

T.I.P. Current Connection

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

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CEO/General Manager's Update



Scott Long

winter storm Fern take a hold. Now we just keep waiting for those nice warm spring days.

With no major events, we were at a 99.97% average service reliability index for 2025. We also decreased the average number of interruptions per member (SAIFI) and the average interruption duration per member (SAIDI) in 2025. These are the electric system reliability indexes that we report to the Iowa Utility Commission on an annual basis. One outage that kept recurring was due to transmission. When this certain piece of transmission line would blink or go off, it would affect our Vining REC, Belle Plaine REC, and Brooklyn REC substations. This blink or outage would affect 661 T.I.P. REC member-owners, so this obviously became a priority to resolve. It was addressed with the owners of the transmission line and became a top priority for a construction re-build.

In 2025, we focused on rerouting multiple miles of overhead line in the private right-of-way and moving them into the public right-of-way making the lines more accessible and easier for our crews to maintain. This improvement has caused a decrease in our outage reporting, so we will focus on several more miles of overhead line that can be moved from the private right-of-way to the public right-of-way in 2026. We will again have SBS Inspections for our pole testing and ground wire inspection program. In 2025, they tested 3,652 poles on our Belle Plaine REC and Tama REC substations. This ended up with a 4.2% rejection rate or changing out 154 poles that were identified as needing replaced. In 2026, we will be focusing on Vining REC, Koszta REC, and Victor REC substations.

For a second year in a row, we had Friest Tree Experts come from South Dakota for a vegetation

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Greetings everyone, I keep looking around the corner for spring and winter continues to linger on. It has been quite the up and down winter this year with it coming on early, then warming up just to have

Lineworker Appreciation Day April 13



Clockwise left to right: Nate Egerton, Journeyman Lineman, Adam Hawkins, Brooklyn Line Foreman, Andrew Kloppenburg, Journeyman Lineman, Nyle Klein, Journeyman Lineman, Landyn Haack, Apprentice Lineman, Kendig Maschmann, Apprentice Lineman, Chase Witte, Apprentice Lineman, Tyler Hanson, Journeyman Lineman, Chase Tremmel, Journeyman Lineman, Shane Morse, Sigourney Line Foreman, Tanner Meeks, Journeyman Lineman, Quinton Heineman, Apprentice Lineman, Sean Stutzman, Journeyman Lineman, and Kendall Bunn, Journeyman Lineman.

On Monday, April 13, we recognize T.I.P. REC's SUPER lineworkers. No matter the weather, they are ready to answer your call when the power goes out. They are dedicated to serving our member-owners and keeping the lights on 24/7.



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management contract. This contract focuses on private right-of-way areas, river crossings, and plain hard-to-get areas that we do not have the adequate equipment to reach. They have done an excellent job for us clearing paths that we just cannot manage. We will be looking for more areas in 2027 as Friest Tree Experts have become a dependable partner for T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative.

Another major project that we will be focusing on in 2026 has been on the books for an extended time. We work and coordinate with ITC, Alliant, and our power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) to have 34.5kV substations upgraded to 69kV. Over the last several years, we have upgraded our substation areas, structures, fencing, and grounding to accommodate a 34.5kV to 69kV transmission line upgrade. This year we will be upgrading our Parnell REC substation to 69kV which has also been a part of a transmission line upgrade over the last couple of years. After the upgrades, our Parnell REC substation will not be a radial feed anymore and we will have access to two separate transmission lines outside our substation fencing. This will give us a back-feed capability that we have never had, if the substation goes offline, we will have the ability to transfer load with one switch and get the lights back on!

Make it a Safe Spring and Summer!

Work Zone Awareness Week April 20-25

ORANGE you glad
you slow down
in **WORK ZONES?**



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Mid-April, we observe Work Zone Awareness Week. Let's work to prioritize safety on the roads, especially for roadside utility and construction crews.

Please slow down and move over when approaching workers on the road and focus on driving. Lives depend on it!

Unclaimed Property List

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative, located at 320 Industrial Drive., PO Box 534, Brooklyn, IA 52211, is holding unclaimed property resulting from patronage dividends which are due to the persons listed below. The owner may claim this property by contacting us at the address listed above and/or by phone at 1-800-934-7976 during regular office hours.

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AYERS, BRETT, THORNBURG
BOMBAY OUTLET #197, FORT WORTH, TX
BROOKLYN SHORT STOP, C/O J D CARPENTER
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BROWN, HEATH, C/O HARLAN BROWN, TAMA
BULLARD, THOMAS W., WELLMAN
CCB INVESTMENTS L.C., CORALVILLE
CORNING REVERE FACTORY, C/O WORLD
KITCHEN STORE #100, ROSEMONT, IL
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DEVINE, JAMES A., HIAWATHA
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PARNELL
DIEOMATIC TRUCKING INC.,
C/O VICTOR MANUFACTURING, VICTOR
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LEVI'S OUTLET BY MOST STORE #476,
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Director Renews Gold Credential Certificate



Your cooperative is pleased to announce that Director, Craig Stallman has renewed his Gold Credential status in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) director training program. Pictured above is Craig holding the Director Gold Credential (DGC) certificate he received.

After initially earning the DGC, to maintain this status a director is required to earn credits of approved course work and/or attend conferences every two years.

Providing quality education and training for your board of directors so they are knowledgeable of issues that effect the operations of your cooperative enables our directors to make informed decisions that will guide the cooperative to an outstanding future.

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If T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative does not hear from the owner within six (6) months of this notification, we are allowed to retain this property (per Iowa law) to be used for economic development, education or deliver this property to the State Treasurer's Office for disposition as abandoned property.



As we observe National Safe Digging Month this month, let's all remember to make sure to call 811 or go to www.iowaonecall.com BEFORE starting any digging projects. It's free, easy and helps to keep communities safe and prevent damage to underground utilities.

BGM Senior Job Shadows Lineworkers



Pictured above is Ashten Kalinay, a senior at BGM Jr Sr High School, who came to T.I.P. REC in February to job shadow our lineworkers. Ashten is interested in going to line school so this was a great opportunity for him to ask questions and learn about a lineworker career.

Ashten spent the day observing Journeyman Linemen, Nate Egerton and Kendall Bunn and Apprentice Lineman, Landyn Haack changing out poles.

T.I.P. REC welcomes the opportunity to help students get a firsthand experience at their career options at an electric cooperative.

Administrative Professionals Day April 22



Pictured above back left to right: Janet Faas, Staff Assistant/Communications, and Sallie Ditzler, Customer Service Representative. Front left to right: Breanna McIlrath, Billing Coordinator, and Lee Hawkins, Office Manager. Not pictured is Becca Stauffer, Operations Coordinator.

On April 22, we celebrate the ladies pictured above who for many decades have steadfastly served T.I.P. REC and our member-owners. Their hard work and dedication helps your cooperative run smoothly.

Join us in celebrating them on Administrative Professionals Day!



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

As we prepare for the seasonal shift, remember to set your ceiling fan rotation accordingly. In winter months (or whenever your home heating system is running), fan blades should rotate clockwise, which produces an updraft that pushes warm air down. In summer months (or whenever your home cooling system is running), blades should rotate counterclockwise, which produces a downdraft or windchill effect that makes you feel cooler. When used correctly, ceiling fans can boost comfort and allow you to adjust the thermostat a few degrees for energy savings.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Tuesday, April 14 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

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