

# CONNECTIONS

CORNHUSKER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT • DECEMBER 2025



## MERRY *Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Griffin Babb • Jim Baumert • Adam Becker • Adam Bonczynski • Corey Boryca

Wayne Colegrove • Joe Czarnick • Andy Daniels • Peter Drozda • Brad Dudek • Neal Faltys

Jacque Finkral • Charles Fox • Lawrence Franzen • Galen Frenzen • Jon Gehring • Butch Gray

Randy Heinemann • Jenny Hoefler • Cameron Houfek • Parker Hughes • Michael Jacobi

Jessica Kurpgeweit • Matt Lech • Marty McKay • Cameron Menke • Scott Miller

Bryan Mohnsen • Ryan Mohr • Brian Mueller • Troy Norman • Brett Olson • Mark Palmer

Denise Pandorf • Marc Pelster • Kyndell Penick • Glen Pfeifer • Mason Prosocki • Jon Ramaekers

Riley Reeder • Bill Robinson • Karla Rohwer • Travis Settles • Mike Siefken • Keith Staab

Caden Stankoski • Mike Stockwell • Brian Strong • Bryce Theilen • Judy Timm • Austin Urkoski

Diane Vrba • Jay Wemhoff • Clint Williams

Russ Yosten • Keaton Zarek

# Cornhusker Public Power District Service Anniversaries

Cornhusker Public Power District employees are truly the “face” of the District. They are talented, hardworking, loyal people who provide excellent service that Cornhusker Public Power District customers have come to expect. Many work behind the scenes making sure the job gets done and the electric power is delivered efficiently and safely.

Cornhusker Public Power District has made a commitment to the people we serve, and our employees enable the District to fulfill that commitment.



**Cameron Menke**, Journey Line Technician



**Bryce Theilen**, Lead Line Technician



**Adam Becker**, Lead Substation/Metering/IT-OT Technician

## Board Directors Service Anniversaries

Board Directors Andrew Daniels, rural Columbus, and Glen Pfeifer, rural Lindsay, mark their 20th and 40th years, respectfully, as Directors. We thank them for their guidance, leadership, and dedicated service to the Board and Cornhusker Public Power District customers.



**Andrew Daniels**, Director - Subdivision Six



**Glen Pfeifer**, Director - Subdivision Five

## St. Edward welcomes Community Builders

St. Edward welcomed Community Builders to their town on October 8, 2025. Tours included Beaver Creek Smokehouse by owner Brent Werts, Valley Creek Chiropractic, LLC by owner Hailey Eckstein Stock, 307 Designs by owner Ashley Jones, St. Edward Floral by owners Heather & Cindy Stephens, and Sal's Shoppe by owner Kenna Jasa.

Dani O'Brien gave a presentation on the Boone County Leadership Academy to the group of 20 during lunch at Beaver's Pub. Karin Rieger, Central Community College, invited guests to give community updates happening in their area.

Community Builders helps individuals in Platte, Colfax, Boone, and Nance counties learn ways to improve their communities. Sponsors are Cornhusker Public Power District, Loup Power District, and Central Community College.



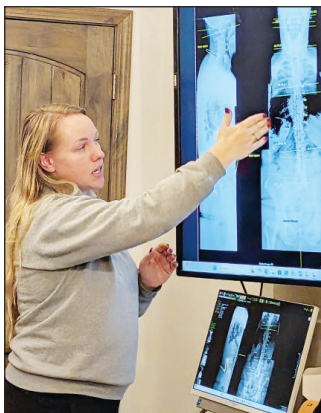
St. Edward Floral provides floral arrangements for funerals, weddings, and other occasions. They also offer various gift and décor items.



307 Designs uses a manual screen printer to make various apparel items. The printer is set up to use six different colors.



Brent Werts shows guests the seasoning packets they use for their meats at the smokehouse.



Hailey Eckstein Stock, owner of Valley Creek Chiropractic, explains how she reads an x-ray before she cares for a patient.



A selection of Nebraska clothing items located at Sal's Shoppe. The shop also offers a variety of clothing items, gifts and jewelry.

## Brian Strong named Vice President of Cornhusker PPD

The Cornhusker Public Power District Board of Directors is pleased to announce Brian Strong as the new Vice President of Cornhusker Public Power District.

Strong will assist the CEO/GM in overseeing day-to-day operations, helping to shape the direction of the District moving forward. He will collaborate with all employees to align safety, technology, finance, customer service, load management, rates, operations, and other aspects of the District, ensuring Cornhusker Public Power District continues to be an excellent value for our employees and customers.

Strong has been with Cornhusker Public Power District since September 1997 when he was hired as an apprentice line technician on the Columbus construction crew. He obtained journey line technician status in 2000 and was promoted to lead line technician in 2009. Strong was named Technical Services and Safety Director in 2012.



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Public Power District

## PLATTE COUNTY Goodwill Fund Trustee needed

The Goodwill Fund Trustees are looking for a person from Platte County to serve as a representative on the Goodwill Fund Trustee board. Two 3-year terms expired for current trustee Cody Luchsinger. The District must serve the applicant's home. Trustees meet quarterly in the evening. The applicant must be available to present checks during the day to recipients of the Goodwill Fund. Contact Jessica at 402 564 2821 for an application by January 9, 2026.



### 4th Quarter Goodwill Fund Results

*Thank you to all customers who round-up their bill to the next highest dollar.*

Amount	Organization/Agency	Purpose
\$200	Albion Chamber of Commerce	Lights and tree topper for festival
\$250	Boone Central Schools	Books
\$200	Boone County Toys for Tots	Gifts
\$250	Columbus Area Children's Museum	Supplies for children's events
\$250	Nebraska Extension - Platte County 4-H	STEM materials for event
\$200	Pinnacle Bank - Christmas for Troops	Troop care packages
\$200	Platte County Historical Society	Digitizing equipment
\$200	Platte County Pheasants Forever	Native grass and pollinator program
\$200	Genoa Public Library	Teen lego club
\$75	Twin River Post Prom	Prizes
\$200	Howells Community Catholic School	Library books
\$200	Humphrey Public Library	Crafts/supplies for Pre-K
\$250	Humphrey Public Schools	Library books
\$200	Village of Monroe	Park Shelter
\$200	Petersburg Public Library	Microfiche machine
\$200	Platte Center PTO	Picnic tables
\$200	Schuyler Historical Society	Vacuum cleaner
\$580	St. Edward Fire Department	Grassland nozzle

Next applications are due on January 16, 2026. Apply at [cornhusker-power.com](http://cornhusker-power.com).

*Our office will be closed on  
December 24 and 25 for Christmas &  
January 1, 2026, for the New Year.*

CEO/GM  
Kyndell Penick

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Gehring, Platte Center  
President

Mark Palmer, St. Edward  
Vice-President

Russell Yosten, Clarkson  
Secretary

Robert Gray, Jr., Albion  
Treasurer

Andy Daniels, Columbus

Lawrence Franzen, Leigh

Galen Frenzen, Fullerton

Glen Pfeifer, Lindsay

William Robinson, Cedar Rapids

Milan Siefken, Columbus

Board meetings held the third Monday of each month at 9 AM. Agenda available during business hours.

### EDITOR

Jessica Kurgeweit

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
Closed weekends and holidays

### SERVICE CENTERS

ALBION, NE AND FULLERTON, NE

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MERRICK AND WHEELER COUNTIES