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 **Twin Valley**
Electric Cooperative, Inc.
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Join us April 16, 2024
Annual Meeting

LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA | ALTAMONT, KANSAS

6 P.M. REGISTRATION & MEAL | 6:30 P.M. MEETING



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2024 Board of Directors Candidates

DISTRICT 1



BRYAN COOVER
INCUMBENT

OCCUPATION

Retired business owner, currently raises cattle full time

WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST ABOUT SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TVEC?

Having served on Twin Valley's board for several years, I have seen a lot of changes in the electric industry. Working to keep our electric service reliable and economical into the future is always going to be interesting.

HOW HAVE YOUR QUALITIES AND/OR EXPERIENCES CONTRIBUTED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TVEC BOARD?

As a business owner for 34 years, and working as an engineer before that, I believe I have brought a helpful point of view to the board's decision making at Twin Valley.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TVEC FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

There are a lot of changes coming in the power industry in the near future. More electric vehicle adoption, more interest in customer-owned solar, the need for battery storage, and changes to the industry outside of our control, all of which are going to need to be considered and planned for in order to maintain the best electric service Twin Valley can provide.

DISTRICT 2



DIANE MCCARTNEY
INCUMBENT

OCCUPATION

Retired

WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST ABOUT SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TVEC?

The more I learn about how the cooperative works and all that goes into ensuring members can flip a switch and have light, coffee, TV, heat, and air conditioning, the more I am fascinated with the process and the skill of our employees.

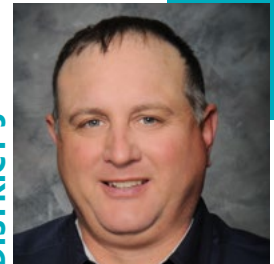
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Even after many years, I still feel like I am in the listening and learning phase. I think the fact that I want to learn and become a wise voice for the members is important.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TVEC FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

I would like to see Twin Valley continue to improve the infrastructure and reliability of our system. Also to continue the strong focus on safety that is already in place. We should also never lose sight of being financially responsible now and looking into the future.

DISTRICT 3



JASON ZWAHLEN
INCUMBENT

OCCUPATION

Frontier Farm Credit loan officer

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TVEC?

Representing the members and how to serve their electric needs.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TVEC FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

Being able to adapt to the government changes and keeping electric affordable while at the same time keeping the co-op in good shape financially.

NOMINATIONS BY PETITION DUE BY APRIL 11

Members who wish to run for the Twin Valley Electric Board of Directors can be added to the official ballot by presenting a petition for nomination to the co-op office with 15 signatures of valid members **BY APRIL 11**. Blank petitions are available at the office. You can also request a petition be mailed to you by calling 620-784-5500.

Nominations by petition received after April 11 will not be listed on the official ballot and will be treated as nominations from the floor.

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President's Report

And so, another year is behind us. At first thought, it seems like nothing changes very fast in the electric power industry. When I look back at 2023, there was a lot happening in the power industry at large, and — here at Twin Valley — we will have to deal with the effects.

As most of you know, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) is our bulk power provider. Through KEPCo, we own an interest in Wolf Creek Generating Station for nuclear power and also Iatan II, a coal-fired generator in Missouri. Contracts for hydroelectric power with the Corps of Engineers in addition to fill-in energy and capacity from Evergy provide most of the balance of the electricity consumed by the 16 electric cooperatives that make up KEPCo.

This year KEPCo is undertaking a cost-of-service study that will determine how generation and energy costs have changed in the 10-plus years since member rates were last updated. Since then, a lot has changed. Federally subsidized wind energy has reduced the average cost of fuel to generate each kilowatt-hour (kWh), but increased investment in transmission and backup generation have also been required. As these trends are sure to continue, the wholesale rate will very likely need to change.

Government regulation will also impact costs to operate. Extreme weather events have led federal regulators to require all utilities to increase their backup reserve generation capacity. The Kansas Legislature is considering new laws dictating how homeowner wind and solar generation will be sized and how it will be metered. As the dust settles on all of these things, Twin Valley's board will need to make appropriate rate changes.

Kansas has several other items of

interest to the electric industry. Panasonic is building a battery plant near DeSoto, Kansas. There are at least four very large solar farms in the planning and development stages around the state. Each of these will cover over 1,000 acres, if they are built. Several Midwest states, including Kansas, are hoping to become home to a green hydrogen plant. Hydrogen can be made from electricity and water, and the process can be started and stopped when wind and solar energy are available. That whole concept will take a lot of federal funding to get started.

Regulations to increase generation reserves have caused some coal-fired power plants around the Midwest that had been slated for closure to have their planned life extended. Unexpected short-term weather events of the last few years have demonstrated that aging coal and gas generators are not as dependable as they once were. As wind generation has become a more significant share of the generation fleet, its failure to meet expected output minimums during peaking events is causing some issues.

All of us at Twin Valley will continue to consider the impact of all of these things as we plan for the future. Thank you for your membership and support in the past and in the future.



BRYAN COOVER
Board President

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Financial REPORTS

Balance Sheet AS OF DEC. 31, 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
Total Utility Plant	\$36,325,266	\$35,147,401
Less Accum. Provision for Depr. & Amort.	7,629,429	7,080,663
Net Utility Plant	28,695,837	28,066,738
INVESTMENTS		
Patronage Associated Organizations	2,303,395	2,258,439
Local Economic Development Projects	237,326	304,552
Total Investments	2,540,721	2,562,991
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS AND DEBITS		
Cash	236,841	386,006
Accounts Receivable	481,072	635,856
Current Assets	363,879	401,298
Other Deferred Debits	57,646	102,822
Total Current Assets and Debits	1,139,438	1,525,982
TOTAL ASSETS	\$32,375,996	\$32,155,711
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS		
Long-Term Debt	\$21,378,429	\$22,162,284
Notes Payable	810,000	-
Accounts Payable	293,749	323,428
Consumer Deposits Held	275,432	280,432
Other Accrued Liabilities	290,515	278,945
Other Deferred Credits	108,750	131,595
Total Liabilities & Other Credits	23,156,875	23,176,684
MEMBER EQUITY		
Memberships	9,760	9,795
Patronage Capital	8,302,763	7,803,599
Operating Margins	199,585	486,556
Non-Operating Margins	67,573	61,368
Other Margins & Equities	639,440	617,709
Total Margins & Equities	9,219,121	8,979,027
TOTAL LIABILITIES & MEMBERS EQUITY	\$32,375,996	\$32,155,711

Statement of Operations

FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2023

INCOME

TOTAL REVENUE

EXPENSES

Cost of Power
Operation & Maintenance Expenses
Depreciation
Current Interest

TOTAL EXPENSES

Operating Margins
Non-Operating Margins

NET MARGIN

Property Taxes

PAID BY COUNTY

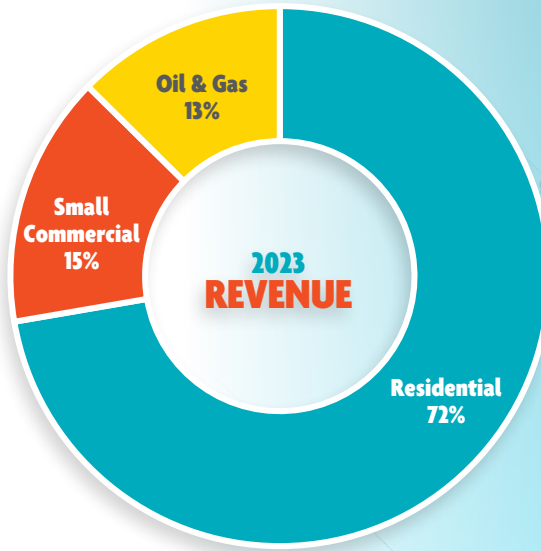
COUNTY

Labette
Neosho
Montgomery
Cherokee

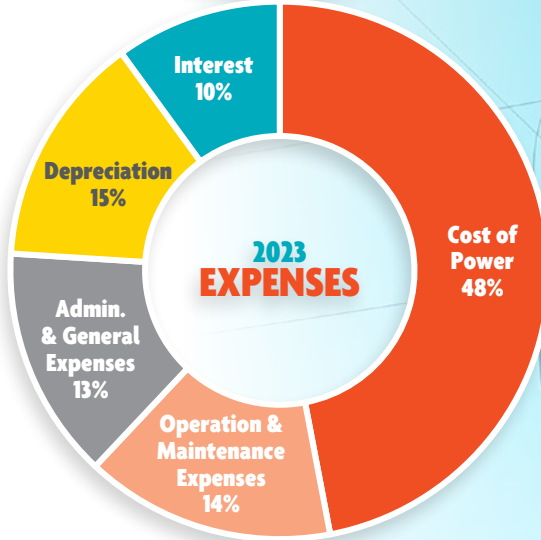
TOTALS

2023 Annual Report

2023	2022	2021
\$6,493,883	\$6,982,169	\$6,406,384

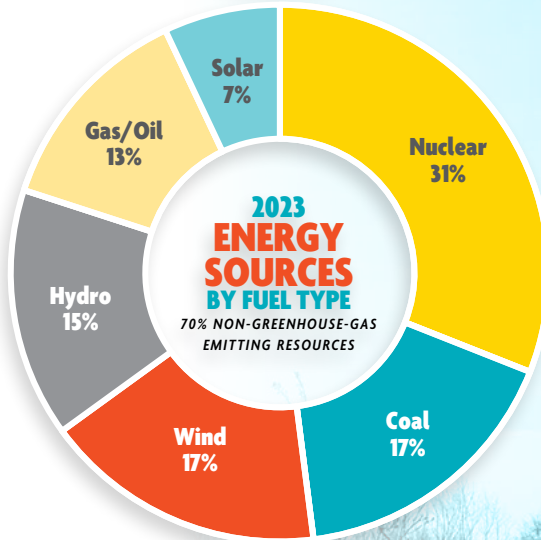


2,776,755	3,126,397	2,952,274
1,936,543	1,797,155	1,809,703
932,054	926,038	885,300
648,946	646,024	616,173
6,294,298	6,495,614	6,263,450



199,585	486,556	142,934
67,573	61,368	98,365
\$267,158	\$547,924	\$241,299

2023	2022	2021
295,825	282,103	294,583
40,651	38,895	41,962
10,808	10,800	11,834
996	972	1,102
348,280	332,770	349,481



CEO Report



ANGIE ERICKSON
CEO

“We are happy to report that Twin Valley members paid less per kWh in 2023 than they paid in 2022.”

It is annual meeting time again — which means it is also time to update our membership on the key activities of 2023.

Financially, 2023 was a good year for Twin Valley. While energy sales and revenues were on target, the cost of purchased power was significantly lower than expected. A portion of this cost savings was retained by the cooperative to be reinvested in system improvements and the rest of the cost savings was returned to our members through a billed lower power cost adjustment. As a result, we are happy to report that Twin Valley members paid less per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in 2023 than they paid in 2022.

Operationally, the reliability of our distribution system continues to be our focus. Aging equipment, overgrowth of trees near power lines, and stormy weather continue to be leading causes of power outages. The continuous replacement of poles, conductor and other electrical equipment is absolutely necessary to maintain our current level of reliability. Similarly, efforts to remove, trim and prevent the growth of trees under or near our power lines is equally critical and has been given additional attention in recent years.

In addition to the critical functions of the cooperative, Twin Valley looks for ways to support our community, particularly our youth. For many years we have sponsored high schoolers to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Colorado, provided funding for food backpacks for local students in need, donated to local 4-H activities, and given electrical safety demonstrations.

New in 2023 was our team sponsorship for the SunPowered Student Challenge — a statewide solar energy competition in Topeka. Teams assemble miniature solar panels and equipment to meet various challenges. In the process, they learn about responsible energy usage, proper panel placement, and how home solar arrays are connected to the grid. The inaugural competition was held in January and participants agreed it was a valuable experience.

With 2024 well underway, we continue working to improve the reliability of the power we provide our membership, and to contain costs to the best of our abilities. It is an honor to serve our members.



LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY IS APRIL 8, 2024

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.



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REGISTRATION & MEAL 6 P.M. | MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Member Name _____

BRING THIS PORTION WITH YOU TO THE MEETING

TWIN VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. | THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

Minutes of 76th Annual Meeting of Members

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Members of Twin Valley Electric Cooperative Inc., was held in the cafeteria on the campus of Labette County High School in Altamont, Kansas, on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bryan Coover at 6:30 p.m. Trustees, employees, several guests and members were present.

President Coover welcomed the members and announced that at least 86 members were in attendance.

Secretary Bryan Hucke declared that the notice of the annual meeting was deposited in the mail on March 27, 2023, at the Pewaukee, Wisconsin, post office.

President Coover then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting in 2022 as mailed with the notice of this meeting. A motion was made by John Bolander and seconded by Cathy Kibler to approve the 2022 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Coover introduced our attorney, Seth Jones, to conduct the election of trustees.

Mr. Jones announced that Heath Steeby had been nominated for District 1, Tom Ellison and Matt Atteberry for District 2, and Dareld Nelson for District 3. Mr. Jones then asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. After one minute there was a motion made by Bryan Hucke and seconded by Jessie Billman to close the nominations. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Jones then instructed the membership to cast their ballots. Ballots were collected and taken to the committee to be counted.

President Coover gave the President's Report. Treasurer Dareld Nelson presented the Treasurer's Report. CEO Angie Erickson presented the CEO's Report.

2022 Youth winners **KATIE ZWAHLEN** and **AVA O'BRIEN** gave a small presentation about their trip to Colorado. The 2023 winners, **ANNA CANTRELL** for the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp to Colorado and **ZAYLAIN BALDWIN** for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., were also announced.

CEO Erickson presented certificates for years of service.

Election results were then given by Mr. Jones: District 1, **HEATH STEEBY**; District 2, **TOM ELLISON**; and District 3, **DARELD NELSON.**

President Coover asked if there was any old business. There was none. President Coover asked if there was any new business. There was none.

Pat Lewis won the early bird prize of \$200. Tammy Padget won the KEPCo \$50 bill credit. Gail Alloway won the KSI \$50 bill credit. Della Myers won the KSI vehicle code scanner. All members in attendance received \$30 electric credits as door prizes.

Motion to adjourn by Pam Baker and seconded by Gail Alloway. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

BRYAN HUCKE, SECRETARY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bryan Coover President	Tom Ellison Director
David Hubbell Vice President	Diane McCartney Director
Dareld Nelson Treasurer	Jared Nash Director
Bryan Hucke Secretary	Heath Steeby Director
	Jason Zwahlen Director

STAFF

Angie Erickson CEO	Kendall Manners Lineman
Rebecca Hanigan CFO	Seth Strasser Lineman
Adam Myers Line Superintendent	Jordan Robison Lineman
Tyler Kennett Foreman	Ty Lahey Lineman
Jennifer Winters Billing/Accounting Analyst	Levi Dickerson Apprentice Lineman
Marsha Moses Member Experience Specialist	Andon Searles Apprentice Lineman

*Registration
Ticket on
Reverse*

BRING THIS TICKET
WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA | ALTAMONT, KANSAS

2024 Annual Meeting

OFFICIAL NOTICE

APRIL 16, 2024

BRYAN HUCKE, SECRETARY

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Members of The Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Labette County High School Cafeteria located at 601 High School Ave. in Altamont, Kansas, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an evening meal and registration beginning at 6 p.m.

- ▶ Reports of officers and directors.
- ▶ Election of three directors:
 - ▶ **BRYAN COOVER** – District 1
 - ▶ **DIANE MCCARTNEY** – District 2
 - ▶ **JASON ZWAHLEN** – District 3
- ▶ All other business which may come before the meeting.

6 p.m.

MEAL & REGISTRATION

6:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Determination of Quorum

Action on 2023 Minutes

Election of Directors

Business Reports:

BRYAN COOVER | PRESIDENT

DARELD NELSON | TREASURER

ANGIE ERICKSON | CEO

Youth Presentations

Service Awards

Election Results

New Business

Old Business

Adjournment