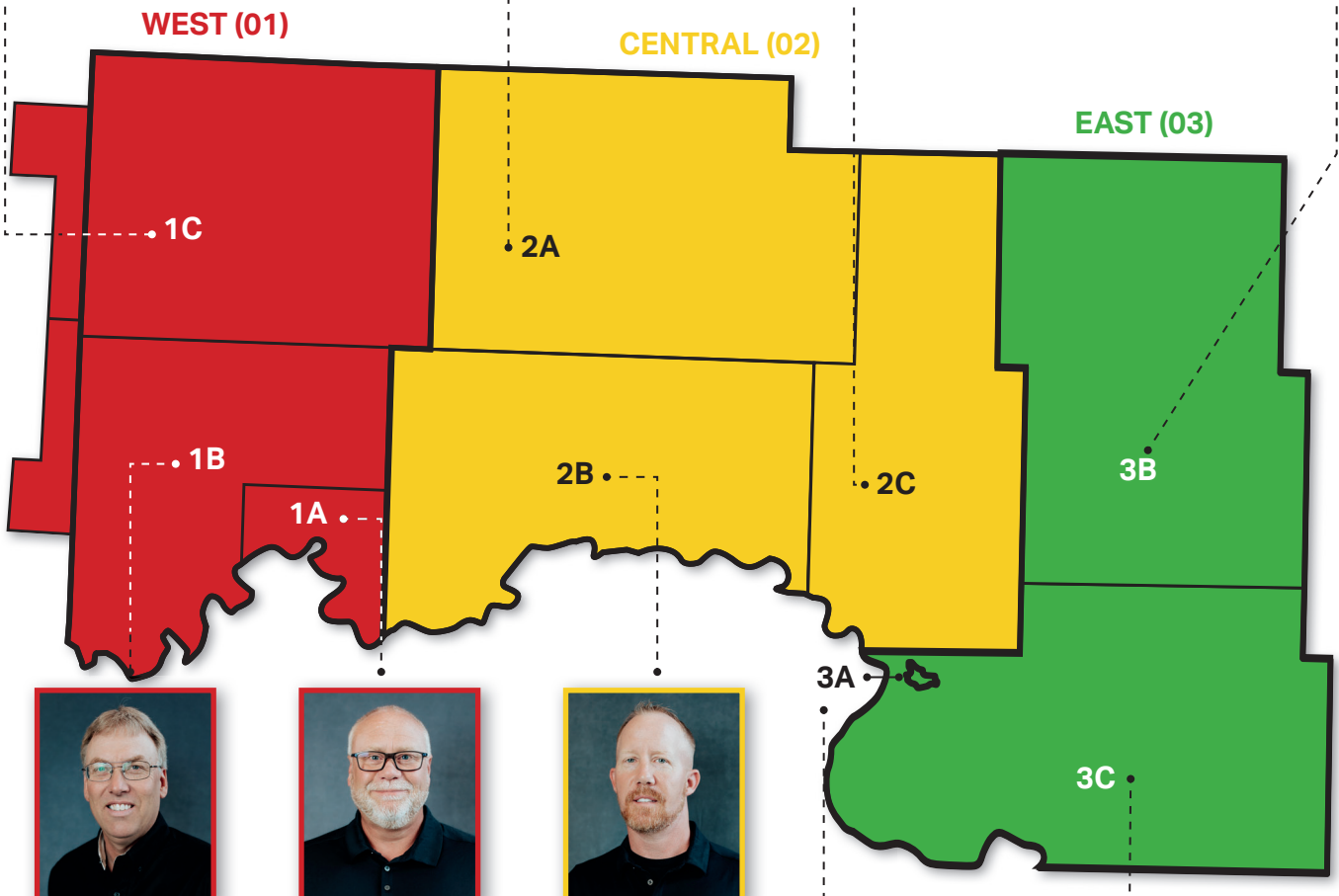
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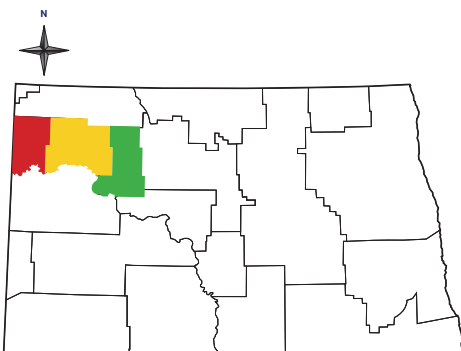
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