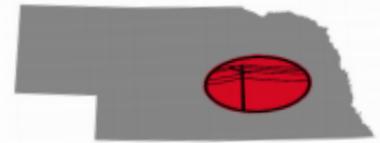


POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

‘The Livewire’

“Committed to enhancing the lives of our customers by providing safe, reliable and economical energy through excellence in customer service and innovation”



November 2021

Balloon Soars above Osceola during the 2021 Customer Appreciation Meeting

Polk County RPPD customers enjoyed an experience of a lifetime as they took a tethered ride on the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Hot Air Balloon at the Polk County RPPD Customer Meeting. Customers had an opportunity to say THANK YOU to someone in PCRPPD’s Let’s Get Carried Away Contest. Nominees then received a unique birds-eye view of Polk County in the 80 foot tall balloon.

“It was on my bucket list,” said 96-year old, Mabel Hinkle, nominated by her daughter, Darlene. “I never thought I’d get a chance to do that.”

Other nominees were acknowledged for their service to our country and commitment to their communities, neighbors, and families. Some rode in memory of loved ones, in celebration of birthdays or simply because someone else thinks they’re pretty special and deserving.



Due to the generous donation of additional fuel by Frontier Coop, everyone who waited in line had a chance to ride.

Touchstone Energy sponsored the hot air balloon on behalf of PCRPPD. Touchstone Energy Cooperative, of which PCRPPD is a member, is a nationwide network of local electric utilities dedicated to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity across 47 states.

While the hot air balloon was the main attraction to the event, there were other activities at the Polk County Fairgrounds for the approximately 300 customers in attendance to interact with during the event. PCRPPD customers could see what it is like to be a lineman by climbing a pole and installing a fuse, experience an exhilarating ride in an electric vehicle, watch a live safety demonstration and bucket truck rides. Additionally, those in attendance enjoyed a meal while listening to a presentation about the current state of PCRPPD and what the future holds.

PCRPPD General Manager Phil Burke commented, “Connecting with our customers is vitally important to us. Our customers are the owners of our company, and it is important that they see and know what we are doing. Thank you to everyone that was in attendance.”



Ryan Pickenpaugh and family



Mabel Hinkle and daughter, Darlene



Don Sterup and Darla Winslow

2021 Irrigation Review

By Barb Fowler

Another irrigation season is over and harvest is upon us. Although the 2021 irrigation season had more high temperature days and less precipitation than 2020, control days and hours were kept to a minimum, allowing more irrigation run time. Our system peak day was 43,550 kW on July 28th at 22:00 after control release at 20:00. After a 16:00 control release, July 29th logged the highest day of usage at 864,367 kWh.

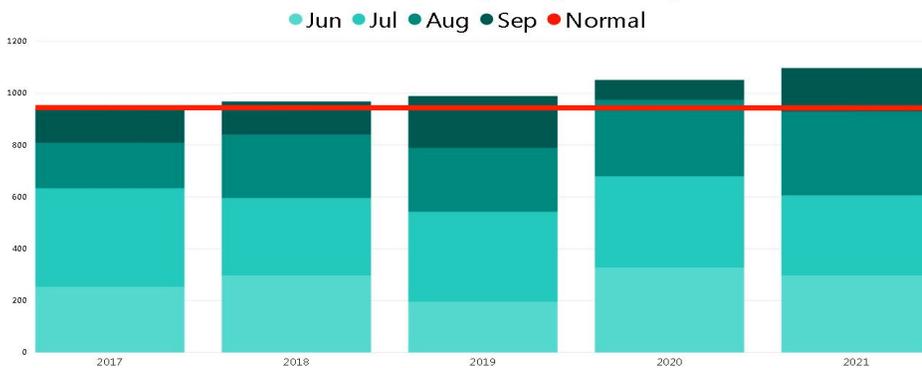
By participating in NPPD's (our Wholesale partner) Demand Waiver Program, PCRPPD is able to offer a Load Management Program to our irrigation customers. By participating in irrigation load control, our irrigators receive discounted horsepower and energy charges because they are helping PCRPPD reduce our total system load and subsequent power bill charges. The more our customers help us keep our power bill charges low, the

more we are able to keep their irrigation energy costs as low as possible.

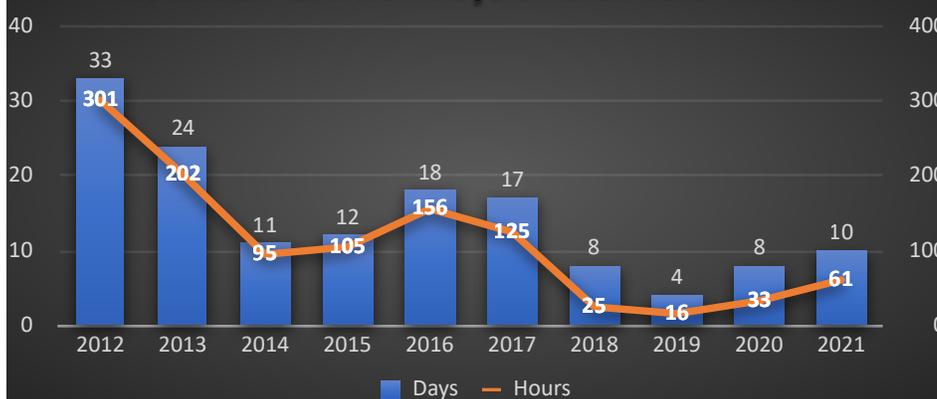
Implementation of our new any day control rate this year increased the available controlled horsepower on any given day which lowers our system load and billable demand. This reduces our purchased power costs for us and for you, so we say THANK YOU for your participation!

There are a couple of savings opportunities for irrigators in 2022. PCRPPD is waiving the Contribution in Aid of Construction for eligible new wells in 2022 and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy is accepting Clean Diesel Rebate Program applications through January 13, 2022. If you are looking to upgrade your irrigation engine, now is the time to give us a call.

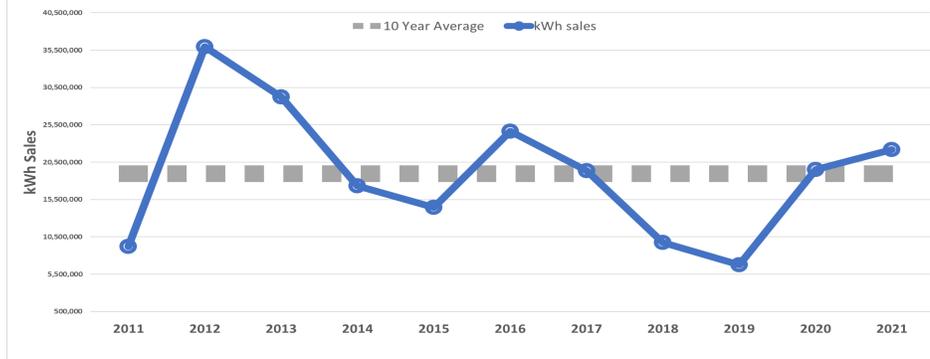
Summer Cooling Degree Days



Historical Control Days and Control Hours



PCRPPD Historical Irrigation Sales



CALCULATE RUNNING HOURS

Need to calculate running hours for your annual records? Simply convert the actual horsepower (HP-your lingo) to kW (demand-our lingo) then divide the total energy used (kWh) by the calculated kW.

HERE'S HOW

1 horsepower (HP) = .746 kW
kW x hours = kWh (energy used)

EXAMPLE

75 HP nameplate well pulled peak 78 HP and used 36,750 kWh for the season

78 HP x .746 = 58.18 kW
 36,750 divided by 58.18 = 631 hours



Doht completes internship and joins crew

By Wade Rahn

Haden Doht, came to us in the spring of 2021 as an intern. To complete the Utility Line Technician program with Metro Community College, Haden needed to complete an internship with a utility or a contractor. Historically PCRPPD has employed interns during the busy summer months to assist with construction and maintenance.

During the internship, it became apparent that Haden was a good fit for the District. Journeyman Lineman/Crew Chief Mickey Berggren said, "He's a good hard worker and has caught on quickly. He really understands how we work."

Doht, a McCool, Nebraska native, graduated from Metro Community College in the fall of 2021. He is currently living in York and looking to

relocate to the District as soon as possible. Haden's official first day as an Apprentice Lineman with PCRPPD was October 13, 2021.

Welcome to the Polk County Rural Public Power District family, Haden! We are excited to have you be part of our crew.



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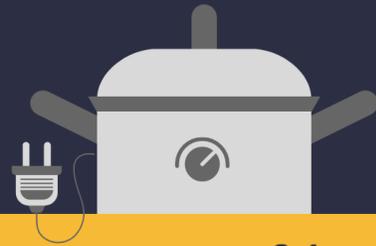
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Youth Energy Leadership Camp

By Wade Rahn

The 2021 NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp was held July 19 to 23 at the 4-H Camp in the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, Neb. There were 41 campers from 20 member systems with eight counselors and six junior counselors. Polk County Rural Public Power District sponsored two campers Gehrige Urkoski of Clarks and Nathan Ertzner of Stromsburg.

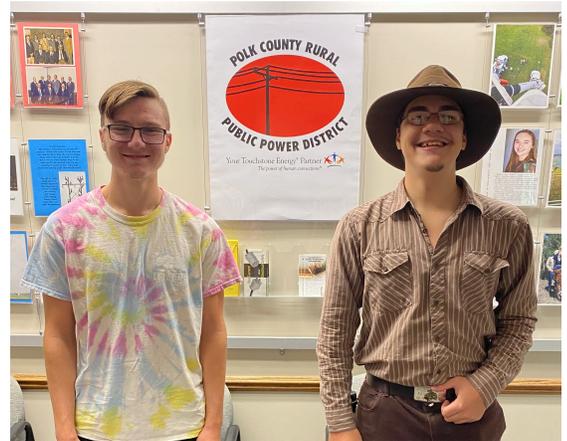
Through engaging workshops, fascinating demonstrations, and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program, campers depart after five days far more knowledgeable than when they arrived. A tour of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provided a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

It was another great camp, with slightly cooler temperatures this year and plenty of water in the Middle Loup River for canoeing. Presentations during camp were provided by Custer PPD, NREA, Central Irrigation and Public Power District, and NPPD. Midwest ECC also provided a bucket truck for the group photo.

Both PCRPPD's campers spoke highly of the camp to the PCRPPD Board of Directors during the August board meeting. They commented on how much they enjoyed the camp and that the experiences exceeded what they expected. Ertzner stated, "I didn't exactly know what I was getting into, but after being there, I'd recommend this camp to

everyone."

If you know of a student currently enrolled in grades 9-11 at a school in the PCRPPD service area who would have interest in attending next year's camp, contact Wade Rahn at (402) 764-4381.



Gehrige Urkoski (L) and Nathan Ertzner (R)

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