



**People's Energy Cooperative**

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### **John Winter, Jerome Wooner, and Jeff Orth re-elected to People's Energy Cooperative Board of Directors at 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Oronoco, MN, March 27, 2026** – Results from People's Energy Cooperative's (PEC) director elections were announced on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the Cooperative's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held at the Rochester International Event Center and broadcast to Plainview's Copperfield Terrace.

Both John Winter (District 3) and Jerome Wooner (District 5), current members of the Board of Directors, ran unopposed. Winter received 1,769 votes and Wooner received 1,769 votes. In District 7, Matt Kitzmann challenged incumbent Jeff Orth. Orth won with 1,007 votes, and Kitzmann received 711 votes.

During the meeting, Board Chair Jerry Wooner reflected on how the Cooperative's 'Legacy of Service' has been built on key decisions which strengthened local communities over the last 90 years – from transforming rural life through electrification to the 2015 Alliant territory acquisition expanding the Cooperative's membership by nearly 50 percent.

President and CEO Gwen Stevens shared metrics that demonstrate how the Cooperative is delivering on its mission and poised for a bright future. She appealed to members to engage in cooperative events, information, and service stating, "An informed and engaged membership is what keeps our cooperative strong, transparent, and grounded in our mission."

The meeting concluded by recognizing the next generation of cooperative leaders. Chief Financial Officer Dody Wubker announced the 2026 NRECA Youth Tour delegate and scholarship recipients among graduating high school seniors.

#### **About People's Energy Cooperative**

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating 90 years of delivering retail electric power to its over 20,000 consumer-members in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the

Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois). People's is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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