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# ANNUAL REPORT



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## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & CEO

# YOU CAN RELY ON VICTORY ELECTRIC

Victory Electric's mission is providing safe, reliable service at affordable rates, providing economic development opportunities and services for our members, and ensuring the financial stability of the cooperative. In 2023, Victory Electric made progress on that mission on multiple fronts.

Whether we are restoring power to members' homes after a storm, sharing money-saving tips, implementing technology to improve grid security and reliability, or working with community partners to upgrade outdated infrastructure, Victory Electric makes our members' needs a priority.

### Safe and Reliable Service

Victory Electric knows how important it is to provide reliable electric service. In the past year, our operations and engineering teams have made significant improvements to our system, reducing the number of outages, shortening their duration, and making the work safer for our linemen.

Regular pole inspections help Victory preserve the integrity and strength of the electric system. To maintain and increase reliability, crews have been replacing deteriorating poles that were identified during the inspections.

Our engineering department used data from our outage management system and advanced metering infrastructure to perform studies and create heat maps to identify areas with more frequent outages or longer

restoration times. We also found load imbalances in certain substations. This information allows us to pinpoint projects aimed at improving reliability and increasing capacity without costly substation upgrades. These projects were used to create our 2024-2027 construction work plan.

Dodge City saw exponential growth in 2023, with industrial expansion spurring residential construction and multiple new housing developments. Victory Electric worked with the City of Dodge City and other partners to provide much-needed upgrades to the utility infrastructure in the historic downtown area. We also updated the historic Dodge City Roundup Arena's infrastructure by removing overhead lines and installing underground lines. Crews moved lines south of Dodge City as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation's



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roundabout construction at the intersection of Highway 283 and Second Avenue.

System security is critical to reliability, too. The primary mission of Victory Electric's cybersecurity program is to protect the data of members and employees. Victory Electric's information technology team implements and enforces cybersecurity protocols and trains employees so we can keep our networks, systems and data safe from unauthorized access.

Victory regularly participates in tabletop exercises to test our emergency and cyber-incident response plans. Our vigilance and cyberdefense efforts promote reliability throughout our systems and the cooperative.

## Infrastructure and Economic Development

Partnering with other organizations, Victory invests in local development initiatives to help improve the quality of life in southwest Kansas. Our key accounts and commercial and industrial members drive development in our region and are critical to economic growth and stability.

Grid modernization requires upgrading aging infrastructure with new equipment and technologies to improve reliability and safety. This includes replacing transformers and cables with more efficient and durable alternatives. Smart grids enable better monitoring and control of electricity distribution, allowing for quicker identification and response to faults or potential hazards. Automated systems can detect abnormalities and isolate affected areas, minimizing the risk of widespread outages and reducing safety hazards. With Victory's supervisory control

and data acquisition (SCADA) operations, we developed a fire mitigation strategy to enhance safety for our rural members during high wind events.

Our added safety measures are aimed at mitigating risks, enhancing reliability and ensuring the protection of our members and the grid. Ongoing collaboration between industry stakeholders, regulators and technology developers is crucial to improving safety standards and adapting to challenges as they evolve.

## Financial Stability

Victory Electric finished 2023 with positive operating margins of \$3 million as a result of load growth in our area. Members saw lower than average monthly bills in 2023 due to increased precipitation and milder temperatures, which lowered the kilowatt-hour use. The cost of fuel was also down. While Victory Electric rates have remained the same since 2017, approximately 60%-65% of our members' bills are from the wholesale power costs. Prices of natural gas and other wholesale fuel costs decreased significantly, and we passed these savings to our members. An average residential member's bill was \$99 in 2023, compared to \$120 in 2022.

The positive 2023 margins will be allocated back to our members in the form of capital credits. Capital credits reflect your ownership in the cooperative and are a rewarding benefit of membership. In 2023, the board voted to retire capital credits totaling \$1,082,224.81. Since 2019, we have retired \$6.6 million in capital credits.

Your board of trustees reviews financial reports and makes strategic decisions based on its fiduciary duty to protect the

assets of the electric cooperative. Trustees are members too, and they help Victory remain in a strong financial position while providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

Last fall, the Victory Electric Board of Trustees hired an independent consulting firm to conduct a cost-of-service study. The firm determined the cost of providing service and the revenue requirements for paying expenses and having adequate margins, then provided guidelines that will help the board responsibly and fairly allocate costs to each rate class and make any necessary rate or policy changes.

## Member Focus

Victory Electric deployed a new phone system in 2023 to make phone communication with our members the best it can be. To improve readability and help members better understand their energy use and charges, we also launched a new bill design last summer.

Victory's timely, informative communication keeps members reliably informed about the cooperative and educates them about a wide range of energy-related topics.

We are committed to reliably powering our community at a cost local families and businesses can afford. As a member and owner of the cooperative, you have a voice. In the coming year, Victory Electric will continue to adapt to a changing energy landscape and our community's evolving needs.

**THANKS, PAT AND SHANE**



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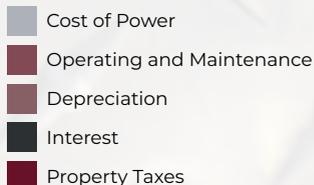
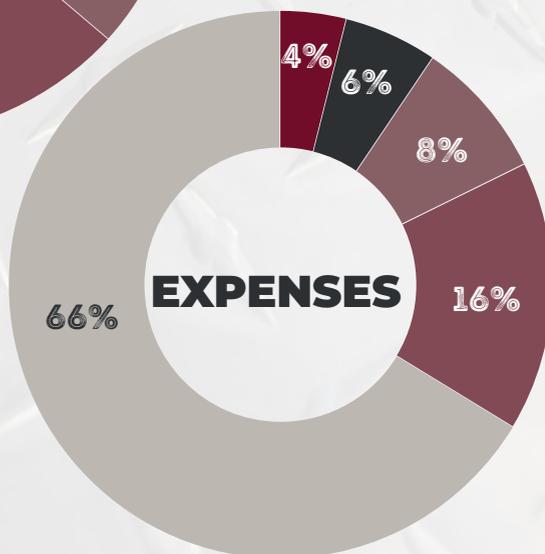
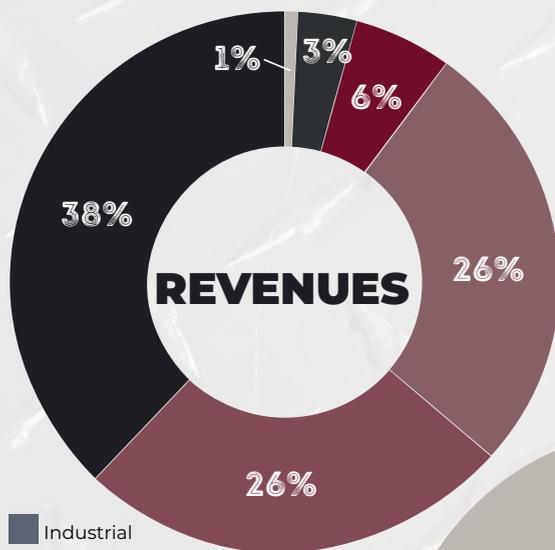
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# FINANCIAL REPORTS (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2023

## INCOME STATEMENT

<b>INCOME</b>	
Electric Revenue	\$ 69,242,740
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Cost of Power	\$43,862,113
Operating & Maintenance Expenses	\$10,529,150
Depreciation	\$5,465,527
Property Taxes	\$2,600,042
Interest	\$3,680,001
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$66,136,833</b>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>\$ 3,105,907</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>\$ 3,141, 676</b>
<b>NET MARGINS FOR 2023</b>	<b>\$6,247,583</b>



## BALANCE SHEET

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Total Cost of Plant	\$ 196,300,071
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$67,321,966
<b>Total Net Value of Plant</b>	<b>\$128,978,105</b>
Cash	\$4,534,386
Investments	\$43,196,006
Receivables	\$7,670,529
Materials and Supplies	\$4,751,952
Prepayments	\$123,190
Other Current & Accrued Assets	\$5,465
Deferred Debits	\$1,196,998
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$190,456,631</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Long-Term Debt	\$92,023,667
Notes & Accounts Payable	\$4,493,834
Current Liabilities	\$8,720,281
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$160,338
Deferred Credits	\$1,652,443
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$107,050,563</b>
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	
Deposits	\$1,519,442
Equities & Margins	\$81,886,626
<b>Total Members' Equity</b>	<b>\$83,406,068</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$190,456,631</b>

# NEW IN 2023

## COMMUNITY SOLAR

Our new Community Solar Program allows eligible residential members to take advantage of the benefits of solar energy without the significant initial investment, maintenance costs and ownership hassles of a rooftop system. Participants may purchase shares for \$5 per share each month in the energy produced at Sunflower Electric's Johnson Corner Solar Farm without the long-term commitments or expense. Limitations apply.

## VICTORY COLUMN

The *Victory Current* column in the *Dodge City Globe* allows the cooperative to educate community members about energy trends and answer common questions. Topics covered have included wildfire mitigation, grid security and resilience, solar energy, cooperative principles and emergency preparedness.

## SMARTHUB REDESIGN

SmartHub gives members secure access to view account information, make payments, set up autopay, receive text or email notifications, report outages, and more. You can also view monthly, daily or hourly energy usage to identify trends, which can help you find ways to cut back on how much electricity you use.

## PHONE SYSTEM

Additional phone lines were added to accommodate more callers, and improved auto-attendant features route calls to minimize hold times. The new system also allows Victory to record messages about current outages to keep incoming callers up to date.

## ENERGY ADVISOR

Victory's new Energy Advisor tool gives you information you need to take control of your electric bills. It provides a detailed analysis of individual home energy usage and offers suggestions for saving energy and money. Members may receive personalized videos explaining bill changes, video reports summarizing their annual energy use, tips on saving energy and mid-month usage alerts.

## NEW TRUSTEE

Following the retirement of Gary Gillespie after 11 years of service on the Victory Electric Board of Trustees, **MEGAN EVANS** was named the new trustee for District 5, representing members in the Copeland and Montezuma area.

## CASH PAYMENT OPTIONS

VanillaDirect Pay lets members pay their electric bill with cash at participating local retailers.

### SAFE WAYS TO PAY

 <p><b>Office</b></p> <p>Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday</p> <p>3230 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801</p>	 <p><b>Phone</b></p> <p>Pay By Phone 866-999-8494</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Or call our office at 620-227-2139 &amp; select <b>option 1</b> after selecting a language.</p>	 <p><b>SmartHub</b></p> <p>Easily use <b>Quick Bill Pay</b> option online (no setup required) <b>OR</b> set up an account to pay through the SmartHub app or website.</p>	 <p><b>Autopay</b></p> <p>Sign up through SmartHub <b>OR</b> in our office using a credit card or voided check.</p>	 <p><b>VanillaDirect</b></p> <p>Pay cash at local retailers: Dollar General, Family Dollar, Walmart, and Walgreens. Use barcode on your bill; fee of \$1.50 applies.</p>
 <p><b>PowerMyWay</b></p> <p>Self-managed pay-as-you-go billing plan. No deposit, no late fees, no disconnect, or reconnect fees. \$50 to start, receive notifications when account has less than \$25.</p>	 <p><b>Mail</b></p> <p><b>Mail to:</b> P.O. Box 1335 Dodge City, KS 67801</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Payments are posted to accounts the date they are received.</p>	 <p><b>Budget Billing</b></p> <p>Also referred to as even-pay, payments set at your 6-month average. Updated bi-annually based on the previous 6-month average electricity use.</p>	 <p><b>Dropbox</b></p> <p>Located on South side of our building <b>AND</b> downtown at 806 N 2nd Ave on City of Dodge City building.</p>	 <p><b>Group Invoice</b></p> <p>Group multiple accounts to receive only one collective bill.</p> <p>Individual account summaries will still appear.</p>

# COMMITMENT TO **COMMUNITY**

## 2023 YOUTH TRIP WINNERS



**KALE  
NAGEL**  
**BUCKLIN**



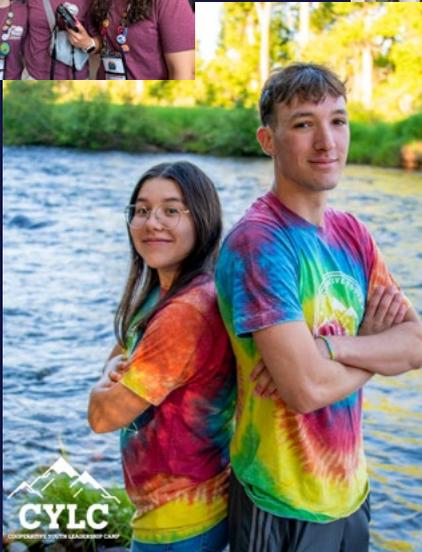
**JACELYN  
HUELSKAMP**  
**SOUTH GRAY**



**KARLA  
GARCIA S.**  
**DODGE CITY**



**IZAIAH  
PEARCE**  
**BUCKLIN**



# COBANK RECIPIENT



Victory Electric staff presented Perfect Fit Foundation of SWK with a \$20,000 check for the 2023 CoBank Sharing Success Grant.

## PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

- 2022**  
Ford Co. Fair Association  
Copeland American Legion
- 2021**  
Crisis Center of DC
- 2020**  
New Chance Inc.  
DC Salvation Army
- 2019**  
Ingalls Recreation
- 2018**  
Ford Co. Sheriff's Office
- 2017**  
Ford Co. Historical Society
- 2016**  
Depot Theater
- 2015**  
Manna House
- 2014**  
Stauth Memorial Museum
- 2013**  
Mission of Mercy Dental
- 2012**  
Bucklin Library

# 2023 LIGHTNER COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**ALEX GERE**



**AUTUMN KLEIN**



**CATHERINE BOWMAN**



**EMMA TREJO**



**GRACE PELTON**



**JEMMA RUMBAUGH**



**KEVIN VILLANUEVA**



**KISA UNRUH**



**RILEE MCGRAW**



**SAMANTHA WENDEL**

# YEAR IN REVIEW



**JANUARY**

Linemen review substation switching at our monthly safety meeting.



**FEBRUARY**

Jeff Hubbell (right) looks on as a team tests their wind turbine at the regional Kid-Wind competition.



**MARCH**

Cimarron Elementary School students check out a bucket truck at a Victory Electric school visit.



**APRIL**

Victory Electric members wait patiently for the annual meeting to begin.



**MAY**

Linemen work to reroute overhead lines underground at Roundup Arena.



**JUNE**

Crews work together to repair damage after a strong summer storm.



**JULY**

Linemen replace a damaged pole after a storm.



**AUGUST**

C.O.W. Festival volunteers line up for a picture before the parade in Spearville.



**SEPTEMBER**

Linemen work together to make repairs.



**OCTOBER**

Jason Guillen poses with a forklift that was decorated for our annual Pumpkin Festival.



**NOVEMBER**

A Victory Electric crew assists in placing the new flagpole outside the City of Dodge City building.



**DECEMBER**

Victory Electric decked out a bucket truck for the annual Parade of Lights.



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## DISTRICT 1 | BOARD PROFILE



### Daryl Tieben INCUMBENT

For the past 13 years, it's been my honor to be the voice for the District 1 members on the board of trustees. My goal is to advocate for members' continued access to affordable, safe and reliable electricity. My wife, Carol, and I are deeply rooted in the community. We live south of Dodge City and have rental houses and farmland in and around the area. In addition, my family owns My-D Han-D Mfg. Company TOLD, and TKO Oil Company. As a business owner, I am experienced in personnel, business and financial management. I make responsible, informed decisions for the co-op while keeping members' best interests in mind. Members are the heart of the co-op and as District 1 trustee, it's important I am available to listen to members' questions or concerns.

## BUSINESS/ENTITY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

A Victory Electric membership, if anything other than a natural person (individual), is considered an entity. Entities include corporations, limited liability companies (LLC), and partnerships. An entity is required to designate a representative to act on behalf of the entity in any election of trustees or vote on any issue submitted to the members at the annual meeting. This designation is only effective if signed on behalf of the entity by an authorized representative, who for a corporation must be a president or vice-president; for a partnership, a partner; and for other types

of organizations, one acting in an authorized capacity. Please complete the form below to identify the entity holding the Victory Electric membership and describe the type of entity. By signing the form below, you certify you are the owner or have authority from the governing body of the entity, and you are acting on their behalf to name a voting rights designee. If you are a business/entity, this form **MUST BE ENCLOSED** with your ballot. Without this form, your ballot will not be accepted or counted.

### DESIGNATION OF BUSINESS/ENTITY VOTING RIGHTS

This is a certification by  
NAME OF BUSINESS OR ENTITY/NAME ON ACCOUNT

Tax ID# or EIN# \_\_\_\_\_

This business entity is a:  Sole proprietorship  General partnership  
 Corporation  Limited Liability Company (LLC)  Other (Please describe)

I, NAME, hereby certify I am the  Owner  President  Managing member  General partner of the above named entity, and I, as owner, or on behalf of the governing body of the above named entity, do certify the following person is designated

NAME OF VOTING RIGHTS DESIGNEE  
to vote on behalf of the member in all matters related to The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.

DATE CERTIFYING PERSON SIGNATURE

# CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This is to certify that I am a member of **THE VICTORY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOC., INC.**, and furthermore, I am the same person voting on the enclosed mail-in-ballot for the election of trustees for **THE VICTORY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOC., INC.**

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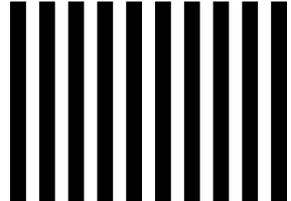


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**APRIL 11, 2023**

**THE VICTORY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **Minutes of the 78th Annual Meeting of Members**

The 78th Annual Meeting of Members of The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., was held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Western State Bank Expo Center in Dodge City. An abbreviated meeting was held with 137 members present and 171 in attendance. No meal was served.

The meeting began with the National Anthem performed by Jemma Rumbaugh followed with the invocation by David Graves.

Board President Pat Morse called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., pursuant to a notice that was mailed to all members in accordance with cooperative bylaws. Morse declared a quorum.

Morse introduced Victory Electric's Board of Trustees and their spouses including: Daryl Tieben, vice-president, and Carol; Cedric Drewes, secretary/treasurer; Megan Evans, trustee, and Scott; Jim Imel, trustee, and Cindy; Terri Larson, trustee; Jim Ochs, trustee; Randy Quint, trustee, and Lynne; Ken Schulte, trustee, and Gwen; Kenny Wehkamp, trustee, and Ivy; John Leis, trustee, and Jill; Shannon Morse; CEO Shane Laws and Ali; and Dave Snapp, attorney. Morse thanked the board and Victory

Electric employees for their dedication and professionalism.

Morse welcomed Vicki Estes from Kansas Electric Cooperatives and representatives from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Josh Schmidt and Jerri Whitley. He also recognized our Kansas House Representative Jason Goetz. Morse welcomed past Victory Electric board trustees Richard Lightner and Milam Jones and welcomed all active-duty military and veterans, as well as first responders, in attendance. Morse introduced and thanked the members of the nominating committee.

Morse sought a motion to approve the 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and carried. Morse sought a motion to waive the reading of the Official Notice, Affidavit of Mailing, Minutes of the Nominating Committee and Report of the Nominating Committee. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Attorney Dave Snapp announced the results of the trustee election. All four board members were reelected: District 2, **JOHN LEIS**; District 4, **JIM IMEL**; District 6, **KENNY WEHKAMP**; and District 10, **RANDY QUINT**.

A motion was made to amend Victory Electric's Articles of Incorporation as proposed in the annual report. The motion was seconded and carried.

A video was shown discussing updates at Victory Electric. CEO Laws held a discussion regarding the Department of Energy Grant for which Victory Electric applied. Laws held a question-and-answer session after the discussion. He thanked Victory Electric employees for their hard work and thanked cooperative members for their support.

There was no old or new business.

Morse announced each member in attendance who registered would receive a \$20 bill credit automatically applied to their account. Morse announced the door prize winners of the \$200 bill credits: **GEORGE HERTEL, GERALD LIGHTNER, THOMAS ARMSTRONG** and **RANDY RIEKENBERG**. Morse announced **MILAM JONES** as the winner of the Google Nest donated by Sunflower Electric.

Morse sought a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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### DISTRICT 1 BOARD PROFILE



#### Daryl Tieben INCUMBENT

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APRIL 11, 2023

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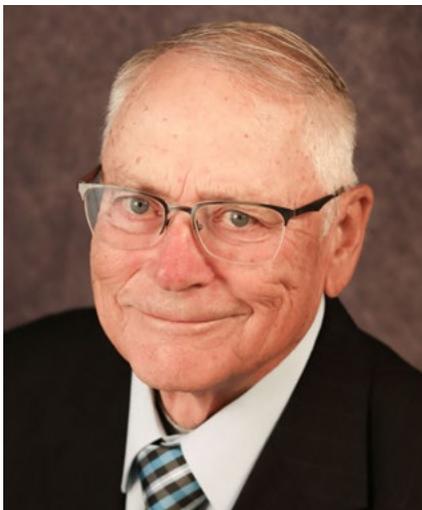
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# -----2023 ANNUAL MEETING

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