

THE MPPD MINUTE



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YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS



During the annual awards banquet MPPD honored several employees and board of directors for their years of service with the district. (Left to right) Brandon Jacobs (25 years), Casey Roth and Steven Salas (10 years), and Director Dennis Reiners (15 years). Not pictured, Dusty Tirrill (20 years) and Director Jim Ruggles (10 years). Congratulations to these men for their accomplishments with MPPD and thank you for your dedication.

MONEY RETURNED TO CUSTOMERS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

Board of Directors have approved a PCA credit again to be returned to customers in 2024. PCA stands for Production Cost Adjustment. This credit is based on the kWh used each month. Each year our power supplier, Nebraska Public Power District, uses cost projections and industry data to set rates at a level that aims to match revenue and expenses. NPPD was able to realize a surplus by implementing sound business practices and earning margins in the Southwest Power Pool regional market. Those margins bring back dollars into Nebraska, for the benefit of NPPD's customers, which is then passed onto MPPD customers. The PCA is a separate line item on your bill and is calculated by multiplying the PCA rate by the kilowatt hours consumed by you during a billing period.

AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMP OPTIMIZATION

By: NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

Many Nebraska homes use an air-source heat pump (ASHP) to provide indoor comfort during the winter season. Considering 40% of average annual residential energy is used to keep homes warm, ASHPs provide higher energy efficiency than any furnace. As a result, owners reduce the impact of increased energy needs during the three coldest months of December through February.

But much like any appliance, how ASHPs are used and maintained will effect how much energy they save. If your home or business is heated by an ASHP, consider the following recommendations to get the most from your system.

- Optimal performance starts with proper installation of the right heat pump.
- Changing air filters every one to three months helps your system move air more easily.
- Use a smart thermostat.
- Keep outdoor units clear.
- Perform routine inspection, maintenance and cleaning.



MPPD has a new drive-up drop box for payments. No need to get out of your vehicle during inclement weather! It is located on the east side of the parking lot.