



# Cooperative Connections



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Lacreek Electric Association, Inc.

## 2019 Notice of Rate Increase

Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. (LEA) will be having a rate increase beginning on Jan. 1, 2019. This increase is a \$5 monthly service fee that will now be at \$40 and a quarter of a cent increase on each member's kWh at 0.1125 cents. The increases are in part, due to the increasing operation and maintenance costs, which will increase at an estimated 7.75 percent and Customer Accounts, Service, Sales Expense, Administrative and General Expenses will increase by an estimated 2.74 percent and include the ever-changing technology that helps provide the use of better equipment and protection for LEA's electrical system.

Interest rates continue to increase on loans LEA needs for plant/system improvements. From 2011 until 2015, LEA's average interest rate was 2.669 percent. In 2016 LEA's interest rate was at 1.855 percent and in April of 2018 the interest rate increased to 3.051 percent. Although these interest rates look low, they add up on the amount of money LEA has to borrow. All our plant upgrades/system improvements are constructed with borrowed money of which the debt with interest must be paid back to LEA's borrowers.

LEA has upgraded our aging plant by more than \$11.5 million in the past five years and currently have a four-year work plan with an additional \$12 million for upgrades and system improvements. These upgrades and system improvements will provide our membership a more reliable electric delivery system.

Your LEA management and employee team continue to develop and create cost saving methods on all projects and everyday activities. Your board of directors, management and employee team regret to inform you, the members/owners, of this rate increase, but is a necessity in order to continue with LEA's progress of being more reliable to our membership.

### Example of Rate Increase:

Avg. Residential Usage	Old Rate	2019 New Rate
1284 kWh	\$126.72	\$129.93
Service Minimum	\$35	\$40
175W	\$10.95	\$11.00
Security Light		
Total	\$172.67	\$180.93

Old Rates
Residential, Farm, Public Authorities & Seasonal
Service Minimum - \$35 per month
First 800 kWh per month at \$0.11 (800 kWh equals \$88 )
Remaining kWh per month at \$0.08
All separately metered electric heat - Heat credit \$0.02 (October-April)
Small Commercial
Service Minimum - \$40
First 800 kWh per month at \$0.11 (800 kWh equals \$88 )
Remaining kWh per month at \$0.08
All separately metered electric heat - Heat credit \$0.02 (October-April)
Irrigation Non-Controlled
Horsepower charge: \$25 per horsepower per season
KW x \$13.50 per month
All kWh at \$0.065
Irrigation Controlled
Horsepower charge: \$25 per horsepower per season
KW x \$3.50 per month
All kWh at \$0.054
Irrigation Pivot Only
Service Min.: \$420 per season (\$35/month)
All kWh at \$0.09
Small Power 3-phase - 50 KW and under
Service Minimum - \$55 per month (KW - 25) x \$13.50
First 100 kWh x KW x \$0.11
Remaining kWh per month at \$0.08
Separately metered electric heat - \$0.02/kWh (October-April)
Large Power 3-Phase - 50.01 KW and over
Service Minimum - \$55 (KW - 10) x \$13.50
300 kWh x KW x \$0.065
All remaining kWh x KW x \$0.055
Separately metered electric heat - \$0.02/kWh (October-April)
Street Lighting & Outdoor Lighting (RC70), (RC71 with meter services)
175 watt mercury vapor - \$10.95 per month
400 watt mercury vapor - \$16.45 per month
Lucalox - \$17.45 per month
150/175 Metal Halide - \$10.95 per month
400W Metal Halide - \$17.45 per month
LED 70 W - \$10.95 per month
LED 100 W - \$16.45 per month
Metered Security Lights
100-175 watt mercury vapor/metal halide high pressure sodium - \$4.50 per month
400-watt mercury vapor/metal halide - \$5.25 per month

New Rates
Residential, Farm, Public Authorities & Seasonal
Service Minimum - \$40 per month
First 800 kWh per month at \$0.1125 (800 kWh equals \$90 )
Remaining kWh per month at \$0.0825
All separately metered electric heat - Heat credit \$0.02 (October-April)
Small Commercial
Service Minimum - \$45 per month
First 800 kWh per month at \$0.1125 (800 kWh equals \$90 )
Remaining kWh per month at \$0.0825
All separately metered electric heat - Heat credit \$0.02 (October-April)
Irrigation Non-Controlled
Horsepower charge: \$25 per horsepower per season
KW x \$13.50 per month
Remaining kWh at .0675
Irrigation Controlled
Horsepower charge: \$25 per horsepower per season
KW x \$3.50 per month
All kWh at \$0.0565
Irrigation Pivot Only
Service Min.: \$480 per season (\$40/month)
All kWh at \$0.0925
Small Power 3-phase - 50 KW and under
Service Minimum - \$60 per month (KW - 25) x \$13.50
First 100 kWh x KW x \$0.1125
Remaining kWh per month at \$0.0825
Separately metered electric heat - \$0.02/kWh (October-April)
Large Power 3-Phase - 50.01 KW and over
Service Minimum - \$80 (KW - 10) x \$13.50
300 kWh x KW x \$0.0675
All remaining kWh x KW x \$0.0575
Separately metered electric heat - \$0.02 per kWh (October-April)
Street Lighting & Outdoor Lighting (RC70), (RC71 with meter services)
175 watt mercury vapor - \$11 per month
400 watt mercury vapor - \$17 per month
Lucalox - \$18 per month
150/175 Metal Halide - \$11 per month
400W Metal Halide - \$18 per month
LED 70 W - \$11 per month
Led 100 W - \$17 per month
Metered Security Lights
100-175 watt mercury vapor/metal halide high pressure sodium - \$5 per month
400-watt mercury vapor/metal halide - \$6 per month



# Lacreek Electric Cooperative Connections

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# In Memory

## Lacreek Electric Director Ellis Rae Hicks

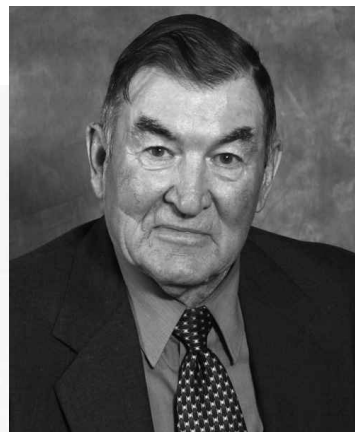
Ellis Rae Hicks, passed away at the Bennett County Hospital, in Martin, S.D., on Nov. 15, 2018. Ellis Rae was born in Martin, S.D., on Oct. 21, 1927, to Ellis Roy and Dolores (Wordeman) Hicks. He was the oldest of six children. He attended elementary school at Little White River School. Ellis rode horseback three miles to school. There were 36 pupils in a one room school. He shared a desk with an eighth-grader. There were not enough desks for all the kids. He graduated from Bennett County High School in Martin in 1946.

Ellis Rae married Dorothy Mae Kuxhaus on June 25, 1950, the day the Korean War started. He enjoyed telling people two wars started that day and one is still going on. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in December 1950. He was Honorably Discharged in 1953. He came back to the ranch life he loved. On May 29, 1956, E.R. and Dorothy were blessed with a son, Scott.

In 1962, they opened a clothing store in Martin, which they operated for 32 years.

Ellis Rae dearly loved his family, his home and his community. He officiated high school basketball, was a Commercial Club member and served as their president. He was a member of American Legion Post 240 for 64 years and also served as Post Commander and Adjutant. He served on the City Council and was mayor at one time. He was a Martin volunteer fireman for 19 years. He served on the Church Council at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church. He was a supporter of the Martin Community Heritage Center. He served as a Lacreek Electric board member for 30 years. Over the years, he also sold John Hancock Insurance and was a salesperson for the MorMan's Feed Company.

Ellis Rae is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of 68 years; son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Anita; grandsons, Thad of New Orleans, La., and Drew of Sioux Falls, S.D.; two granddaughters, Tara (Josh) Fanning and Kyla (Gary) Alexander both of Martin, S.D.; and four great-granddaughters: Eden and Aris Fanning, Zoe and Avery Alexander; his loving sister Dorothy Bradford; brother Glenn (Berdella) Hicks; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, who were all very special to him. Services were held at the American Legion Auditorium at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018. Burial was held at the Martin Community Cemetery with Military Honors. A memorial has been established for the Bennett County Senior Center or the Martin Community Heritage Center. Memorials can be left at the Security First Bank or at Bennett County Funeral Service.



*God hath not promised  
skies always blue.  
Flower-strewn pathways  
all our lives through:  
God hath not promised  
sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised  
strength for the day;  
Rest for the labor,  
light for the way;  
Grace for the trials,  
help from above;  
Unfailing sympathy,  
undying love . . .*

## Generator Safety

Portable generators can provide a good, temporary source of power during electrical outages, but can become deadly if improperly installed or operated.

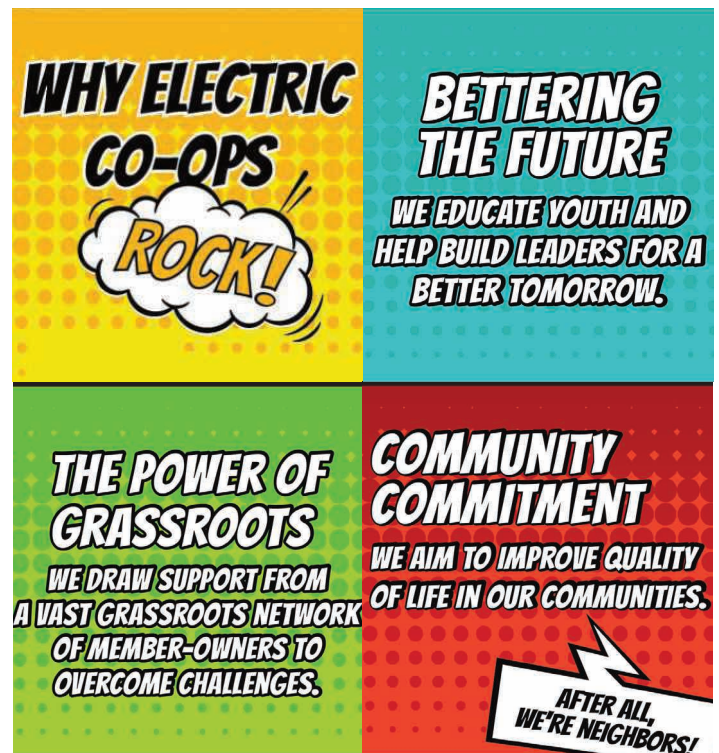
### Generator Installation Safety Tips

- The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) strongly recommends that a licensed electrician install home generators to ensure they meet all local electrical codes.
- Do not connect generators directly to the household wiring without an appropriate transfer switch installed. Power from generators connected directly to household wiring can backfeed along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including utility lineworkers making repairs.
- Make sure your generator is properly grounded.
- Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. Portable GFCIs require no tools to install and are available at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30.

### Using Your Generator Safely

- Make sure your home is equipped with a battery-operated or battery back-up carbon monoxide alarm.
- Never operate a generator inside your home or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces. Generators can very quickly produce high levels of carbon monoxide (CO), which can be deadly.
- Opening doors and windows or operating fans to attempt to ventilate a generator will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up in the home. Even with a working CO alarm, you should never use a gasoline-powered generator inside your home or in a garage.
- Position the generator outside the home and away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to enter the home.
- Carbon monoxide is the "silent killer." Get to fresh air right away if you feel dizzy or weak.
- Do not overload the generator.
- Plug appliances directly into the generator or use a heavy-duty, outdoor rated extension cord.
- Make sure extension cords used with generators are rated for the load and have three-pronged plugs. They should be inspected for damage, such as cuts and/or worn insulation before use.
- Turn off all appliances powered by the generator before shutting down the generator.
- Make sure fuel for the generator is stored safely, away from living areas, in properly labeled containers, and away from fuel-burning appliances. Before re-fueling, always turn the generator off and let it cool down.
- Keep children away from portable generators at all times.
- A generator is a temporary power source. Use a generator only when necessary to power essential equipment or appliances.

Source:esfi.org



## KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



**"Never fly near power lines."**

**Cooper VanderWal, 8 years old**

Cooper is the son of Thomas and Katy VanderWal, Brookings, S.D. They are members of Sioux Valley Energy, Colman, S.D.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you'll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.



# Super Soups

## Male Chauvinist Chili

6 slices bacon	1 tsp. dry hot mustard
10 oz. hot Italian sausage	1-1/2 tsp. chili pepper
10 oz. lean ground beef	1 tsp. celery seeds
1 large Spanish onion, cut in chunks	1/2 tsp. salt
1 bell pepper, cut in large pieces	1-1/2 tsp. fresh black pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced	6 cups Italian tomatoes, mashed with liquid
1/2 jalapeno pepper, diced (optional)	1 (15 oz.) can pinto beans, undrained
1 cup dark red wine	1 (15 oz.) can kidney beans, undrained
1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce	1 (15 oz.) can garbanzo beans, undrained

Brown bacon; drain, crumble and set aside. Brown sausage and ground beef separately; set aside. In a Dutch oven, cook onion, bell pepper, garlic and jalapeno pepper over low heat 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in wine and Worcestershire sauce; simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Add mustard, chili pepper, celery seeds, salt and pepper; simmer 10 minutes. Add tomatoes and meats to onion mixture; heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in beans; heat to boiling; Reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Ruth Schilberg, Viborg

## Bacon Potato Chowder

8 slices bacon, cut-up	Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup chopped onion	1/2 cup sour cream
1 cup chopped celery	1-1/2 cups milk
2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced	1 (10 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup chicken broth	

In a saucepan, cook bacon, onion and celery until bacon is lightly browned and vegetables are tender. Pour off drippings. Add diced potatoes, broth, salt and pepper. Cover; simmer 12 to 15 minutes until potatoes are done. Stir in soup, sour cream and milk; heat through. Serves 6.

Mary Jessen, Holabird

## Leftover Turkey-Sage Noodle Soup

2 tsp. oil	1-1/2 tsp. sage, rubbed
1 cup chopped onion	1/2 tsp. thyme leaves
1 (32 oz.) container Kitchen Basics® Original Chicken or Turkey Stock	2 bay leaves
2 cups frozen peas and carrots	1 cup medium egg noodles
	2 cups chopped roast turkey

Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 5 minutes or until softened. Add stock, peas and carrots, sage, thyme and bay leaves; bring to boil. Stir in noodles; cover and cook 10 minutes or until noodles are almost tender. Add turkey; cook 5 to 10 minutes or until noodles are tender and turkey is heated through. Remove bay leaves before serving. Makes 5 1-cup servings.

*Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 209, Total Fat 5g, Protein 24g, Cholesterol 69mg, Sodium 444mg, Carbohydrates 17g, Fiber 3g*

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

## Dill Pickle Soup

5-1/2 cups chicken broth	1/2 cup flour
2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and diced	1 cup sour cream or Greek yogurt
2 cups chopped carrots	1/4 cup water
1/2 cup unsalted butter	2 cups pickle juice
1 cup diced dill pickles	Salt to taste
1/2 cup cooked, diced chicken	1/2 tsp. pepper

Bring chicken broth, potatoes, carrots and butter to a boil. Continue until potatoes and carrots are tender. Add pickles and diced chicken; continue to simmer. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, sour cream and water. Quickly stir into soup to thicken. Add pickle juice, salt and pepper. Continue cooking an additional 5 minutes.

Catherine Harts, Mission Hill, SD

Please send your favorite brunch, seafood, appetizer/ beverage recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in June 2019. All entries must include your name, mailing address, telephone number and cooperative name.

## Keeping the Home Fires Affordable:

## Home Heating Options



Pat Keegan

Collaborative Efficiency

**A good first step, before making major changes to the heating system, is to look at the area you are heating.**

This column was co-written by Pat Keegan and Brad Thiessen of Collaborative Efficiency. For more information, please visit: [www.collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips](http://www.collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips).

**Dear Pat:** I have high energy bills, especially during the winter. My home is heated with a 20-year-old propane furnace. To make matters worse, I've also been paying the expenses on my mother's home, which is heated with electric baseboards and wall heaters. Should I upgrade to a different kind of system? – Ryan

**Dear Ryan:** You're really getting the double whammy, especially if you live in a cold climate. Fortunately, you have a few potential solutions.

A good first step, before making major changes to the heating system, is to look at the area you are heating. The amount of heated space and the efficiency of that space determine how large of a heating system you'll need. Air leaks and inadequate insulation might be a major cause of higher bills and correcting these problems might enable you to install a smaller heating system. An energy audit will provide the answers you need and give you an idea of how much you can save from weatherization measures and a more efficient heating system. Contact your local electric cooperative first to see if they offer energy audits or if they can recommend an auditor.

Let's talk about heating systems. Propane furnaces are expected to last 15 to 25 years, but if yours has been well-maintained, you may get more mileage out of it. Even if your furnace is still running well and has some life left in it, it may not be efficient. Propane, gas and oil furnace efficiency is measured by the Average Fuel Utilization Efficiency, or AFUE. This is indicated on a label which may still be attached to the furnace. Your 20-year-old unit might have an AFUE in the 70 percent to 80 percent range. A new high-efficiency furnace can have an AFUE rating of more than 95 percent, which can reduce the portion of your propane bill that goes toward heating by 15 percent to 20 percent. The AFUE doesn't account for any heat escaping through poorly insulated or improperly sealed pipes or furnace ducts, so you definitely want those issues taken care of first.

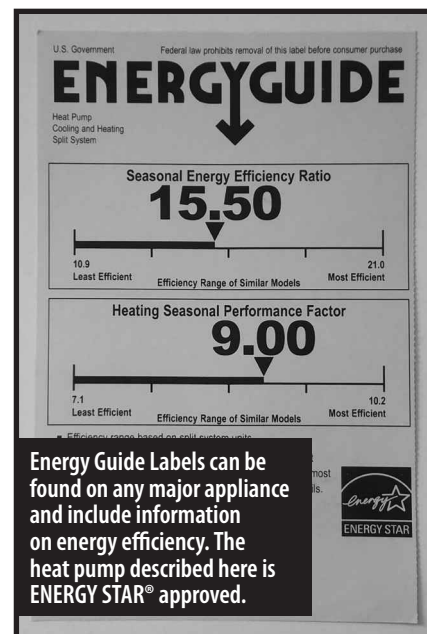
Instead of replacing your old propane furnace with a new one, you have two additional options. You could install an air-source heat pump, which would use your existing duct work, or a mini-split heat pump, which can heat up to four rooms. In the past decade, the efficiency of heat pumps has greatly improved, even to the point where they are solid options even in colder climates.

It's not surprising that your mother's electric bill is high. This is common for inefficient homes that rely on resistance heat using wall heaters, portable heaters or baseboard heaters.

Your mother's home probably doesn't have ductwork, which makes the installation of a central heat pump very expensive. Instead, I suggest getting a quote on a ductless mini-split heat pump. They are efficient for heating and cooling, so if your mother uses a window A/C unit (or two), she can save even more money. Mini-splits are usually installed to heat and cool the largest, most used area of a home. Your mother can continue to use baseboard heaters in the rooms she doesn't use as often. As efficient as the mini-splits are, they might not provide enough heat in a prolonged, extreme cold snap, so leaving a few baseboard heaters connected is a good idea.

Heating system upgrades have a big effect on comfort and the pocketbook for many years. Scheduling an energy audit and considering all your options gives you the best chance at making the right decisions.

Good luck and stay warm!





# Here, Piggy, Piggy

## Gas Pipeline Pigging At Deer Creek Station Provides Valuable Information

Deer Creek Station's gas pipeline was recently inspected for the first time since being put into service in 2012.

Deer Creek Station, located near Elkton, S.D., is a 300-net megawatt capacity combined-cycle power plant owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The power plant uses natural gas delivered via the Northern Border Pipeline and a 13.1-mile underground pipeline to the plant. The gas is purchased from Dakota Gasification Company.

Pigging in the context of pipelines refers to the practice of using pipeline inspection tools or "pigs" to perform various maintenance operations on a pipeline. This is done without stopping the flow of the product in the pipeline.

According to Kevin Tschosik, Basin Electric's distributed generation manager, and Jeff Schuetzle, Basin Electric mechanical engineer, the reasons for arranging the inspection were two-fold: an initial pigging baseline had not been established for the pipeline before putting it into use in 2012; and, a major power line had been constructed that ran parallel to the pipeline for about a two-mile stretch resulting in a higher potential of alternating current interference between the two, which could possibly affect the pipeline's integrity.

Before the inspection process could take place, Schuetzle said modifications were made to the pipeline to prepare it for pigging. Rosen, Inc. of Houston, Texas, conducted the pipeline pigging and is a German company with world-wide experience. "We collaborated with Dakota Gas pipeline staff to tap into their experiences with pipeline pigging," Schuetzle said. "They were very helpful and provided valuable direction."

The disc pig is the most aggressive pig out of the three cleaning pigs. It completely seals the pipeline and is equipped with a magnet for debris collection and a brush to clean the pipeline.

The pipeline pigging took place in two phases. At the end of September, a series of foam, brush and magnet pigs were sent individually down the pipeline to clean the pipeline, removing slag, oil, grease and debris. The smart pigging occurred in early October, when a deformation tool and magnetic flux leakage tool, or MFL tool, were sent down the pipeline individually.

The deformation tool was used to measure the pipe's shape. It finds dents, buckles and expansions. This tool was also outfitted with technology that provides GPS coordinates and elevation data. "We didn't have the GPS coordinates for the pipeline, so this information will be very helpful going forward," Tschosik said.



**Above:** Technicians prepare the geometry/deformation tool for launching. The geometry/deformation tool is used to measure the pipe's shape. It will find dents, buckles and expansions. **Right:** The disc pig is the most aggressive pig out of the three cleaning pigs. It completely seals the pipeline and is equipped with a magnet for debris collection and a brush to clean the pipeline.

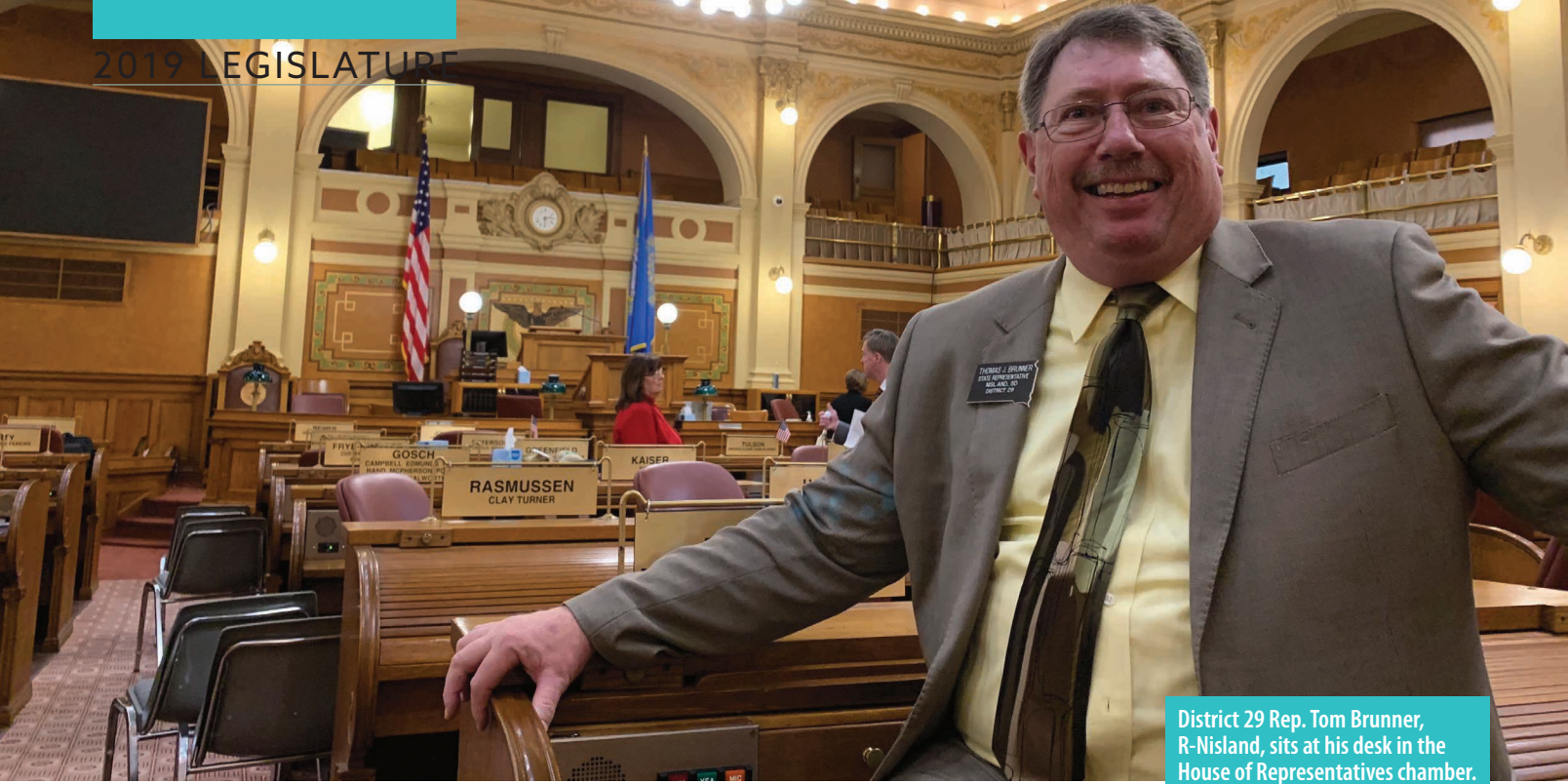
The MFL tool looked for internal and external metal loss to detect areas on the pipeline showing signs of corrosion, gouges and pitting.

Deer Creek Station operated during the pigging process, as the gas was needed in the pipeline to push the pigs down the line at about four miles per hour. Each pigging process took about four hours to complete, with crew members tracking the pig's progress and providing updates.

Preliminary results from all the pig runs showed no significant findings. "We've received the preliminary reports, which indicate no immediate action is necessary," Schuetzle said. "We are waiting for the final reports to confirm these findings, which we should receive by the end of the year."

Deer Creek is connected to the electric grid by less than one mile of 345-kilovolt transmission line. The plant features two turbine-generator sets: one turbine fired by natural gas; the other is driven by steam. Both of the turbines are connected to generators to produce electricity.





District 29 Rep. Tom Brunner, R-Nisland, sits at his desk in the House of Representatives chamber.

# UNDER THE DOME

## Co-op Leaders Elected to State Legislature

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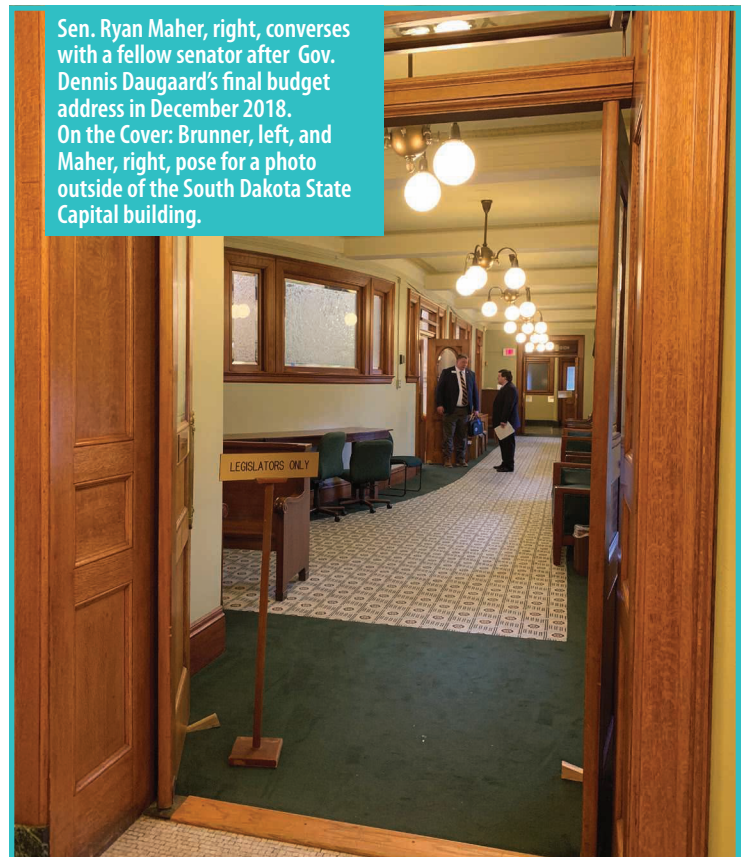
As legislators head back to Pierre Jan. 8 for the start of the 94th South Dakota Legislative Session, among the body will be a long-time electric cooperative director.

Rep. Tom Brunner, a farmer from Nisland, S.D., returns to the South Dakota House of Representatives after being re-elected to serve District 29, which encompasses portions of Butte, Meade and Pennington counties in western South Dakota. Brunner is entering his third term, having won elections in 2014 and 2016. The Republican had previously served in the House from 2005-2012, including a stint as a Majority Whip in 2007-08.

"I serve because I think it's my way of giving back to the community. I represent a lot of people who can't take the time or feel intimidated by speaking out in public. I hope I always bring an opinion that would make my constituents proud to have me represent them," said Brunner.

Brunner's service to community extends beyond the hallways of the South Dakota Capitol building. Since 1991, he has served on the Butte Electric Cooperative board of directors in Newell, S.D.

Sen. Ryan Maher, right, converses with a fellow senator after Gov. Dennis Daugaard's final budget address in December 2018. On the Cover: Brunner, left, and Maher, right, pose for a photo outside of the South Dakota State Capital building.





And, Brunner has the distinction of being the longest-serving member of the South Dakota Rural Electric Association board of directors, having represented Butte Electric on the SDREA board since 1994. Brunner was the ninth individual to serve as the SDREA board president in the association's 77 year history, serving from 2001 to 2006.

On the other side of the Capitol building, Sen. Ryan Maher of Isabel is returning to the Senate representing District 28 in northwestern South Dakota. District 28 is the state's largest district geographically, extending from the Missouri River to the Montana state line. It includes Harding, Perkins, Corson, Dewey and Ziebach counties and much of northern and western Butte County. Like Brunner, Maher was a familiar face in Pierre prior to his re-election in November. Maher first served in the South Dakota Senate from 2009 to 2014 before returning in 2017. He served as the Republican assistant majority leader in 2018.

The bar and grill owner and insurance agent from Isabel is also a director on his local electric cooperative board. Maher was elected in

2017 to the Timber Lake, S.D.-based Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative board of directors.

Also on the House side is District 26A Rep. Shawn Bordeaux, D-Mission. Bordeaux, who is the Director of the Institute of Tribal Lands at Sinte Gleska

University, serves on the board of directors for Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative in Mission. This is Bordeaux's third term in the House where he represents Todd and Mellette counties in south central South Dakota.

The South Dakota Legislature is bicameral, consisting of a Senate, comprised of 35 members, and a House of Representatives with 70 members.

The main run of the 40-day legislative session goes through March 13. Lawmakers return to Pierre March 29 to consider gubernatorial vetoes.



**Rep. Shawn Bordeaux**  
D-Mission

## Minnesota's 91st Legislative Session to Start Jan. 8

On Jan. 8, Minnesota's elected leaders head to St. Paul for the 91st Session of the Minnesota Legislature. Coverage of the session starts at 8 a.m. Tuesday on the Minnesota Channel, which is carried by Minnesota's six independent public television stations.

Legislative television programming is produced and created by the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate.

The Minnesota Legislature has 67 senators and 134 representatives for a total of 201 members. The size of the Legislature has changed over time. Since statehood the lowest number of members was 63 and the highest was 202.



**Minnesota State Capitol building.**

According to Minnesota Statute 3.011, the legislature meets at the seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. It shall also meet when called by the governor to meet in special session. In the even numbered years, it convenes on a date set by joint agreement of both bodies. The state constitution limits the Legislature to meeting 120 legislative days during each biennium. In addition, the Legislature may not meet in regular session after the first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year.

### Contact Minnesota Legislators

**For contact information on Minnesota House members, visit:**

<https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/hmem.asp>

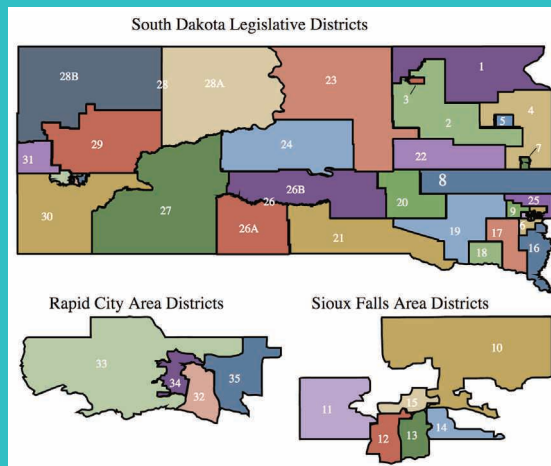
**For contact information on Minnesota Senators, visit:**

<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/index.php?ls=%20-%20header>

## South Dakota's Legislature

Each Legislative District in South Dakota is represented in Pierre by two members in the South Dakota House of Representatives and one Senator. (Districts 26 and 28 are split into an A portion and a B portion, with a specific Representative for that area.) Need to contact your legislator while they're in Pierre? Go to <http://sdlegislature.gov/> From there, you can search your Senator or Representatives, see the committees which they are assigned

and send them an email. Need to reach them by phone? You can call and leave a message with the senate at 605-773-3821 or with the House of Representatives at 605-773-3851. You can also send a fax to 605-773-6806.



# Oct. 16, 2018, Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the board of directors of Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. was held in the office of the Cooperative, located in the Town of Martin, South Dakota, Oct. 16, 2018, beginning at 4 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Schlack and the following directors were present: Clarence Allen, Troy Kuxhaus, Wade Risse, Jerry Sharp, Donovan Young Man, Dean O'Neill, Brent Ireland, Melvin Cummings and Connie Whirlwind Horse. Marion Schultz, Ellis Rae Hicks and Neal Livermont were absent. Also present were General Manager Derek Sorley, Operations Manager Mike Pisha, Member Services and Procurement Manager Josh Fanning, Finance and Administration Manager Anna Haynes, Administration Assistant Stacey Robinson and Mike Bower from Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative. A Lacreek member was present at the meeting to discuss a personal matter. Afterward the member was excused from the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as mailed. The following additions were added to the agenda:

1. Insurance
2. S.D. Farmers Union Foundation

Benefits Specialist Kasi Harris gave a presentation on the 2019 Health Insurance. Discussion was held on the sponsorship requested from the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation with a motion being made, seconded and carried to not approve any sponsorship.

The Operating Report for August and the List of Disbursements and Investments for September were presented by Office Manager Anna Haynes and reviewed by the board.

General Manager Sorley and Finance and Benefits Manager Haynes will review the September's financials to verify the need for a rate increase. Any additional rate increase should be minimal to our membership. Further discussion will be held at the November meeting regarding this matter.

Accountant II Tracie Hahn gave a presentation on fuel cards.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the check audit committee's review of the list of September checks and disbursements. The November Check Audit Committee will be (Wade "chairman", Dean and Neal).

Anna presented the September Analysis of Investments. The investments were reviewed by the board.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the list of new members, attached hereto.

Anna reported that several members have been stealing power; that will have Member Appreciation Cookie Days around our service territory at the drop box locations interacting with the members and had a meeting with the Energy programs about efficiency for all party's this coming heat season.

Mike reported on work in progress; that RAM Utility Pole Testing has finished for 2018 doing a total of 3,850 poles and finding 184 rejects; Tree Trimming started Oct. 1; that he has been working on the budget and the only vehicles still out from the 2018 budget are the Big Bucket Truck expected in March 2019.

The safety report was presented by Mike. Josh reported that the chain link fence is completed; brought up the upcoming Christmas party in December; on Renewables; about the SDREA Member Service Meeting he will be attending Oct. 23-25; that ordered the material for the Norris Hill Extension; Inventory will be in October and finalized the transformer contract with KBS.

A Dec. 7 Christmas party was decided by the board. 2903005104

Donovan reported on the SDREA board meeting he attended.

President Schlack asked the board for an amendment to the agenda to add Clarence Allen's report on the Region VI meeting he attended in Minneapolis, Minn. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve an agenda addition.

Clarence reported on the Region VI meeting he attended.

Derek gave a preliminary update on the 2017 Load Forecast; that he worked with staff on the 2019 budget; about the LEA

Tower and Shannon Sub Batteries; on the T-Mobile Lease Contract and on upcoming meetings he will be attending.

During Derek's report Mike Bowers with Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative came into the meeting and advised the board he is proposing upgrading the radio system in 2019. He explained switching from analog to digital there are several upgrades such as no longer having to switch channels, better coverage, more privacy, no one would be able to scan and listen on our channels and most important more efficient. Currently, some radios will still work, but will have to upgrade others. Additionally, Cherry-Todd also needs to upgrade, so looking at doing at the same time. Possible cost will be \$100,000 for upgrade as a guestimate. He also spoke about the 115 WAPA line and said the two Wanblee work orders he will be closing out, which will benefit Lacreek's books. He also said need to be looking at the batteries at the substations and oil filled breakers need replaced. Mike also explained that SCADA does not connect to the outside world. It is run totally separate to avoid the possibility of cyber attacks.

General Manager Derek Sorley handed out the 2019 proposed budget and explained the board had a month to review and ask any pertinent questions about the budget. At the November board meeting the 2019 budget will be approved.

The NRECA annual meeting will be held in Orlando, Fla., March 7-13 with Derek being the delegate and no one else planning to attend at this time.

The SDREA annual meeting will be held in Pierre on Jan. 10 and 11 with Wade being the delegate and Troy being the alternate. Clarence and Derek also plan to attend.

The NREA Annual Meeting will be held in Kearney, Neb., Nov. 29-30 with Tom Schlack being the delegate and Derek Sorley being the alternate. No one else plans to attend at this time.

The Staff, Administration Assistant were excused while the General Manager and the board went into executive session from 6:54 p.m.-7:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting – Nov. 13, 2018 at 1 p.m.





## Four \$1,000 Scholarships Offered

Lacreek Electric in conjunction with Basin Electric Power Cooperative in Bismarck, N.D., will once again offer its members a chance to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Applicants must have at least a grade point average of 2.0 and they must be entering their first year of continuing education.

In round one of the competition, all applicants will be judged on goals, work experience, school activities, community involvement and grade point average.

The winner of round one will win the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored jointly by Lacreek Electric and Basin Electric. The second place winner will be judged with other applicants in western South Dakota for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored jointly by Rushmore Electric and Lacreek Electric. If this applicant does not win they will be eligible to compete in round two competition. Round two competition is simply a drawing held at Lacreek Electric. Two applicants will receive \$1,000 scholarships sponsored by

Lacreek Electric.

This is the 27th year the combined scholarship from Lacreek Electric and Basin Electric has been offered through the two cooperatives and the 21st year for one of the scholarships and the 14th year for the other Lacreek Electric scholarship.

Lacreek Electric wants to recognize and encourage the academic achievements of the students in rural areas. It also serves as an investment in the economic future of our area.

The scholarship may be used at an accredited college, university or technical school. Applications may be obtained from Lacreek Electric's office in Martin, by writing to: Lacreek Electric, PO Box 220, Martin, SD 57551 or by going to [www.lacreek.com](http://www.lacreek.com) and downloading the application and returned to Lacreek's office.

Applications must be returned to Lacreek Electric's office no later than Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2019.

## Find Your Account #

A member's account number has been hidden somewhere in this newsletter. If you find your account number, call the office before Jan. 4 and you will receive a \$70 credit on your next month's billing. If no one finds their account number, the credit will be \$80 in the next issue.

Lacreek apologizes, however. The account number was omitted from the December Lacreek Electric Cooperative Connections magazine. It is included in the January issue. Happy searching!

## IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE

**1ST:** Check the fuses or breakers in your home or building in which you do not have power.

**2ND:** Check meter for display and readings. If the meter is blank, you are probably experiencing an outage and need to call our office immediately.

**3RD:** If your meter has a display, check your breaker below your meter on the yard pole.

**4TH:** Please contact your neighbor to see if they are experiencing a power outage because it would be helpful to know if other members in the area are also out of power.

**5TH:** Make sure you have the name the bill is in, the meter number and/or the account number.

**6TH:** Call Lacreek Electric at 605-685-6581 or if you are calling long distance dial 1-800-655-9324.

**Office Hours: 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. MDT • Open over noon hour. Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays**

## Win a Trip to Washington, D.C.

Each June, high school students travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Rural Electric youth tour. During the week they learn about government, cooperative philosophy and rural electric cooperatives. The students are selected and sponsored by their local electric cooperatives. Arrangements for the South Dakota students are coordinated by South Dakota Rural Electric Association, (SDREA).

Among the sites that will be toured are: the Lincoln Memorial, the National Cathedral, The White House, The Air and Space Museum, The Washington Monument, The U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theatre, The Kennedy Center, the Metro Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Smithsonian, the Iwo Jima Statue, the National Archives, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and Mount Vernon.

**Who is eligible?** All high school sophomores and juniors whose parents or guardians are members of Lacreek Electric are eligible to enter the contest.

**What does it cost?** The tour is funded by the local rural electric cooperatives which participate in the week-long event. The funding for the tour provides for each participant's transportation, room and board, entertainment and sight seeing. Students are required to provide their own personal spending money (snacks and souvenirs).

**When is it held?** The week long trip will be held June 7 through June 14, 2018. Participants will meet for an orientation meeting on June 7. The group will fly to Washington, D.C., on June 8 and return to South Dakota on June 14.

**How do I qualify?** All applicants must fill out a data sheet and take an open book test on the history and organization of rural electrification. Applications are available at Lacreek's office in Martin, via mail at Lacreek Electric, PO Box 220 Martin, SD 57551 or online at [www.lacreek.com](http://www.lacreek.com), download the application and return it to Lacreek's office. **The deadline for entries is Friday, March 1.**

# An Outlet for Energy Savings

## Smart Outlets Offer Savings

Kaley Lockwood

NRECA

**These devices afford the same surge protection as their predecessors, but also tie in the “smart” functionality of an internet-connected device.**

Does the ebb and flow of your energy bill have you searching for an affordable way to reduce or better control your use? If you answered yes, then look no further because we’re taking a quick dive into a practical and affordable device that allows you to better manage your home’s energy use. We’re talking about energy-saving outlets!

These next-generation devices afford the same surge protection as their predecessors, but also tie in the “smart” functionality of an internet-connected device.

There are several different kinds of energy-saving outlets available, but there are two factors you should consider. First is size; there are many different sizes ranging from a single external outlet to a power strip with multiple sockets. The second thing you’ll want to consider is Wi-Fi connectivity; internet-connected outlets, commonly known as smart plugs, may enable you to fully realize the potential of these energy savings. This is because you’ll have greater remote control of the outlet through your smart phone, tablet or home assistant (like Google Home or Amazon’s Alexa).

You’ll also want to consider where you’ll be



ThinkEco also offers smart, energy-saving outlets. Shown here is the modlet (or modern outlet). Photo credit: ThinkEco

using the energy-saving outlet and what you’ll be using it for. Answering these questions will make it easier to choose the device that works best for you.

With smart plugs or smart power strips, a few clicks and swipes on your smart phone will enable you to fully shut down the electrical currents to your high-powered devices to prevent them from consuming electricity even when switched off. Several devices found inside your home are commonly referred to as “parasitic loads,” “phantom loads” or “energy vampires.” In fact, most entertainment systems consist of several parasitic loads, such as televisions, DVD players and video gaming consoles. These outlets can potentially curb these loads, which can cost the average household an extra \$200 per year.

In addition to preventing unnecessary



The Insteon® On/Off Outlet is one of many options for smart, energy-saving outlets. Photo credit: Insteon®





ThinkEco's modlet (or modern outlet) can be controlled remotely and even adjust to your personal schedule. Photo credit: ThinkEco

**Convenience is also a major factor to consider when thinking about your next efficiency upgrade.**

energy consumption, these energy-saving outlets are affordable for most folks who are looking to trim their use. The average smart outlet costs around \$10 to \$20 on Amazon.com and has the potential to pay for itself within two years or less depending on how often you use it.

As previously noted, convenience is also a major factor to consider when thinking about your next efficiency upgrade. Smart plugs typically come with simple instructions to download an accompanying app on your smart phone and then connect the plug to your home's Wi-Fi. The convenience in being able to turn the device on and off using your phone cannot be understated. Advanced smart plugs and smart plug apps also have the ability to automate the use with your schedule and even your presence in the home.

You can also have large-load devices turn off at a set time each night and turn on

every morning when you're ready to use them. If you want to use your television, for example, at a time that's outside of the preset hours, you can easily switch the device on through the smart phone app. Through automation, you're able to power down these energy-intensive devices and prevent unnecessary energy use.

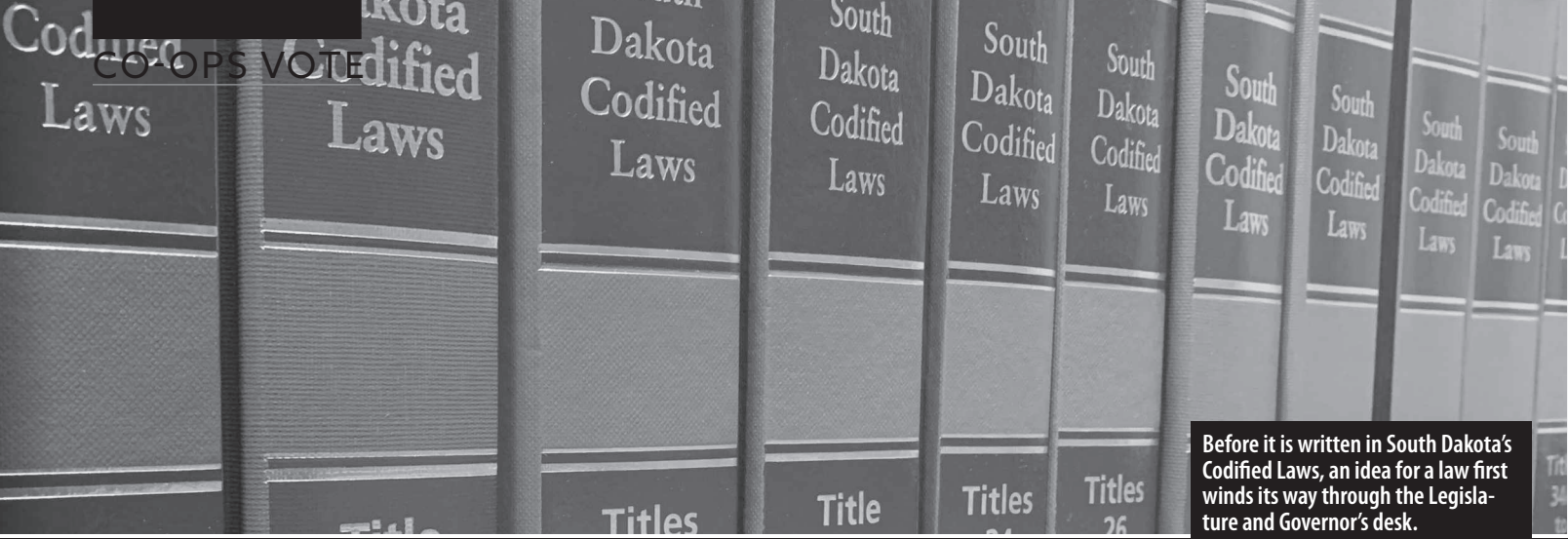
For folks who are looking to optimize their energy use and eliminate vampire loads, smart plugs may be your best option. For others who want more of a hands-off option to save additional dollars, energy-saving outlets and power strips without the Wi-Fi connection may be a better choice.

Either way, energy-saving outlets are just one of many energy efficient options out there and as technology continues to evolve, we'll likely see additional options emerge in the future.

*Kaley Lockwood writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.*



The Insteon® On/Off Outlet outlets can be controlled remotely, but consumers will need to purchase the Insteon Hub first, which costs about \$40. Photo credit: Insteon®



Before it is written in South Dakota's Codified Laws, an idea for a law first winds its way through the Legislature and Governor's desk.

# FROM AN IDEA TO LAW

## A Legislative Path in the Rushmore State

### From the S.D. Legislative Research Council

<http://sdlegislature.gov>

When South Dakota's 105 legislators gather in Pierre Jan. 8, their main objective will be considering, debating and in some cases enacting new laws.

Here is the general path that an idea follows in becoming a law in South Dakota:

### Idea

- A bill is simply an idea that someone would like to see become law.
- It could be anything from the penalty for committing a crime to the amount of money that can be spent on a state program.
- The idea can come from any one, but only a State Representative or State Senator can take the idea and guide it to final passage through the State Legislature.

### Drafting

- The drafting of the idea into a bill is done by the Legislative Research Council, the permanent, non-partisan staff of the Legislature.
- A bill may be filed by any member of the House or Senate, and generally more than one legislator will sponsor a bill. The legislator whose name appears first on the bill is the "prime sponsor."

### Introduction

- A bill is given to the Chief Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate and is assigned a number. If the bill is sponsored by a Senator, it is a Senate Bill. If the bill is sponsored by a Representative, it is a House Bill.
- The bill is given a First Reading in the "House of Origin". The "House of Origin" is the chamber that sponsored the bill.

- At a First Reading the bill's number and title are read aloud.
- The Senate President Pro tempore or Speaker of the House then assigns the bill to a committee.

### Committee

- A committee's responsibility is to examine a bill carefully, take testimony for and against the bill, and decide what to do with the bill.
- The committee has the following options:
  - Send the bill to the floor with a "Do Pass" recommendation,
  - Amend,
  - "Table" the bill, which kills the bill, unless the full body orders the committee to send the bill to the floor ("Smoke-Out"), or
  - Defer the bill to the day after the last Legislative Day, which also kills the bill.

### Debate

- If a bill reaches the floor, it is debated and voted on by the body.
- If it passes, the bill is sent to the other body, where it goes through the same introduction and committee processes.

### Law

- If a bill passes both the House and Senate, it is sent to the Governor.
- If signed by the Governor, the bill becomes law.
- If vetoed by the Governor, the Legislature has an opportunity to decide whether to override or uphold the veto.
- If the Legislature succeeds in overriding the veto, the bill becomes law.



# South Dakota Legislative Lingo

Here are a few of the terms you'll likely hear this session. For a full listing, check out the Legislative Research Council.

**act** – a bill passed by the Legislature.

**amendment** – any alteration made or proposed to a bill, motion, or clause thereof by adding, changing, substituting, or omitting.

**appropriation** – money set aside by formal action for a specific use.

**bill** – a proposed law introduced during a session for consideration.

**calendar** – a list of bills or other items reported out of committee for consideration by the legislative body.

**caucus** – an informal organization of members of each political party of the House or the Senate, or both, that exists to discuss issues of mutual concern and possibly to perform legislative research and policy planning for its members.

**concurrent resolution** – a form of legislation expressing the opinion of the Legislature. It does not have the force of law.

**co-sponsor** – a joint sponsor of a bill or resolution.

**do not pass** – the recommendation of a committee when the committee feels it is important for the bill to be considered by the entire house, but does not recommend its passage.

**do pass** – the recommendation of a committee when the committee recommends the bill pass in its original form.

**do pass amended** – the recommendation of a committee when the committee recommends the bill pass, not in its original form, but in an altered form adopted by the committee.

**enacting clause** – that portion of a bill indicating that all following material is to become law. By constitutional provision each proposed law must be preceded by this clause: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA."

**Executive Branch** – the branch of government charged with the execution and enforcement of laws and policies and the administration of public affairs.

**expenditure** – an amount of money that is spent on something.

**General Appropriations Act** – an act passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor that appropriates money for the ongoing, ordinary expenses of the three branches of state government.

**Governor** – the elected executive to head the State of South Dakota.

**hoghouse** – a procedure used in the Legislature whereby a committee or a member from the floor will move to strike everything after the enacting clause of a bill and insert in lieu thereof the substance of an entirely new bill.

**House of Representatives** – the lower chamber in the state's bicameral governing bodies.

**joint committee** – a committee that includes membership from both houses of the Legislature.

**joint resolution** – used primarily to propose amendments to the South Dakota Constitution and to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

**joint session** – a joint meeting of both houses of a bicameral legislature.

**Judicial Branch** – the branch of government charged with the interpretation of laws and the administration of justice.

**lay on the table** – postpone a matter before the Legislature; may later be brought up for consideration by motion from the floor.

**Legislative Branch** – the branch of government having the power to make laws.

**legislative committee** – a subgroup of legislators who make an initial determination if the proposal should go forward in the Legislature.

**legislative day** – a day on which a formal legislative floor session is held.

**Legislative Research Council** – the nonpartisan staff that provide legal analysis, fiscal analysis, and advice in addition to research, drafting, and budget services to the Legislature.

**legislator** – a person elected by the citizens to make laws.

**Legislature** – the legislative body.

**line-item veto** – authority to veto part rather than all of an appropriations act.

**Majority Leader** – the head of the majority party in a legislative body.

**Majority Party** – a group of legislators of the same political party who have the greatest number of elected members and who control the leadership positions.

**majority vote** – a number or percentage of votes equaling more than half of the total number of members to pass legislation.

**Minority Leader** – the head of the minority party in a legislative body.

**Minority Party** – a group of legislators of the same political party who have the fewest number of elected members.



**President** – a title given to the presiding officer of the Senate held by virtue of the office of Lieutenant Governor.

**President Pro Tempore** – a Senator elected by the Senate, who is the constitutionally recognized officer of the Senate who presides over the chamber in the absence of the President.

**prime sponsor** – the legislator or legislative committee introducing a bill.

**two-thirds majority** – a super majority vote requiring two-thirds of the members to pass legislation.

**Whip** – a legislator elected by members of the political party to assist leadership.

**without recommendation** – the recommendation made by a committee when the committee cannot come to a consensus or has no feelings on the bill one way or another, so feels the entire house should determine whether it should pass.

## October 20-January 6

Pheasant Hunting Season, Statewide, Pierre, SD, 605-223-7660

## November 20-December 26

Christmas at the Capitol, Pierre, SD, 605-773-3178

## December 15-March 31

South Dakota snowmobile trails season, Lead, SD, 605-584-3896

## December 22-23

1880 Train Holiday Express, Hill City, SD, 605-574-2222

## January 3-5

Dakota Farm Show, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dakota Dome, Vermillion, SD

## January 11-12

Annual Red Dirt Festival, Deadwood, SD, 605-559-0386

## January 15

40th Annual Ranchers Workshop, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. CT, Community Events Center, White River, SD, 605-259-3252 ext. 3

## January 17

Community Club Annual Banquet, Dinner catered by The Knotty Pine Supper Club, Entertainment by Comedian Scott Novotny, Elkton, SD Tickets 605-542-2681

## January 18-19

Media One Funski, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-339-0000

## January 18-20

Winterfest, Lead, SD, 605-584-1100

## January 25-26

Snowmobile Rally, Deadwood, SD, 605-578-1876



## January 25-26

Living History Fair, Lake Area Technical College, School children only on Friday, Open to public on Saturday, Watertown, SD, 605-881-1758

## January 25-February 3

Annual Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo, Rapid City, SD, 605-355-3861

## January 26-27

Dakota Territory Gun Show, National Field Archery Building, Yankton, SD, 605-665-4537

## February 2

Lake Hendricks Fishing Derby, Hendricks, MN, 507-828-2113

## February 2-3

Dakota Territory Gun Show, Dakota Event Center, Aberdeen, SD, 701-336-7533

## February 8-10

Black Hills Sports Show & Outdoor Expo, Rapid City, SD, 605-939-1812

## February 9-10

Dakota Territory Gun Show, Trophy Show - The Big One, Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-630-2199

## February 16-17

Dakota Territory Gun Show, Ramkota River Centre, Pierre, SD, 605-280-2438

## February 21-23

Sno Jam Comedy Festival, Sioux Falls, SD, siouxfallssnojamcomedyfest@gmail.com

## February 22-23

State Wrestling Tournaments, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City, SD, 605-394-4111

## March 1-2

Mardi Gras Weekend, Main Street, Deadwood, SD, 605-578-1876

## March 9-10

2019 Gun Show, American Legion Hall, Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MST, Philip, SD, 605-441-8466 or 605-441-1216

## March 9-12

Summit League Basketball Championship, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-367-7288

## March 15-16

28 Below Fatbike Race, Lead, SD, 605-584-3435

## March 29-30, April 5-6

Annual Schmeckfest, Freeman, SD, 605-925-4237

## April 5-6

Forks, Corks and Kegs Food, Wine and Beer Festival, Deadwood, SD, 605-578-1876

**To have your event listed on this page, send complete information, including date, event, place and contact to your local electric cooperative. Include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Information must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to your event. Please call ahead to confirm date, time and location of event.**