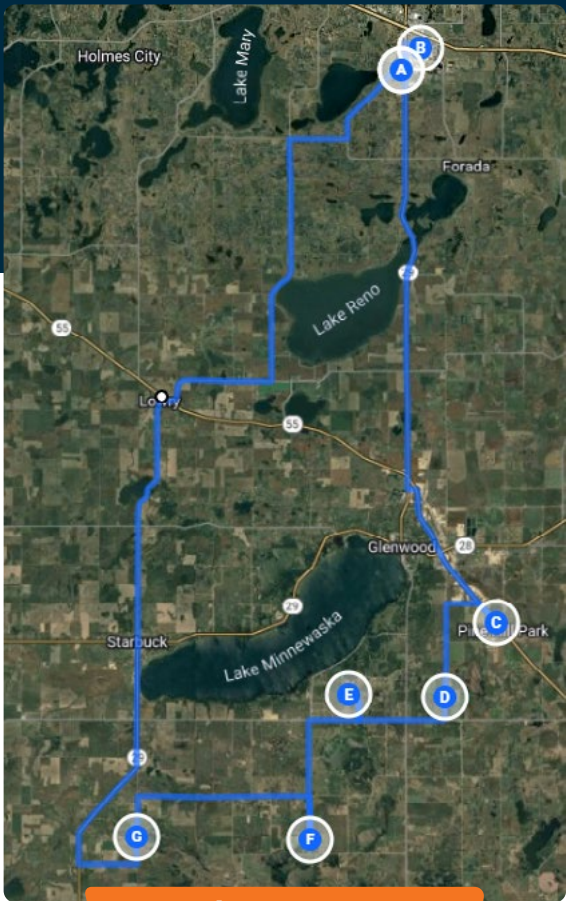


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Tentative Tour Route*

Celebrate Co-op Month with REA on a Day Long Bus Trip!

October 10, 2025 * 7:30 AM to 4 PM

Join REA for a day showcasing some REA businesses and their unique energy needs. This year, we will be visiting the Glenwood/Starbuck area with notable stops at CF Industries, the Lake Mary Substation, Rolling Forks Vineyard and more!

Cost: \$20 per person

Includes tours, tastings, lunch and transportation

- A** REA Office
- B** Lake Mary Substation
- C** CF Industries
- D** Dorrich Dairy
- E** Rolling Forks Vineyard
- F** Glacial Ridge Growers Greenhouse
- G** Glacial Lakes State Park

**Tour subject to change*

Sign Up Today!

Spots are limited, there is a max capacity of 40 participants.

To sign up, call or email Ally:

 **320-762-1121**

 **ally.koudela@runestoneelectric.com**



Al Haman
CEO

A Note from the CEO

REA employees through the years

This month, I'd like to highlight the employees of Runestone Electric Association (REA). Cliff Hove became the cooperative's first employee in 1935, serving as manager and project superintendent during the cooperative's early years. Since that time, nearly 950 employees

have been employed by REA in seasonal, part-time and full-time positions. More than half of the 950 were meter readers prior to the introduction of electronic meters in 1998.

The evolution of job titles over the past 90 years is impressive – groundman, laborer, mechanic, key punch operator, janitress, meter reader, summer help, heavy equipment operator, computer programmer, student learner, electric service specialist, shop man, typist clerk, plant record clerk, and the list goes on. Today,

we have 34 employees, some of whom hold legacy titles, as well as titles like network & IT administrator, cable locator, energy management technician, and journeyman lineman. No matter the title, they reflect the roles necessary to operate today's electric cooperative.

As with many occupations, some days at REA are routine – processing payments, paying bills, replacing poles, changing out yard lights, and so on. But I have seen firsthand what happens when a storm blows through and the switchboard lights up with outages. This group launches into action, taking your calls, analyzing maps, loading trucks, doing whatever it takes to get your power back on as quickly and safely as possible.

Trust me when I say you have a great team working for you!



Current REA employees include: (front) Randy, Josh, Barry, Josh, Derick, Kim and Dave. (Middle) Sue, Mark, Janet, Sara, Jodi, Sue, Janelle, Troy, Ally and Will. (Back) Tyler, Derek, Ryan, Al, Travis, Kyle, Grant, Chad, Ross, Cody, Joe and Jeremy. Not pictured: Ben, Brad, Jason, Kelly, and Sara.



REA employees (from left to right) Ginny Mentele, Vivian Mattson, and Marlene Lorsung at REA's Grant County Fair booth in the early 1950s.



The REA crew in 1946 (front row, left to right): Augie Peterson, Bill Sandberg, Earl Cook, Elliot Sherman and Louis Kappahn. (Back row, left to right): Tex Hinton, Bill Bundy, Chet Estenson, Earl Thompson, Fred Frier, Ed Goodrich, Hubert Ignowski, Harry Bonga and Keith Dougherty.

REA Board of Director Meeting Highlights - July 2025

- » Reviewed the Financial Report for June 2025. June kWh sales were 12% under budget, which brought the REA margin down for the month.
- » Discussed the pros and cons of sending capital credit checks to active accounts. Directed staff to proceed with exploring the issuance of bill credits to active members, rather than mailing checks.
- » Reviewed the results of the RESAP (Rural Electric Safety

Achievement Program) unannounced inspection on May 15, 2025. Discussed areas of strong performance, satisfactory performance and areas of opportunity.

- » Approved Ken Johnson, Hoffman (District 3), and Erik Peterson, Alexandria (District 5), to serve three-year terms on the Member Advisory Council.
- » **September Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

Names are listed alphabetical by LAST name. If you know the current address to anyone listed below please call 800-473-1722 or email rea@runestoneelectric.com. A complete list is also available at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

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22618 **ANDERSON, VIRGIL J** BOYD, MN
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Let us answer your questions about cold weather shut-off protection

What is the Cold Weather Rule?

The Cold Weather Rule protects some members from having their electricity shut-off due to non-payment between October 1 and April 30.

Can my heat be shut off in the winter?

Yes. The Cold Weather Rule allows electricity to be shut off for non-payment. You will only be protected if electricity provides your primary source of heat AND you have done ALL the following things:

- » Your household income meets the state guidelines.
- » You receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce your energy bills from REA.
- » You have a payment arrangement with REA for which you make reasonably timely payments.

If my electricity has been disconnected, how can I be reconnected?

In order to re-establish power, contact Runestone Electric for the total balance due, which will include additional fees and a deposit.

Will you disconnect me without my knowledge?

No. You will receive a "Notice of Disconnection." The mailing will contain an income verification form for you to complete and return. There will also be a list of rights and responsibilities for you as well as REA and a list of agencies that may help you. If you receive a Notice of Disconnection, you MUST take the next step and call us. We do attempt to make phone calls if we have correct phone numbers. We will not shut-off electricity on a Friday, a weekend, or the day before a holiday.

What must I do to receive shut-off protection?

If you are behind in your electricity payments, your first step is to contact Runestone Electric Association.

Please call **(800) 473-1722** or email rea@runestoneelectric.com.

We don't want to shut off anyone's electricity. We will work with you to set up a payment arrangement or help you to see if you qualify for shut-off protection. Below is a list of energy assistance providers that can help with your energy bills. It is up to you to contact them for help.

Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which helps renters and homeowners pay for energy bills and heating system repairs. For example, a family of four could earn up to \$70,552 annually and qualify to receive financial assistance with energy bills.

To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

- » Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website,
<https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance-program/>
- » Contact your county EAP service provider. (See list below)

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- » Please call 800-473-1722 for 24-hour service. Please report any tree branches in lines, twisted wires, broken poles and if your neighbors are also out of power.
- » Be sure to have a corded phone or a charged cell phone in the house, because cordless phones won't work when the power is out.
- » Program the number above into your cell phone for easy access.
- » Never assume we know you are without power. Always call to report an outage.

REA will use reasonable diligence to furnish adequate and dependable electric service, but it cannot and does not guaranty continuous and uninterrupted service

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Sign up to get text messages from REA on control days!

Simply text #loadcontrol to 22300
Msg and data rates apply



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Douglas, Grant, Pope and Stevens Counties:

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1-800-492-4805

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