



# PREMA

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## Patronage Capital Paid to Members

The PREMA Board of Directors approved a general retirement of patronage capital at their meeting held September 20, 2022. Since 1976, PREMA has returned more than \$10,000,000 in member’s equity, which demonstrates financial stability and helps keep the cost of electricity as low as possible.

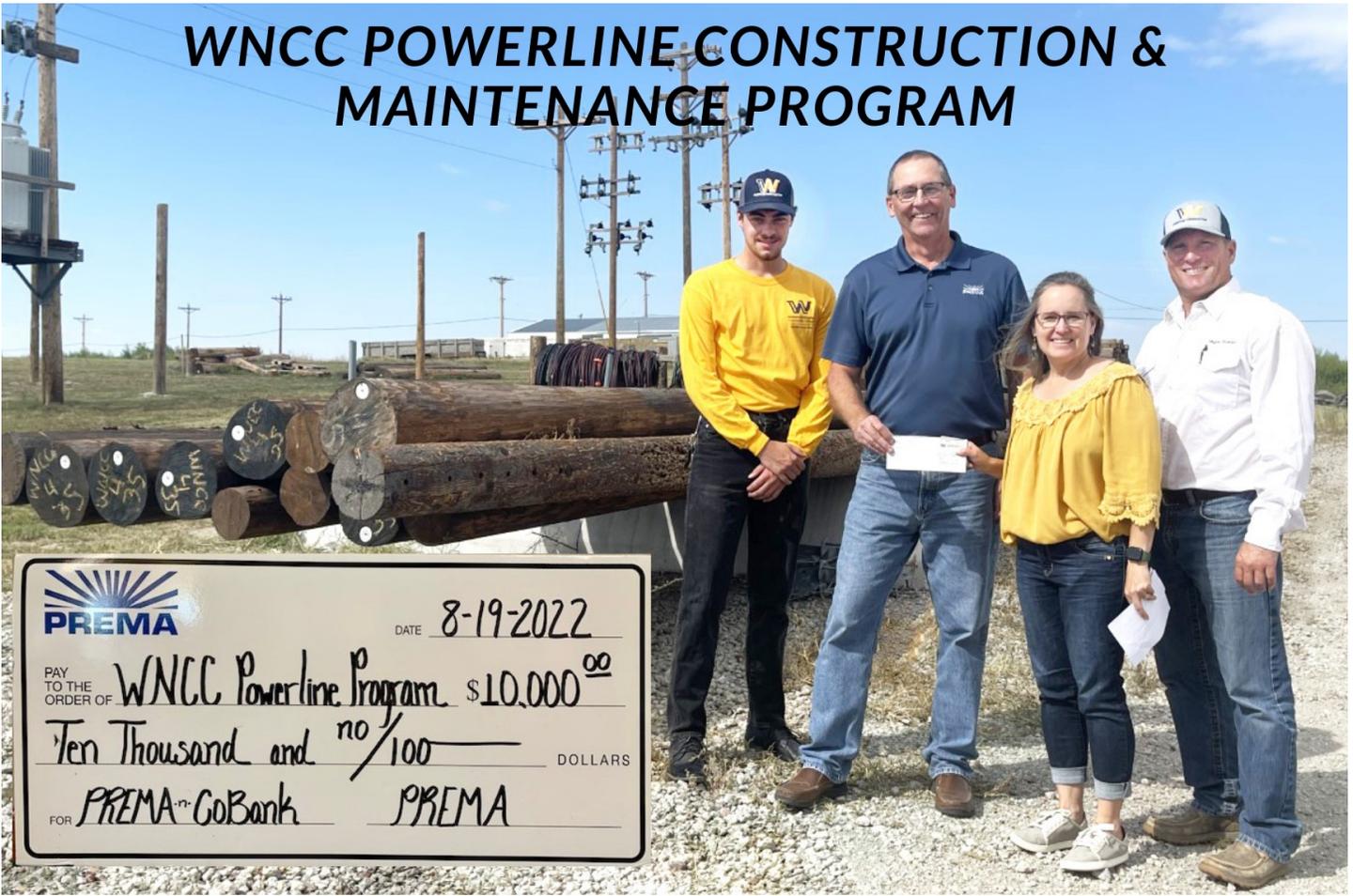
**The enclosed check is your portion of the 2022 general retirement.**

The retirement is calculated by taking one twenty fifth (1/25) of the PREMA Patronage Capital Account balance and the cash payments received from Tri-State and other sources, for PREMA membership equity retirements.

As a bonus, PREMA offers estates a discounted lump sum payment based on the present dollar value of future payments owed to the estate. If you represent a member estate and want to take advantage of this option, please contact the office.

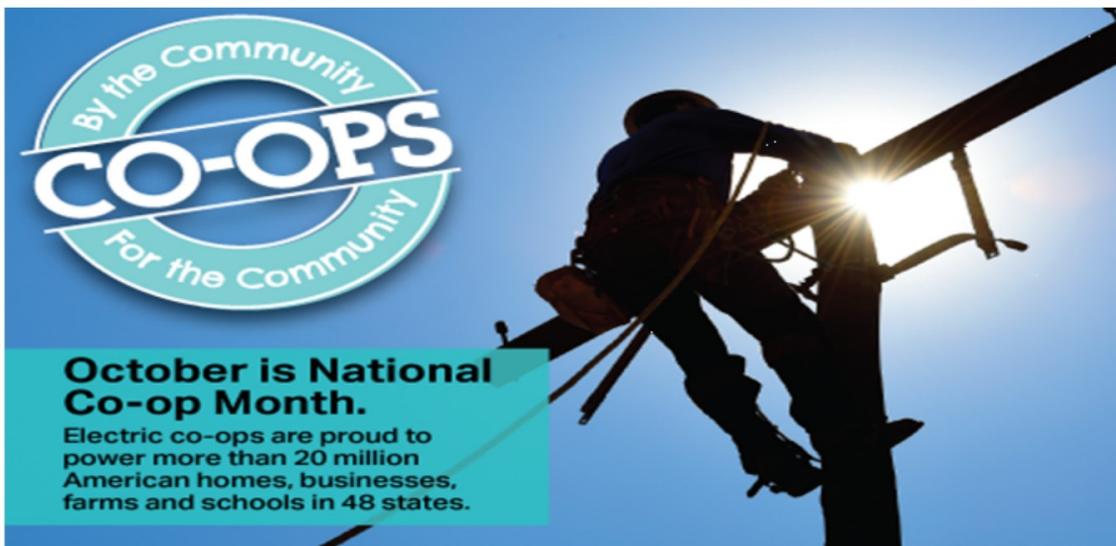


# WNCC POWERLINE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



PICTURED ABOVE FROM L-R IS JARED GRUBER (POWERLINE COORDINATOR), RYAN REIBER (PREMA'S GM), JENNIFER REISIG (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT WNCC), AND SHANE HOMAN ( POWERLINE INSTRUCTOR).

Recently, PREMA in conjunction with the CoBank Sharing Success Program donated \$10,000 to the Western Nebraska Community College, Powerline Construction & Maintenance Program. PREMA donated \$5,000 and CoBank provided an additional \$5,000. This money is earmarked for needed replacemenet of equipment such as digger trucks and bucket trucks.



## It's only October: Should you turn on the heat?

It's tempting to declare the first downright chilly evening of the autumn the official first day of heating season. Before you turn the heat on at home, however, consider:

- Bundling up in layers of clothing, a sweater or a cozy throw while you're watching TV in the evenings.
- Throwing a couple of extra blankets on each bed to keep everyone toasty warm overnight.
- Running ceiling fans in the bedrooms. If you reverse the spin of the blades to clockwise, they will push warm air—which rises—back down into your room.
- Opening the drapes/curtains/blinds on sunny days to let the sun's warmth into your rooms. The fabric on furniture and carpets will absorb and retain some of the heat into the evenings. Close the window coverings once the sun goes down, though, so cool air can't get into the house.
- Gathering everyone into a single room for some family fun and running a space heater in that room only.
- Wearing socks or shoes indoors. Keeping your feet warm will help your whole body feel warmer.
- Doing household chores after dark. The movement involved with the work will keep you warm. And running your dishwasher, washing machine and clothes dryer after dark will add a bit of heat to the air.
- Resisting the temptation to warm up your home by lighting a fire in your wood-burning fireplace. Most of the heat it produces goes up the chimney, along with any warm air that's already in the house.

Don't turn on your heater until you really need it this fall. Instead, conserve some energy by keeping your family warm in other ways.





# Congratulations Kevin !

Kevin Bestol, Hyannis Lineman, recently celebrated 25 years of service at PREMA. Thank you for your continued dedication to our members!

## Notes From Load Management

Load Management and most irrigation usage for 2022 will end by September 30.

The Load Management program allows PREMA to reduce its demand (kW) charges from Tri-State (PREMA’s power supplier). Money that is saved through Load Management is not sent to Tri-State and this savings is passed back to our irrigators that participate in the program. This money stays in our local economy.

PREMA irrigators interested in Load Management for 2023 can call the office 308-762-1311.



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