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Lineworker Appreciation Day is Monday, April 14th.

Join us in thanking our lineworkers who help keep the lights on for us all.

CEO Column

As winter loses its grip and spring steadily approaches, your co-op is making plans for important coming events. Mark your calendars for Lake Region Electric Cooperative's 88th Annual Meeting on April 24th and our 4th Annual Energy Forum scheduled for June 6th at Thumper Pond Resort.

In this month's newsletter you'll find information on our 2025 Annual Meeting, including the primary and satellite meeting locations, program details and election information for eligible districts. I will be joined by the LREC Board of Directors and senior staff for a presentation on your co-op's financial and operational performance over the past year, as well as a look at the future.

As an incentive for registration at one of the locations or online, you'll receive a one-time bill credit of \$10. Members able to attend **in-person** and bring their **Annual Meeting postcard** will be entered to win an additional \$50 bill credit.

Our 4th Annual Energy Forum will be at Thumper Pond Resort on June 6th. This year's event is focused on providing you with an opportunity to learn and ask about such topics as the MN 2040 Carbon Free Standard, nuclear energy, GRE transmission line build-out plans, and a Minnesota legislative update on energy related issues. A panel of industry leaders from organizations including Great River Energy (GRE), Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA),

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Join Us at LREC's 88th Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for Lake Region Electric Cooperative's 2025 Annual Meeting on **April 24th**! Join us in *Fergus Falls, Frazee, or Parkers Prairie* where you can enjoy dinner and learn about the latest at LREC. We look forward to seeing you in person or online!

Please note: Satellite locations will have a livestream of the primary location. LREC representatives will be available at each venue.

SCHEDULE

- 5:00 p.m.** Dinner will begin at Life Church in Fergus Falls
- 5:30 p.m.** Dinner will begin at the satellite locations
Livestream starts at www.lrec.coop/annualmeeting
Live music by **Tim Eggebraaten**
- 6:30 p.m.** Annual Meeting begins



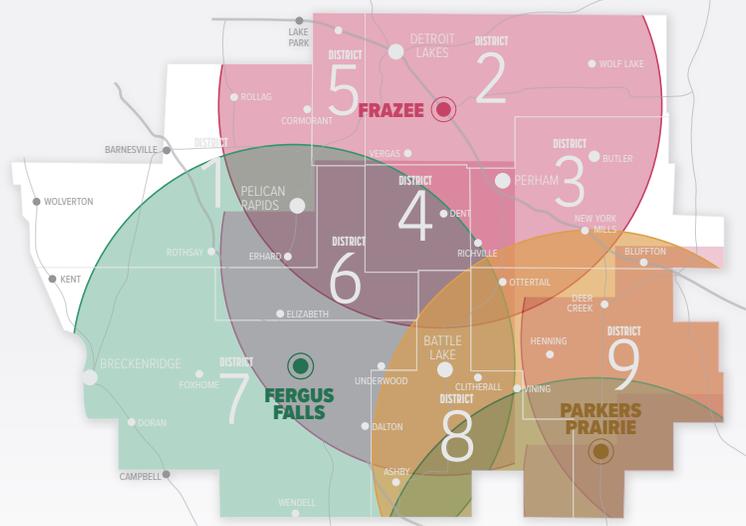
Primary Location

Fergus Falls at Life Church

Satellite Locations

Frazee at Frazee Community Center

Parkers Prairie at Prairie Event Center



The LREC Board of Directors' April meeting will not be held on its regularly scheduled date (*the last Thursday of the month*) due to the Annual Meeting that day. A new date will be determined and announced on our website.

CEO Column

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and Dairyland Power will be on hand to facilitate discussion and lead breakout sessions throughout the day.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events!

Tariff on Canadian Energy Imports

As you know, a 10% tariff levy was placed on Canadian natural gas, oil, and electricity imports in early March. As of the writing of this column (March 10th), this is still a fluid situation, but we wanted to share information provided by our power supplier Great River Energy.

"Great River Energy received 2% of our energy from Manitoba Hydro resources in 2024. Less than 1% of MISO's (Midwest Independent System Operator) total 2024 energy was supplied via Canadian imports. We do not expect the tariffs to have a significant impact on electricity prices in the wholesale market at the present time."

As the situation evolves, we'll continue to provide updates via our newsletter, website, and Facebook page.

Thanks,

Dan Husted
LREC Interim CEO



LREC is hosting a blood drive at our headquarters in Pelican Rapids on May 1st. Reserve a time at www.lrec.coop/blooddrive.

ENERGY FORUM

JUNE 6TH

8:30AM-1:30PM

THUMPER POND RESORT
IN OTTERTAIL



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Interested in Participating in a Smart Thermostat Load Control Program?



LREC is excited to announce the launch of our new Smart Thermostat Load Control Pilot Program! We are seeking members with smart thermostats to participate in this innovative initiative. We're working to finalize program details, but anticipate either an off-peak rate or monthly bill credit as an incentive for eligible members who participate.



If you're interested in joining, please complete our no-obligation survey by scanning the QR code to the left or by visiting www.lrec.coop/SmartThermostatSurvey. Your feedback will help us learn more about your heating and cooling system and assist with our program design.

Move Over for Safety



When traveling, drivers must move over a full lane from stopped ambulance, fire, law enforcement, maintenance, construction, tow trucks, and utility vehicles. If it's not possible for drivers to move over, they are required to reduce their speed until their vehicle has completely passed the stopped vehicle.

Planning to Dig?

First, make the call—it's the law!

811



Before you dig, call *Gopher State One Call (GSOC)* at 811! GSOC coordinates with utilities like Lake Region Electric Cooperative to locate their underground facilities. Please make sure to call at least two business days before beginning your project.

Homeowners should note that private facilities (e.g., power to outbuildings, gas lines, invisible fences, sprinklers) **will not** be marked. It's the homeowner's responsibility to locate privately-owned underground wires before digging.

Call **811** or visit Gopher State One Call's website at gopherstateonecall.org before you start your project!

Former CEO Tim Thompson and members of the LREC Board of Directors met with Rep. Jeff Backer (District 9A, pictured), Rep. Tom Murphy (District 9B), and Sen. Jordan Rasmusson (District 9) to share our position on key legislative issues during the 2025 MREA Annual Meeting in February.



Please note: LREC offices will be closed on **April 18th** for **Good Friday**, and we will also be closing at 3 p.m. on **April 24th** to prepare for our **Annual Meeting**.

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- ◆ *Life Church*, Fergus Falls (primary location)
- ◆ *Frazee Community Center*, Frazee (satellite location)
- ◆ *Prairie Event Center*, Parkers Prairie (satellite location)

Join us virtually at:

- ◆ Scan the QR code or visit www.lrec.coop/annualmeeting



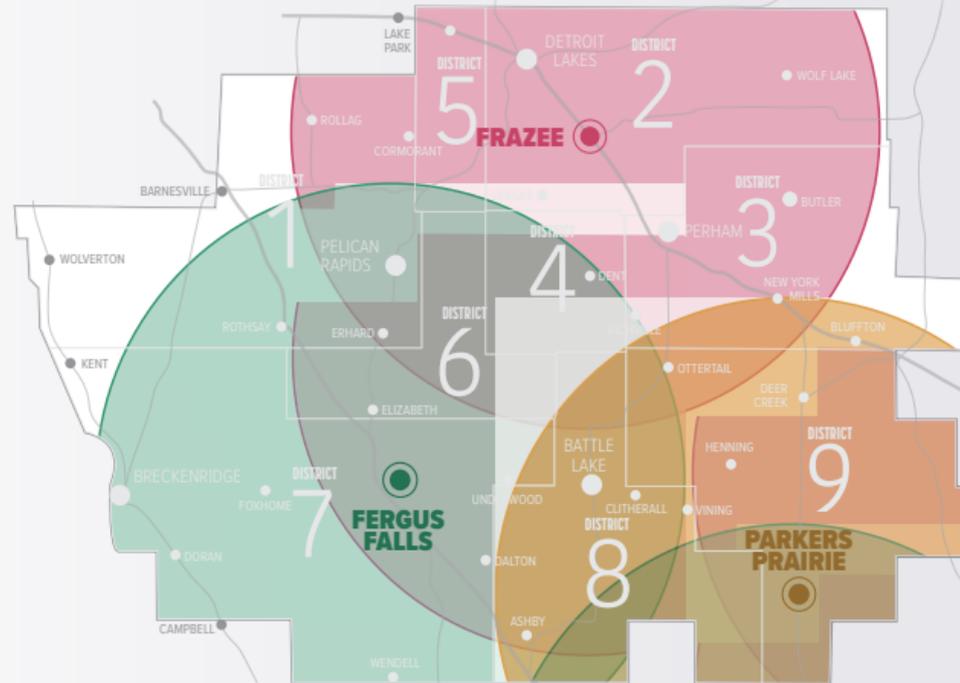
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