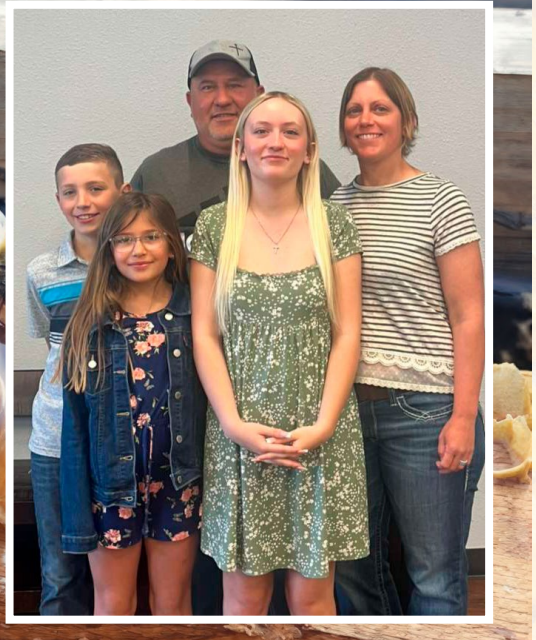


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## PRAIRIE HONEY: **Viljoen Honey Farm**

North Dakota is home to a diverse agricultural industry which includes row crops, cattle, bees and more. North Dakota is ranked No. 1 in the nation for honey production, with over 36 million pounds produced in 2024.

A local beekeeping family has contributed to that total since 2016, when they purchased their first set of beehives. Rhyno and Becky Viljoen and their three children, who farm near Dodge, share their passion for beekeeping through their business, Viljoen Honey Farm.

### **Building Viljoen Honey Farm**

When the Viljoens bought their first set of beehives, they were working for another local beekeeper, learning the craft through firsthand experience. From there, Becky and Rhyno continued to build their bee numbers, gradually increasing until they could work full time for themselves.

Growing up in South Africa, Rhyno comes from a strong agricultural background, although he hadn't envisioned working with bees.

"Bees isn't something we thought we would do," Rhyno says. But their former employer encouraged their step into the beekeeping business.

"I do enjoy it and we picked it up pretty well," Rhyno says.

Unlike other agricultural commodities, such as crops and cattle, less land is needed for bees, making beekeeping a practical business choice for the Viljoens. In addition, the Viljoens have a few cattle, chickens and sheep to keep them busy when they are done with the bees for the day. With Rhyno's strong agricultural roots, ranching is something they hope to grow alongside the beekeeping business.

Viljoen Honey Farm has grown over the past 10 years, from 100 beehives to 6,000 hives and employing 12 people. When Becky and Rhyno bought

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their first set of beehives, it was just them and their children. Now, they are managing employees and operations.

Becky and Rhyno each have their own roles when it comes to the bee business and keeping the employees and operations rolling. Rhyno does much of the planning of placing hives, and tending to bee health and honey production. Becky keeps the administrative operations flowing smoothly, ensuring employee paperwork and other logistics are in order. While their responsibilities differ, they still find themselves in the field together every once in a while, doing bee checks or extracting honey.

## **Bee management**

Ensuring a healthy, vibrant beehive is a priority when it comes to honey production. The temperament and work ethic of the hive all depend on the queen bee. A queen bee's primary role is producing worker bees and regulating the colony. The Viljoens now breed queen bees, ensuring they get the temperament and production they need for the operation. Through an intricate process, they breed queen bees who will be hearty to the changing climates, are even-tempered and will produce efficient worker bees.

"You can buy whatever you want when it comes to queens, but we have to do us, bees that fit us," Rhyno says.

Having hearty bees is an important factor for Viljoen Honey Farm due to the changing climate where the bees live. Although the bees spend the summer in North Dakota, they are moved to Idaho once the cold sets in to winter in potato barns.

In January, the bees are loaded to travel to California for the almond season, which spans until February or March. Typically, the bees pollinate just almond fields in California, but the Viljoens put the bees on another California crop this year – oranges.

"It was an experience," Becky says. "The season is short and the rules are different."

With a new crop comes new lessons, but the bees flourished on the oranges. In May, the Viljoens extracted the orange honey, which can be purchased locally.

"One thing about agriculture, my dad would always tell me we are learning every day. It's always changing," Rhyno says.

Like any industry, beekeeping comes with challenges. Between mites and spraying of herbicides, fungicides and pesticides, 2025 was the worst year of loss for bees across the United States.

Even if the chemicals will not kill bees, it still may make them sick, which ultimately impacts production.

The Viljoens manage bees at over 160 locations

and have good relationships with the landowners where hives are set. They say the landowners are proactive with notifying them when they may spray, allowing them to move bees prior to fields being sprayed. Bees must be moved in the early morning or late at night when it is dark and cool, so they do not fly away. This allows beekeepers to work around landowners' spraying schedules when beehives need to be moved.

## **North Dakota honey season**

In June, you may see beehives in alfalfa or sweet clover fields across the state. This is the time when bees are feeding on various wild forages and wildflowers. Honey production for bees in North Dakota begins around May, when they are collecting nectar from early bloom flowers, such as dandelions, alfalfa and other wildflowers.

North Dakota is known for being bee friendly due to its vast area of wildflowers and prairie forage. For the Viljoen Honey Farm bees, Rhyno and Becky prefer alfalfa, sweet clover and prairie areas for the bees to feed. They sometimes set hives on sunflowers and canola fields as well. Buckwheat is another crop they prefer due to its late bloom.

Bees are the primary pollinators of plants, which makes them essential to the environment. Not only do bees produce honey, but bees pollinate the crops as well.

"Bees do well on buckwheat and the honey is high in antioxidants," Becky says. Although she says it does have a strong smell and flavor and is not as sweet, it is ideal for meat marinades.

The farm's honey is produced under a certain temperature to keep it in raw form and is lightly strained to remove debris, but keeping the pollen in the product sold to consumers. The Viljoens also sell wax, creamed honey and products such as lotion bars and chapsticks.

"Our customers really enjoy the honey," Becky says. "Creamed honey is a favorite. They say it is so good"

As the Viljoens reflect on their business, they say it continues to bring them joy.

"There is something about being in the hive, being outside and seeing the bees," Becky says. "There is so much to bees people don't know. They are super smart and interesting."

Becky says that is by God's blessings that their business is where it is today.

"It is that our business would not be where it is today, without all the blessings we have received from God," says Becky.

Viljoen Honey Farm products can be found at local vendors shows, Pure Prairie Health + Food in Beulah, The Dash in Hazen or by contacting Becky. ■

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

# Understanding your capital credit allocation



**Jason Bentz**

Co-General Manager/  
CEO

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Roughrider Electric Cooperative operates differently than investor-owned utilities. Instead of generating profits for shareholders, we return the margins to you, our members, through capital credits. It's one of the many ways your ownership in Roughrider Electric truly matters.

Each time you use electricity and pay your bill, you're helping to cover the cost of providing reliable electric services. After the cooperative pays all operating expenses, any remaining margins are allocated to members based on how much electricity they use during the year. This allocation is your share of the co-op's financial success.

This month, we'll be making capital credit allocations, and we want to highlight what that

means. Allocations are not immediate cash payments, but rather a record of your equity in the cooperative. These funds are reinvested into our system to support the maintenance, upgrades and expansion of the infrastructure that keeps your lights on.

When financial conditions are strong, and the board of directors determines it's appropriate, a portion of those capital credits are retired, meaning they're paid to members in the form of checks or bill credits.

This process allows us to maintain a strong financial foundation while returning value directly to you.

If you have any questions about how capital credits work or what your allocation means, our team is here to help.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We're proud to serve you. ■



## HOW CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION WORKS



### Co-op Earns a Margin (Profit)

At the end of a fiscal year, the co-op calculates its revenues minus expenses. If there's a surplus, it's not called a "profit," but a margin.



### Board Approves Allocation

The board of directors decides how much of the margin to allocate back to members as capital credits, and how much to retain for operating reserves.



### Credits Are Allocated

Allocated capital credits are recorded in the member's name, but not immediately paid out. Typically this occurs annually.



### Credits Are Retired Over Time

Over time (usually a 20 + year cycle), the co-op retires (pays out) these credits to members, typically delivered by check.

## MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS: **Projects to continue reliability**



**Shawn Olson**

*Chief of Staff/  
Operations Manager*

Roughrider Electric Cooperative covers a vast area in the western side of the state, from Price to Medora and from Dodge to Lefor. Each project within the service area helps ensure reliability and longevity of the electric system.

Roughrider Electric's operations department works with a team of engineers at Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative to diligently plan construction projects for the year. Planning these projects allows Roughrider Electric to

obtain easements, gather materials and allot the appropriate amount of time to complete the projects. You may have seen crews in your area conducting pole testing, changing poles or installing new equipment on a power line near you. These are all part of the projects scheduled for the summer.

### **Underground conversion**

Work plan projects continue to progress, which include numerous conversions of overhead power lines to underground cable. Installation of underground cable helps add reliability to the system by reducing exposure of power lines to weather conditions, animals and other factors that may cause electric service disruptions. This includes overhead

power lines being replaced with underground cable throughout the towns of Belfield and Pick City. To enhance safety, various road and highway crossings will be converted to underground cable.

### **New services and upgrades**

Roughrider Electric's service area continues to see exciting expansion and we are proud to be an essential part of it. A few community-based projects where we are installing electrical services include Minnesota Power's Longspur Wind Project in Mercer County, the Medora area, the Beulah Bay housing development and upgrades at the Dickinson Airport.

### **Proactive maintenance**

Utility poles across the service area continue to get changed out. Through pole testing and line inspection, utility poles were flagged if they needed to be replaced. Additionally, tree trimming will continue to keep foliage and debris from coming into contact with power lines and causing blinks or outages.

While our crews remain busy throughout the coming months, we know our members are hard at work as well. We remind members to be aware of power lines and electrical equipment. Whether you are planting, baling and stacking hay, spraying fields or enjoying time in your yard, take a moment to look around and stay aware of your surrounds to help prevent accidents. Safety remains a top priority for you, our members. ■



## SAFETY STARTS WITH ME:

# Protect yourself against utility scams



**John Beyer**

*Journeyman Lineworker*

As your electric cooperative, Roughrider Electric Cooperative knows the importance of communicating with you. Roughrider Electric's priority is ensuring you receive timely information from us through various channels, such as social media, our e-newsletter, text messages and phone calls. But with the increase in scams targeting utility companies, everyone needs to be aware and take extra precautions when

sharing information online and over the phone. We are committed to the safety of the cooperative and member information, and encourage you to do the same.

Scammers are developing new tactics every day, and they are targeting everyone.

The "past due" scam is unfortunately a familiar occurrence that goes something like this: A customer gets a call from an 800-number that looks like a valid utility company phone number. Widely available spoofing software allows scammers to display what appears to be an official number on caller IDs. The scammer threatens to cut off power if the customer doesn't pay.

But here's the giveaway: The scammers will

demand payment via a prepaid debit card or money order. In addition, they will ask for it within a specified timeframe, often in an hour or less.

Scammers might direct the customer to a specific store nearby that sells the prepaid cards and instruct the customer to put money on the card and provide the card number to the scammer.

But here's the reality about Roughrider Electric, we will never ask for immediate payment over the phone or in the form of prepaid or gift cards. We offer safe and secure ways for members to pay their energy bill online, over the phone or in person.

If something sounds or looks like a scam, it probably is. Refrain from clicking links in emails or text messages that look unusual or unexpected. If you receive a call from a number posing to be Roughrider Electric and it sounds suspicious, hang up and call us at 800-748-5533.

We value your trust and work hard to ensure your information stay safe with us, but everyone has a responsibility when it comes to staying vigilant about scams. ■

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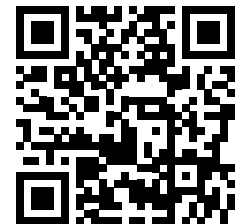
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## GENERATOR INFORMATION FORM

To help Roughrider Electric better serve our members, we're asking you to complete a short form letting us know whether you have a generator on your property. Scan the QR code to complete the form or call our office at 800-748-5533 to notify us.



# Unclaimed capital credits

The following list contains the names of current or former Roughrider Electric Cooperative members who had unclaimed capital credit checks mailed in December 2025.

These checks have either been received, but not cashed, or returned to Roughrider Electric by the postal service, because it could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Roughrider Electric personnel has not turned up

their whereabouts. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list, please have them contact Roughrider Electric at 800-748-5533. Please keep in mind not all of the capital credit amounts are large, but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties. Persons who wish to claim checks from the following list should be prepared to provide proper personal identification. The first half of the list was published in the May issue of *North Dakota Living*.

MAPEL, ALEXANDER  
MARMON, STEVE  
MARQUETTE, GRETCHEN  
MARSH, BERNIE  
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MARTENS, TERRY  
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MARTIN, KAYLENE  
MARTIN, LAURIE  
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MARTINEAU, JEREMY  
MARYVILLE ELECT MEDIA  
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MAXFIELD, PETER  
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MCGLYNN, JAMES J.  
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MCGRAW, KELLY  
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MCLAUGHLIN, CASEY  
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MCNAMARA, LILA  
MEDLAR, NOAH  
MEDORA CORPORATION  
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MEDUNA, KARA  
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MERCK, MICHAEL R.  
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## Roughrider Electric board meeting highlights March 27

The meeting of the board of directors of Roughrider Electric Cooperative was held March 27 at its Dickinson office. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. MT. A quorum was present. Also attending were co-General Managers/CEOs Travis Kupper and Jason Bentz, CFO Alex Craigmile, Chief of Staff/Operations Manager Shawn Olson, Legal Counsel Jennifer Grosz and Board Liaison Connie Hill. Business Manager Michaela Perbix and Tyler Richter from Brady Martz attended a portion of the meeting.

**Consent agenda:** The consent agenda was approved as proposed.

**Strategic items:** Bentz and Kupper presented the co-general managers' report, which included updates on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) PowerXchange meeting and breakout sessions they attended. The managers also discussed National Information Solutions Cooperative call to order applications, a North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives manager meeting and other items. Several additional Basin Electric Power Cooperative reports and board documents were available for review.

**Department reports:** Craigmile provided a financial report that

included a review of the financials, highlighting items in the executive summary. Olson provided an operations report detailing work crews are performing, including line patrol, breaker checks and pole change-outs. Transmission line construction continues. Perbix presented a member services report that included youth programs, grant inquiries and other items. Chief Information Officer Charlie Dunbar provided a written report. Grosz provided an update on legal matters, including the status of projects, policy issues and contract matters.

**Action items:** Richter provided an annual audit review for the board. Additionally, the board reviewed contracts, CoBank's customer meeting, upcoming board meeting locations, NRECA planning documents and general capital credit retirements.

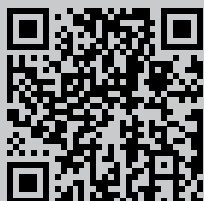
**Executive session:** The board entered an executive session during the meeting.

The meeting concluded with adjournment. Secretary Troy Sailer certified the accuracy of the minutes.

**Next meeting date:** The next meeting is at 10 a.m. CT on June 26 in Hazen. ■

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