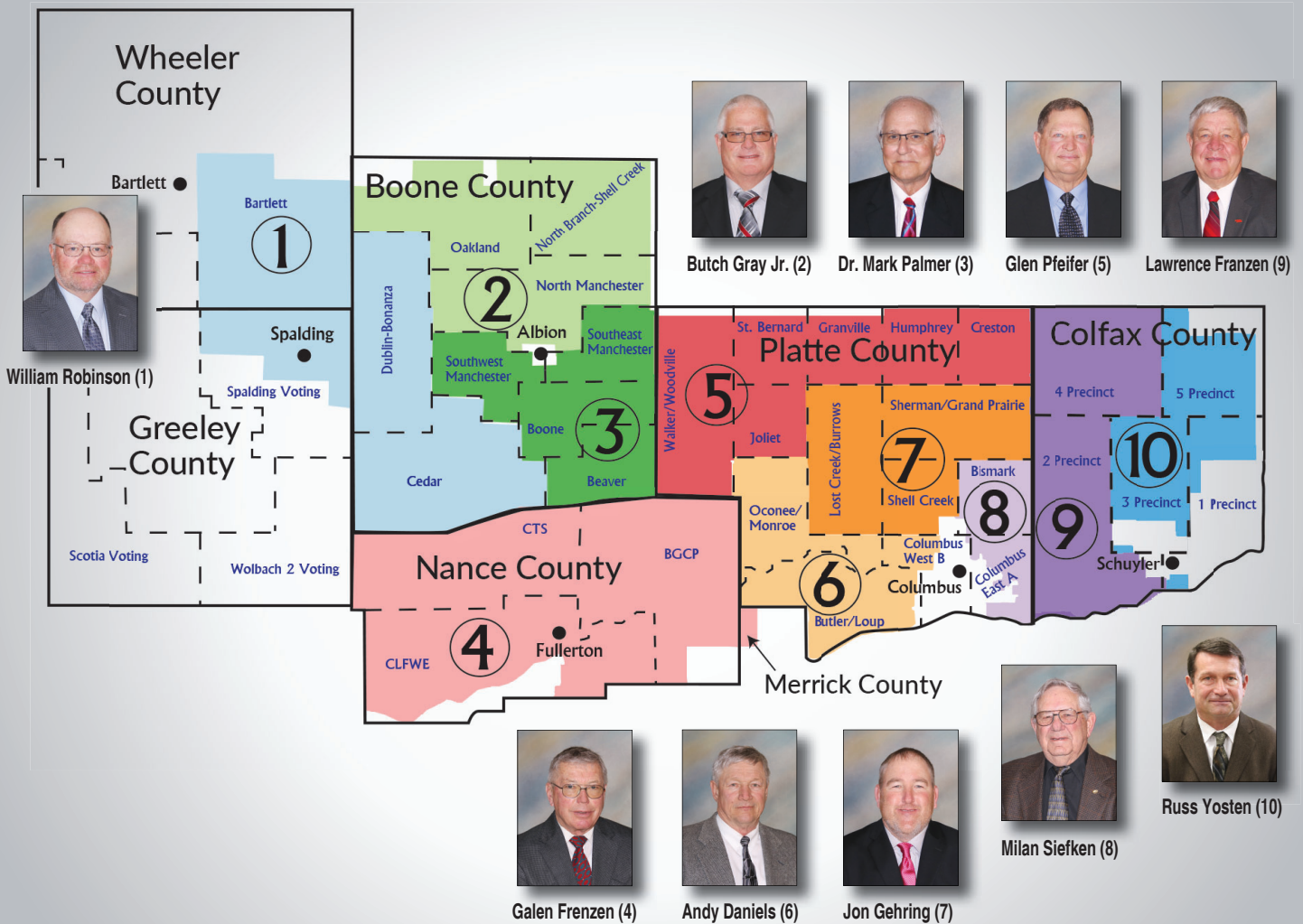


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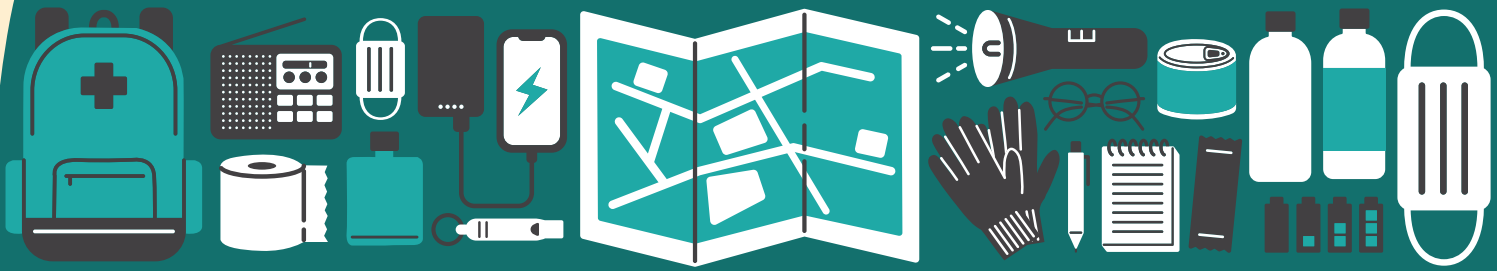


Board of directors elects officers

Board officers were elected at the January 20, 2025 board meeting. New officers are:

- President Jon Gehring**, Platte Center, Subdivision 7
- Vice-President Mark Palmer**, St. Edward, Subdivision 3
- Secretary Russell Yosten**, Clarkson, Subdivision 10
- Treasurer Robert (Butch) Gray, Jr.**, Albion, Subdivision 2

In addition, three board members took their oath of office for being reelected to Cornhusker Public Power District board of directors. They are Milan Siefken (Subdivision 8), Dr. Mark Palmer (Subdivision 3), and Galen Frenzen (Subdivision 4). All three board members will serve six-year terms on the Cornhusker Public Power District board of directors.



Are you storm ready?

Follow these safety and preparation tips during the spring and summer storm season.

Be Prepared.

- Create an emergency kit with power outage essentials: batteries, power banks, flashlights, non-perishable foods, water, medical supplies and prescriptions.
- Develop an emergency family plan with meeting points, communication methods, and evacuation routes. Share your plan with all family members.
- Monitor the weather for important updates that could impact your emergency plan.

Stay Safe.

- Ensure a safe shelter. Stay away from windows and doors. In tornadoes, move to a basement or an interior room without windows.
- Use portable generators safely: operate outdoors in well-ventilated areas, place on a flat, dry surface, do not overload and always read the operating manual before use.
- Severe storms can bring down tree limbs and power lines. If you encounter a downed line, stay back. Always assume a downed line is live and dangerous.

Need new lawn equipment? Consider going electric

If you are in the market to upgrade your lawn and garden equipment, you may want to consider electric (or battery-powered) options.

There are not only more options available now than in recent years, but improvements to electric lawn and garden equipment have been made to run times, features, quality and service life. For most consumers, electric lawn and garden tools can get the job done just as well as gas-powered models.

Cornhusker Public Power District offers an incentive for customers who purchase any electric lawn and garden equipment including: mowers, snowblowers, tillers, trimmers, pruners, chainsaws, etc. Customers will receive 20% of the purchase price on any qualifying electric lawn and garden equipment. For an application and a full list of program guidelines visit cornhusker-power.com.

Learn more at:



ADVANTAGES INCLUDE:

- **Going green:** Electric devices do not emit byproducts that damage the environment.
- **Less smell:** There are no emissions, which means no exhaust odor.
- **More free time:** There is no need to buy and change the oil, spark plugs, and air filters.
- **Less noise:** Electric yard tools and mowers can be quieter than gas-powered ones.
- **Ease of use:** Simply plug in or charge to use. Some brands offer battery continuity between devices.
- **Less weight:** Corded electric devices are often lighter than gas-powered equipment.

Small Coins

MAKE A BIG CHANGE

Customers can help by rounding-up their bill

Twenty-six years ago, Cornhusker Public Power District started a program where customers round up their monthly electric bills to benefit residents in the six counties it serves. This program is known as Operation Round-Up and it funds the Cornhusker Power Goodwill Fund.

Since its beginning in 1999, Cornhusker Power's Goodwill Fund has been an incredibly successful way in which Cornhusker Public Power District customers help the less fortunate.

Through Operation Roundup, Cornhusker Public Power District automatically rounds up a participating customer's electric bill to the next highest dollar. For example, a customer's monthly bill of \$52.73 would be automatically rounded up to \$53, with the additional 27 cents going to the Goodwill Fund. The average annual giving is \$6 per customer with a max of \$11.98 per year. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Over the past 26 years, Cornhusker Public Power District customers helped replenish food supplies for local food pantries, helped support senior citizen programs, purchased supplies and equipment for rural fire and rescue departments, provided funds for community programs and helped children of all ages by supporting schools and youth programs.

The program operates with a five-member board of trustees who review applications and distribute monies

Penny by penny, rounding-up infuses hope and help to those in need.



Need funding for a community project?
Apply at cornhusker-power.com
Next applications are due on April 18, 2025



Platte County Trustee Andrew Schmidt (middle) gives \$600 to the Duncan Volunteer Fire Department for new pagers.

quarterly. "Sometimes, the simplest acts of kindness can be the most impactful," said Marketing and Communication Specialist Jessica Kurpgeweit. "It's inspiring to see so many of our customers give as individuals, knowing that when added together, their donations offer help and hope to organizations in their own communities. It's a real-life example of what it means to be public power."

If you want to make a difference in your community, consider rounding up your bill. The process is simple, call 402 564 2821 to be a part of the program and make a **BIG** change in your community.

2025 Goodwill Fund 1st Qtr Results

Amount	Organization/Agency	Purpose
\$500	Belgrade Volunteer Fire Dept	New equipment
\$200	Clarkson Public Library	Handicap accessible doors
\$500	Columbus Community Hospital Foundation	Varian TureBeam
\$500	Helping Hands Cancer Foundation	Gas cards
\$100	Mental Health Action Team	Yard signs
\$300	Fullerton's Future Inc.	Playground equipment
\$500	Fullerton Fire & Rescue	UTV
\$500	Stop the Bleed	Limb kits
\$100	Genoa Historical Museum	Vacuum
\$500	Leigh Rescue Unit	TV and wall mount
\$300	Lindsay Academy	3D printer
\$500	Monroe Fire & Rescue	Bunker Gear
\$100	Grace Lutheran Church	Batting
\$400	American Legion Post 47	Veterans memorial
\$100	St. Ann's Altar Society	Industrial grill
\$75 each	Post Prom: Columbus HS, Clarkson/Leigh, Columbus Scotus, Lakeview HS, Humphrey HS, Riverside HS, Schuyler HS, Spalding Academy	Prizes

YOUTH ENERGY

LEADERSHIP CAMP



JULY 21 - 25

CAMP COMECA
Cozad, Nebraska

Want to attend Energy Camp?

- Cornhusker Public Power District selects up to 6 teens to attend camp each year. Interested students will be asked to submit an essay.
- You must be a 9th, 10th, or 11th grader...And your home must be served by Cornhusker Public Power District.
- Interested students apply online at cornhusker-power.com. Once registered, a packet of information will be sent to the student with essay instructions. Essays are due April 11.
- If more than six students submit essays, a contest will be held (at a later date) to determine the six scholarship recipients.

Why go to Energy Camp?

- Learn about public power in Nebraska and debate proposed issues.
- Tour two Nebraska Power Plants.
- Have a chance to be one of three students to win a trip to attend NRECA's Youth Tour in Washington D.C. (sponsored by the NREA).
- Cornhusker Public Power District will sponsor two students (who attend camp) to Youth Tour in D.C.
- Make friends with nearly 70 teens from Nebraska and Wyoming.
- Participate in activities: sports, swimming, dance, and banquet.

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