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John Jennings and Justin Klinghagen
in the KKLN studio.

POWERING THE LOON SINCE 1999

Any time of day or night, you can tune your FM radio dial to 94.1 and listen to a wide variety of mainstream rock music. Seasonally, you can hear NASCAR racing and NFL games. In the evenings during the week, you can listen to Nights with Alice Cooper, and on weekends listen to Steven Van Zandt's Underground Garage Rock, House of Hair, and many other shows. Peppered in with the radio call-sign you can hear the distinct sound of a Loon, Minnesota's State Bird.

Before 1999, KKLN was called KYRS. The format changed from country music to mainstream rock that year. Several years later, the owner wanted to move on. He asked Justin Klinghagen if he would be interested in buying the station. Justin called his friend John Jennings, and together in 2007, they took ownership.

"Our primary audience is between 30 and 65 years old, but when we go to local events, we meet listeners from 18 to 70," states Justin. John adds, "We are very focused on our listeners, and as a locally-owned radio station, we can offer our listeners a much wider variety of music. You might listen to our station and not hear the same song for more than two days in a row,

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"ENERGIZING AND CONNECTING...ENHANCING YOUR LIFE."

2022 ANNUAL MEETING



Meeker's Board of Directors will hold a business only Annual Meeting at the Cooperative on April 25th at 9:00 a.m. in the Community room at the office headquarters.

Reports will be provided on the standing of the Cooperative, a financial report, activities of the Electric Trust, the actions of the Qualifications & Election Committee in the preparation for director elections, and more. During the meeting, Members will be asked to volunteer to count the ballots returned and announce the director election results. It is the Cooperative way that Members elect fellow Members to serve as directors to oversee the Co-op on behalf of all the Members.

2021 MEEKER COOPERATIVE FAST FACTS

EMPLOYEES → 44
MEMBERS → 7,885
RESIDENTIAL → 81%
SEASONAL → 12%
COMMERCIAL → 6%
OTHER → 1%
MILES OF LINE → 1,965
MEMBERS PER MILE → 4.01
NEW SERVICES BUILT → 84
CHANGE JOBS → 44
LINE REBUILDS → 9
RIGHT OF WAY MILES MAINTAINED → 288
LINES PATROLLED → 545 MILES
POLE CHANGES → 103

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MEEKER COOPERATIVE LIGHT AND POWER ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Please take notice that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association will be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2022, at Meeker Cooperative, 1725 US HWY 12 E, STE 100, Litchfield, Minnesota 55355, for the following purposes: 1. Reading of, and acting upon, the unapproved minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting; 2. Receiving and acting upon reports of Officers, Directors and Committees; 3.

Electing Directors of the Cooperative to fill offices of those whose terms expire on April 25, 2022; 4. Considering any unfinished business and taking up such new business as shall properly come before the meeting and acting on such matters as necessary for the best interest of the Association.

Karl Lundin, Secretary

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Qualifications & Election Committee met on Wednesday, January 19 to review the applications submitted. The Committee included one Member from each of the Co-op's districts where the seat is not currently up for election. Four applications were submitted. Applications were reviewed and membership was verified. The Committee placed a slate of candidates for the 2022 elections. Incumbents Brad Donnay – District 3 and Stephen Plaisance – District 5 were unopposed in their respective Districts. The Committee acted as provided for by the Bylaws and waived the ballot process for these Districts and declared each elected.

Two members, Incumbent Larry Huhn and candidate Elizabeth Walke, filed for nomination in District 8. The Committee placed both candidates on the ballot. A mail ballot will be sent to the Members in District 8, prior to the Annual Meeting. For more information about the candidates, please refer to the Profiles of the Candidates included in this newsletter.

Members of the 2022 Qualifications & Election Committee included:

Robert Pederson – District 1
Thomas Haag – District 2
David Lindberg – District 4
Donna Nelson – District 6
Ed McRaith – District 7
Justin Klinghagen – District 9



L to R: (front) Justin Klinghagen, Donna Nelson; **(back)** Robert Pederson, Ed McRaith, Thomas Haag.
Not in attendance: David Lindberg

DISTRICT 8

DARWIN, ELLSWORTH IN MEEKER COUNTY



Elizabeth Walke

CANDIDATE

68409 233RD ST, DASSEL, MN 55325

Elizabeth Walke and her husband have been Meeker Members for fifteen years. She is a retired Chemical Engineer and has been involved in several organizations including the Uptown Association Board of Directors as Secretary, Uptown Neighborhood News as Treasurer, Uptown Art Fair Steering Committee and German American Chamber of

Commerce. She is also a member of the Lake Washington Association and Dassel Rod and Gun Club.

Elizabeth enjoys the Pioneer Newsletter and has enjoyed the Member Appreciation Event.

She feels her experience in financial controlling and operations are a strength she brings to the Board. She also states energy and interest in serving the community are also assets.

As a Member, she participates in several Meeker programs including Dual Fuel, Operation Round Up and VIBRANT Broadband.

Elizabeth feels that Meeker should look into the ability to offer subsidies to low-income families for VIBRANT Broadband to address the reality that accessing the Internet is an educational requirement. She would also like to see a focus on utilizing more mobile services like our Outage Notifications.

She feels Meeker's short-term goals should be a push of VIBRANT Broadband to more areas to offer a real choice for Internet providers. She also wants the VIBRANT service to improve the gap between download and upload speeds.

Her long-term goals for Meeker would be to develop storage capacity for intermittent energy sources such as wind and solar. This could also help reduce the peak demand levels.

Elizabeth is encouraged that the Co-op is actively incentivizing Members to be responsible energy users with rebates for more efficient appliances and off-peak programs.

She says that the demand for electricity is growing and will outpace capacity without an increase in generation. This is where she feels renewables can help.

Her thoughts about VIBRANT are that it provides a unique opportunity to reduce the gap between urban and remote access to employment and educational opportunities. Healthcare is also made more accessible because of reliable high-speed Internet. She says VIBRANT has allowed them to work from home full time without worry.

Elizabeth feels the biggest concern facing Meeker Cooperative is the increased demand of Electric Vehicles as the shift from hydrocarbon to electric occurs. Managing the increased energy demands while maintaining reliability and reasonable costs for our Members is a must.

Larry Huhn

INCUMBENT

807 1ST ST SOUTH, DARWIN, MN 55324

Larry Huhn grew up in Darwin and has been a Meeker Cooperative Member for more than twenty years and a Director for 10 years. Larry currently holds the position of Senior Surveyor with Landform Professional Services. Larry has been involved in the Darwin City Council as a Councilman and the Darwin Rod and Gun Club as a Director and Officer. Larry is a member of the St Johns Parish in Darwin and served as a church council member in the past.

As a Member and Director, Larry attends the Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Events. He also participates in several Meeker programs including Cycled Air conditioning, ACH, and Operation Round Up. Larry also subscribes to VIBRANT Broadband.

He feels his several years' experience as a Director, Board Leadership education and prior business ownership experience are strengths he brings to the Board. He also feels his leadership experience with local and state political groups is a huge strength.

Larry says the Co-op's short-term goal is to be innovative and creative in finding ways to manage the inflation that has already begun so as to minimize the pain on the Members. For the long-term, he says that finding and establishing long-term power purchase contracts is needed to continue reliable access to energy.

He feels that as we move to renewable energy sources, finding ways to reduce our demands will be increasingly needed. He also feels that while renewables are a good concept, most people don't understand that the inputs into creating "free energy" really do not make it a viable alternative for 24/7 365-day reliable electric service.

He doesn't feel that the technology for utility-sized battery storage has advanced enough to be cost effective, but that we should continue to monitor its development.

Larry feels that electric cooperatives are great environmentalists, despite some of the beliefs out there. He says making drastic changes without a plan will lead to more outages like what happened in Texas in 2021. He also feels Meeker Cooperative does a great job keeping up with line maintenance and keeping our reliability up and costs down.

Adding VIBRANT Broadband was a great move for Meeker Cooperative and its Members, Larry says. It's brought reliable high-speed Internet to a lot of members who had little or no access before. He is proud to have been a part of bringing this service to the membership.

Larry believes the Net Metering Law is an unfair government mandate for Co-op Members as a whole. It requires Members that do not self-generate to subsidize those that do. He also feels the Co-op's power providers need to move into renewables wisely to ensure costs are not increased and reliability maintained.



IS YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

Please take a moment to update your information.

Go to www.meeker.coop/update-my-info or call us at 320-693-3231.

DISTRICT 3

LUXEMBURG, MAINE PRAIRIE, SOUTH MAINE PRAIRIE IN STEARNS COUNTY; FOREST PRAIRIE IN MEEKER COUNTY



Brad Donnay

INCUMBENT

11310 155TH ST, KIMBALL, MN 55353

Brad has been a director for eight years and a Co-op Member for 24 years. He is self-employed in the dairy industry. Brad is involved in several community and church groups including the Kimball Fire Department as Treasurer of the Relief Association, Kimball Wrestling Boosters, and the Holy Cross Church.

As a Meeker Cooperative Member and Director, Brad attends the Annual Meetings, Member Appreciation events, Coffee with the Co-op events, and has toured Coal Creek. He has also completed the Meeker Co-op 101 Program. He participates in several of Meeker's programs such as Storage Water Heating, Dual Fuel, and Operation Round Up.

Brad says his strengths are having an open-minded attitude, being able to collaborate well with others, and having a willingness to listen to new ideas.

Brad thinks Meeker's short-term goals should be to provide safe, reliable, and competitively priced electricity to its Members. He says the long-term goals should be that Meeker be the Co-op for all its members energy needs and new technologies.

He says Co-ops need to work together with elected officials to come up with long-term solutions for energy conservation. Renewables, such as solar and wind, need to be cost-effective, with coal as a backup. Energy storage technology is here, but it also needs to be affordable, reliable, and cost-effective.

He feels that right-of-way clearances and tree trimming are important to keep our own distribution lines reliable and repair costs down.

As a VIBRANT Broadband subscriber, Brad states that in order to be viable and competitive in today's world, all people should have access to high-speed Internet and he wants the Co-op to keep informing people how great VIBRANT is.

Brad says the biggest challenge to the Co-op is the Net Metering Law and that there needs to be a compromise so Members aren't subsidizing these systems at the retail rate for wholesale power.

WATCH FOR SCAMS!

Some Members have reported that they have been called and threatened with disconnection if they didn't immediately pay their bill with a credit card or a gift card or other type of currency. If you receive a threatening call like this, hang up and call us at 693-3231 if you have any questions about your account.



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DISTRICT 5

FAIRHAVEN IN STEARNS COUNTY;
COKATO, SOUTHSIDE, FRENCH LAKE IN WRIGHT COUNTY;
DASSEL IN MEEKER COUNTY

Stephen Plaisance

INCUMBENT

26740 733RD AVE, DASSEL, MN 55325

Steve Plaisance has been a Meeker Member for eleven years and has served on the Board of Directors since May 2019. Stephen is retired, but worked at the Meeker Memorial Hospital as Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and the MMH Foundation as CFO.

As a Member and Director, Steve attends Annual Meetings, NRECA education programs, and has been a member of Meeker's Co-op 101 Program. He also participates in several of Meeker's Member programs including Cycled Air Conditioning, Peak Shave Water Heating, Operation Round Up and more.

Stephen's strengths he brings to the Board include his experience in strategic planning and his ability to have a long-term view and finding long-term solutions.

He believes the Co-op should offer new services, such as generators and batteries with our load control program. The short-term goal of the Co-op should be reliable and cost-effective power and making VIBRANT profitable. The long-term goals should be stable pricing and cost controls.

Steve says that we should investigate all options to reduce peak demand charges. He believes members should share in the savings gained from the reduced demand charges. He feels that it is necessary to look at reducing peak load costs to help with energy conservation.

He thinks Meeker should also look for a ways the Coop can work with Members to reduce the cost to members including renewable energy. He says that power companies should be stewards of the environment and at the same time manage costs.

Steve is an advocate for VIBRANT Broadband. As a subscriber himself, he thinks that it is a great service offered by Meeker Cooperative. He feels Vibrant should expand to other areas where profitable.

He feels a couple areas of concern for the Co-op are the Net Metering Laws and managing the cost of power.



NOTICE OF CO-GENERATION

Meeker Cooperative is obligated by Minnesota Rules pts. 7835 to interconnect with and purchase electricity from any co-generators and/or small power producers. We also are required to provide information free of charge to any and all members who may be interested in entering into an interconnection agreement with the Co-op. In compliance with Minnesota adopted rules relating to co-generation and small power production, all interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Visit www.meeker.coop/cogen to learn more about the the interconnection requirements and rates for interconnecting a distributed energy resource.

KKLN – FROM COVER

whereas corporate controlled stations want popular songs played over and over again, sometimes every hour.”



John Jennings in front of the studio mic.

While praising their listeners, Justin and John also praise the local talent that works at the station. They point out that the programming and voices you hear are from talented people who call this area their home.

Meeker Cooperative has been serving electricity to the radio tower since it was put up. Justin and John praise the power stability for keeping them on the air. On the rare occasion when they have lost power, Meeker’s employees have been “Johnny-on-the-spot” getting KKLN back on the air.

One segment Justin and John are proud of is the “Doing Good in Our Neighborhood.” Here they showcase people and organizations who do something to help their communities. These are people behind the scenes who help make their community flourish. “It has been eye-opening for all of us how many of these groups exist. Justin and I are part of groups like that, and one thing we are good at is doing good things, and one thing we are bad at is telling people we do good things,” says John. That is why they love the “Doing Good” segment.

Speaking of love, Justin Klinghagen says he loves his VIBRANT Broadband. Living near Litchfield, he needed reliable and consistent Internet access to stay in touch with the radio station. The studio is located in Willmar on the East side of the Kandi Mall. “Having VIBRANT Broadband has helped me every day. I work from home doing something for the station every day. I can log into our transmitter and check for issues or remotely log into the computers and make sure they are doing what they’re supposed to be doing 24 hours a day. I also appreciate its reliability for e-learning and entertainment for my family. We are so fortunate to have that good a quality of Internet out here. It’s reasonably priced and rock-solid performance.”

KKLNs coverage ranges from Benson to Paynesville to Cokato to Redwood Falls. If you travel outside the range of the radio tower, you can listen to 94.1 The Loon through their app, which is available for iPhone and Android. “We have listeners contact us from all over. One time we had two gentlemen visit us who didn’t speak English. It turned out they were from Italy. They came to Minnesota to visit the Mall of America and our studio because they listen to us online in Italy.” John says they’ve had texts and phone calls from Georgia, Maine, Hawaii, and Texas, all through the app.

Justin and John mention how much they appreciate Meeker Co-op and its employees. “Meeker Co-op does what they say they’ll do, and that’s kind of getting rare,” John says. Justin follows up with, “I just can’t say enough good things about the service and the Meeker Cooperative employees.”

If you tune into 94.1, you’ll get a wide variety of music with segments of sports, news, weather, and community. You might even catch VIBRANT Sales Repre-

sentatives Bo Johnson and Nathan Johnson saying “we aren’t brothers” in their VIBRANT Broadband radio commercial played on the station.



Justin and John standing in front of 94.1 The Loon radio station located in the Kandi Mall, Willmar, Minnesota.



6,000-watt KKLN radio tower powered by Meeker Cooperative.

WILLIE WIREDHAND’S ELECTRICITY FUN FACT



Do you know....?

A 12W LED bulb will last about 25 times longer and use about one-fifth of the electricity per 1000 hours than a 60W incandescent bulb, yet puts out the same amount of light.

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VIBRANT-U DREAMING OF STREAMING EVENT DRAWS INTERESTED CROWD

Recently, VIBRANT Broadband hosted a VIBRANT-U Dreaming of Streaming Event in the Meeker Cooperative Community Room. Over 35 guests came to learn how to stream content over an Internet connection. Bo and Nathan, VIBRANT Broadband Sales Representatives, gave a presentation that covered what streaming is, why you should consider streaming, how to stream and what is available to stream.

After the presentation there was a hands-on demonstration where guests were shown how to hook up a streaming device, what the menu looks like, how to install a channel app, and to navigate within the app. Several people asked questions and were excited about the prospect of watching their favorite



shows on their own schedule, which is one of the benefits of streaming.



Several were interested in better Internet to their home and signed up for VIBRANT Broadband. More VIBRANT-U events are being planned that will cover streaming, as well as smart home, security, and more. To learn more about streaming, visit www.VIBRANTBroadband.com/vibrantu/streaming.

MEEKER COOPERATIVE APPLIES FOR BROADBAND GRANT FUNDING



Meeker Cooperative, with Kandiyohi County, has applied for broadband grant funding from the USDA and the state of Minnesota for parts of Meeker and Kandiyohi Counties. If awarded, this funding will help Meeker Co-op bring VIBRANT Broadband high-speed Internet to townships in Meeker County, and nine townships in Kandiyohi County.

It will likely be fall before award announcements are made, and then the summer of 2023 before any construction can start. Similar to bringing electricity to our rural community in the 1930s, Meeker Cooperative is committed to bringing VIBRANT Broadband to our Members and surrounding communities.



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VIBRANT Reviews

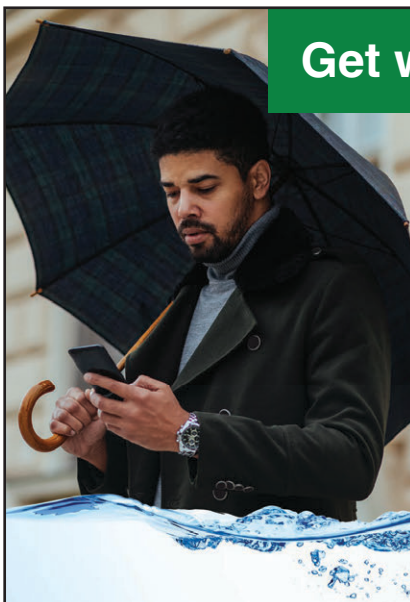
"Great service and great Internet for a reasonable price."

- Paul S

"We were very pleased with the service and information provided. Technicians were respectful, pleasant and helpful. We love the internet speed you recommended for us."

- Craig & Debbie L

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MEEKER COOPERATIVE WELCOMED ALABAMA GUESTS



In the bucket: Will Birdsong (AL) **L to R back row:** Jordan Niece, Rob Cole, Cole Saunders (AL), Parker Hughes (AL) Alex Hall (AL), Brooke Caron, Becky Birdsong (AL), Roger Huhn, Jordan Hurley (AL), Cora Huhn, Faith Dillard (AL), Mandie Dillard (AL) **L to R front row:** Cole Huffman, Claire Loch, Riley Joyer, William Birdsong (AL)

Meeker Cooperative has participated in the Peanut Butter & Milk Festival for decades. Visitors from Hartford, Alabama, come to Litchfield and stay for a week to learn about our community. Meeker Cooperative is one of the hosts during their week-long stay. Last year the program was skipped due to the pandemic, but this February guests from Hartford, Alabama, visited Litchfield once again. On a frigid Thursday, they spent some time at the Co-op where they were greeted with a presentation about Meeker Cooperative and VIBRANT Broadband

along with a tour of the building. Later in the morning, the Co-op treated our guests with a fun day on the slopes of Powder Ridge.



Skiing lessons at Powder Ridge

UNDERSTANDING HSPF AND SEER RATINGS

HSPF (Heating Seasonal Performance Factor) ratings are used to measure the energy efficiency for all heating devices, like furnaces, heat pumps, and water heaters. The HSPF is a number representing the total heat delivered by the heating device during normal usage divided by the amount of electricity to deliver that heat. The higher the number, the more efficient the unit is. HSPF ratings range from 8.2 to 13.

SEER (Season Energy Efficiency Ratio) is used for ratings on cooling units like air conditioners and air-source heat pumps. It is the ratio between the electrical wattage input of a system versus the BTU output of the unit. The higher the SEER rating, the more efficient that unit is.

Air Source Heat Pumps with a higher HSPF and SEER rating are a good investment and can save you money on your monthly energy bill. Meeker Cooperative offers rebates up to \$1,200 for new Air Source Heat Pumps installed by a qualified HVAC contractor.

To learn more about Meeker Cooperative rebates, visit our website www.meeke.coop/programs If you have



questions about Air Source Heat Pumps and their ratings, call 320-693-3231 and speak with one of our Energy Services Representatives.

Featured Recipe

Lasagna Soup

Congratulations to **Diana McCarney** for submitting this issue's winning recipe for Homemade Soup.

- 2 T. Olive Oil
- 1 lb. Ground Beef
- ½ medium Onion, chopped
- 4 cloves Garlic finely grated
- 1-15oz. can Diced Tomatoes with juice
- 1-15 oz. can Tomato Sauce
- 4 C. Chicken or Beef broth
- 1 T. Italian Seasoning
- ½ t. Salt
- Black Pepper to taste
- 2 C. uncooked Bow Tie Pasta

Soup Toppings

- ½ C. Mozzarella Cheese
- ¼ C. Parmesan Cheese
- ½ C. Ricotta or Cottage Cheese



1. In a 3.5 Qt. soup pot, brown ground beef, onions and garlic.
2. Add remaining ingredients, except pasta.
3. Bring to a boil on high.
4. Turn heat to medium low and add dry Pasta Noodles.
5. Simmer until pasta is tender (about 15 minutes).
6. Top with cheeses as desired.

Submit your favorite **Cookies** for our next issue! Please include a photo if you are able.

The chosen winner will receive a \$10 credit to their account. DEADLINE: April 29, 2022.

Email to: szeppelin@meeker.coop | Mail to: Meeker Coop, ATTN: Shane 1725 US Hwy 12 E, Ste 100, Litchfield, MN 55355

FIND YOUR LOCATION NUMBER

Four location numbers are hidden within this *Pioneer* and four more in articles published on our website between now and the next *Pioneer* mailing. If you find your number and claim it by **calling** Meeker Cooperative before **May 10**, you will have a \$10 credit to your account! When you call and verify your information is correct in our system, you will also receive an additional bill credit equal to one month's output from a Member Solar Panel.

Good luck!



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kevin Issendorf, President — District 4
Litchfield, Greenleaf in Meeker

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Luxemburg, Maine Prairie,
South Maine Prairie in Stearns;
Forest Prairie in Meeker

Karl Lundin, Secretary — District 2
North Kingston, Kingston,
Forest City in Meeker

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Lake Elizabeth, E. Lake Lillian in Kandiyohi;
Cosmos, Acton, Danielson, Swede Grove
in Meeker; Brookfield, Boon Lake in Renville

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Paynesville in Stearns;
Union Grove in Meeker

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Eden Lake in Stearns;
Harvey, Manannah in Meeker

Stephen Plaisance — District 5
Fairhaven in Stearns;
Cokato, Southside, French Lake in Wright;
Dassel in Meeker

Randy Bryant — District 7
Collinwood, Cedar Mills in Meeker;
Stockholm in Wright;
Acoma, Hutchinson in McLeod

Larry Huhn — District 8
Darwin, Ellsworth in Meeker

Chad Felstul, Attorney

Meeker Cooperative

Light and Power Association

MARCH 2022 RECIPIENT LIST

Community Service

Agricultural Society, Meeker County.....	\$1,150
Cemetery Association, Pioneer	\$1,640
Eden Valley Food Shelf	\$900
Eden Valley Valley Daze.....	\$500
Forest City Stockade	\$1,000
Historical Society, Paynesville	\$500
Kandiyohi County Food Shelf	\$300
Kimball Food Shelf	\$900
Litchfield Downtown Council.....	\$1,000
McLeod Emergency Food Shelf	\$250
Meeker County Food Shelf.....	\$2,900*

*Dassel Site..... \$500

*Litchfield Site..... \$2400

Paynesville Community Services	\$900
The Link of Northern Kandiyohi County ...	\$150
Zion Lutheran Church	
Community Bistro	\$1,000

Education and Youth

Community Education, Litchfield	\$1,000*
*Sponsor a Child.....	\$500
*Special Olympics.....	\$500
Litchfield Student Anglers.....	\$500
Post Prom, ACGC	\$500
Robotics Team, Hutchinson High School..	\$500
United Way of West Central MN	\$1,000

Total.....\$16,590

How to Apply:

The Trust meets three times per year to review applications and award grants. Remaining application deadlines for 2022 are July 7 and November 3. The application and guidelines can be found on Meeker Cooperative's website at www.meeker.coop Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the Round Up logo to download the materials and guidelines to apply.

How to Contribute: Funds are generated by members/subscribers choosing to round their billing statement up to the nearest dollar and by employees choosing to round down their paychecks. On average, contributions from any individual members are about \$6 per year, but added together, they can make a big impact. If you are not currently an Operation Round Up participant, please contact the Cooperative to get signed up.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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