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## Challenging Times Ahead

When I think about all the challenges that we have encountered over the thirty-seven years that I've been in this business, I recall feeling on many occasions the circumstances that we never had to deal with before in our history, and I wondered how successful we would be going forward in meeting those challenges. Initially it was the obstacle of determining where we needed to build substations and power lines to meet our customer's ever-increasing demand for electricity, and just as important, deciding how in the heck we were going to pay for it. Ah, those were the days. Then there was the period where we purchased computers for the first time and had to automate our customer and accounting systems. No jokes please, but yes, I was here when we virtually did everything by paper and pencil.

Of course, things became more serious when nationwide there was talk, and even implementation by a few states, about the concept of retail choice where customers would have the option of choosing their power supplier. That was probably the first time that I felt that we were encountering a period of very significant change. Not only were we still going to have the difficulty of meeting customers demands for power on a cost-effective basis. We had to think differently and work towards putting the District in a position of being our customer's preferred electric service provider. However, primarily because electric competition in the areas of the country where it was tried didn't slash prices as promised, retail choice never came to pass.

Now, I don't want to get over dramatic, and I'll calm down and take a sedative of some

sort if necessary, but I sense that due to outside influences we once again are embarking on a period of change that could notably transform the way we do business. The outside influences that I am referring to are technology and public policy.

Regarding technology, as the capital cost of solar and wind generation declines and, along with subsidies, entices more and more people to try to generate their own power, the impact that these renewable energy systems could have on system power quality is something that we will need to focus on. At the same time having the proper capacity in the electric system will also be important. Remember, the sun doesn't always shine and the wind doesn't always blow, and unless battery storage becomes viable the electric system will need to be able to serve all customers all the time. Furthermore, it will be just as challenging to design rates that assure customers that don't have distributed generators, as they are called, don't help pay for customers that do.

With respect to public policy, right or wrong continued conversations regarding climate change will lead to continued proposals for curbing carbon emissions. If this results in legislative regulation, without question our cost of doing business will increase, and remaining affordable will be a concern that we would need to contend with.

Yes, there are challenging times ahead. But even though they may be unprecedented from the standpoint of its impact to the electric industry, there is no doubt in my mind that we will once again meet these challenges head on, just as we have done in the past.



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# 2019 Scholarship Recipients

## Jaden Gonnerman

Jaden, the son of Jason and Debra Gonnerman, a soon to be 2019 graduate of McCool Junction High School, will be one of our two scholarship recipients this year. Gonnerman decided on a career in utility line work after talking to a friend of his who graduated from the utility line program at Northeast Community College. Jaden's friend shared his daily responsibilities, the thrill of climbing and the great people that surrounded him in utility line work. After hearing all of that and factoring in the joy he gets by being outdoors, Gonnerman knew he wanted to be a lineman! This scholarship will assist Jaden in achieving his goal to earn a degree in utility line work.



Jaden Gonnerman has received one of the 2019 utility line scholarships and will attend Northeast Community College in the fall. Photo by Life Unpredictable Photography

When Gonnerman has free time, he likes to spend it hunting on his grandfather's farm near Gresham, working on cars with his father, spending time with friends and giving back to the community by refereeing the peewee basketball and football games. Jaden's hobbies will make him a great addition to any line crew and community. Gonnerman will be awarded a \$1,000.00 per year scholarship to attend a college with an accredited utility line program. Jaden is heading to Northeast Community College this fall and plans to make good use of the scholarship.

Congratulations Jaden! Perennial Public Power District wishes him good health and good grades as he pursues his career as a utility line technician.

## Creighton Hoebelheinrich

Creighton, the son of Chad and Jennifer Hoebelheinrich, a soon to be 2019 graduate of York High School, will be one of our two scholarship recipients this year. This scholarship will assist Hoebelheinrich as he follows his father's footsteps to pursue his degree in utility line. Creighton stated that by the time of his fifth grade graduation he knew he wanted to be a lineman. In fifth grade Creighton had visited a customer appreciation lunch held by Perennial, with safety demonstrations and bucket truck rides. The bucket truck rides were his favorite and this luncheon helped him come to that conclusion.



Creighton Hoebelheinrich has received the other 2019 utility line scholarships. He will also attend Northeast Community College in the fall. Photo by Jennifer Hoebelheinrich.

In his free time Creighton enjoys working with his hands, doing things like working on his truck, although he also enjoys hunting and fishing. Between his hobbies, his enjoyment of heights and the fact that he has a great role model in his father, we're sure Creighton will make a great lineman. Hoebelheinrich will be heading to Northeast Community College this fall. The utility line scholarship will award Creighton a \$1000.00 per year scholarship to attend a college with an accredited utility line program.

Congratulations to Creighton, Perennial Public Power District wishes him well as he pursues his career as a utility line technician.

Have a Happy and SAFE  
Easter!

Safe  
Electricity.org

With Easter being this month, we wanted to touch on a few safety tips. When hiding Easter eggs for your Easter egg hunt, please don't hide any eggs on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment. These are often green metal "boxes" on cement pads and contain transformers. Pad mount transformers carry high voltages and are safe when locked and undamaged, but they can be deadly if someone reaches inside one that is open. If you see one in your neighborhood that is open or damaged, call Perennial at 402-362-3355.

MAY

is Electrical Safety Month



## Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Every summer kids gather from across Nebraska at the State 4-H Camp near Halsey, Nebraska for a fun and worthwhile experience. Set in the beauty of the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, Youth Energy Leadership Camp (YELC) is casual, yet educational, personally challenging and free. The camp program offers each participant the opportunity to grow socially and learn something important at the same time.



Through interesting workshops, facilitating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program, students will leave the camp after five days far more knowledgeable than when they first arrive. A tour of Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

While learning is important, it's not the only thing we do at camp. The week is intermingled with many fun activities: a

dance, banquet, sporting activities, a cookout, and time to make new friends.

To be eligible for camp you must currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and be a Perennial customer, this year's camp will be held July 8 - 12, 2019.

And the fun doesn't end there! While at camp, students have the chance to compete to be one of the three campers from YELC selected by their fellow campers to serve as Nebraska's Ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's 2020 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington D.C. They'll get to spend a week in D.C. touring all of the historic sites and learning about their government, along with students from all over the nation.

Space is limited and this popular camp fills up fast! If you are interested in attending this exciting camp, please fill out the application at the bottom of the page and send it back to Perennial or contact Courtney VanSkiver by phone, 402-362-3355 or email: courtneyv@perennialpower.com. Application deadline is Friday, May 10, 2019.

### YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents \_\_\_\_\_

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# Work Safe, Home Safe

When an electric line technician walks out the door in response to a reported power outage at any time day or night, it is often a spouse or significant other who is left holding down the fort at home.

A line technician's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the community during severe storms and power outages. They also recognize that power restoration work can be even more hazardous than the more routine work performed on a daily basis.

In times of prolonged outages, the family and their line technician may have minimal communication and perhaps not even see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult. Although lineworkers are not the only high-stakes profession out there, often, the public does not realize the potential hazards a line technician must face to simply do their job.

Electric line technicians often work in extreme or rugged conditions. Many love the excitement and variety of their job and take great pride in their work. But imagine for a minute, doing your work outdoors in a hydraulic-powered bucket 40 feet or more in the air (or in some locations line technicians must physically climb the poles). Add to that extreme weather conditions. For example, your sweat is freezing and your feet are numb while you are making precise repairs to an electric line that when live, has thousands of volts of electricity running through it.

While linework certainly can be dangerous, Perennial's strong commitment to safety and zero contacts helps keep our linemen safe and make sure they get home safe to their families and significant others. As of March 7, 2019, Perennial's linemen had worked 2,208 days without a loss time accident. Lost time is defined as any injury on the job resulting in an employee missing time at work; these accidents could range from a sprained ankle to the ultimate tragedy of a fatality.

Perennial's lineworkers have accomplished this by establishing and following safety protocols based on leading national safety practices for the utility industry. Perennial's line technicians are required to wear specialized clothing and equipment when working next to or with energized power lines. There are also specific protocols that our line technicians follow while performing their duties as linemen.

District employees attend regular meetings where they discuss upcoming projects from a safety perspective. They monitor and track near-misses of accidents in order to better understand and learn from them, share "lessons learned" and work to improve safety performance in the future.

As importantly, Perennial encourages all crew members to speak up and hold each other accountable for safety. By cultivating a culture of openness and transparency, we promote problem-solving with regard to safety, rather than defaulting to a blame game. We examine the information and data gleaned from near-misses and accident reports to discern patterns and use safety metrics to improve in those areas where we have fallen short. As appropriate, contractors are briefed on our safety protocols and have safety expectations set for their engagement. We feel everyone has their own reasons to stay safe at work, whether it is family, a significant other, or something else, everyone should make it home safe.

Monday, April 8 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Next time the power goes out, remember that electric line technicians are working as efficiently and safely as possible to get all of us back to business as usual.

No one knows the importance of working safely and efficiently better than the spouses and significant others of lineworkers. And if you see them or other family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.

Josh Seaberg with his sons Kade and Reid



Wyatt Hoffman and his dad, Keith



Lance and Hayden Ring

# 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

## PERENNIAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS &amp; OTHER DEBITS</b>		
Total Utility Plant in Service	69,326,852	67,915,263
Construction Work in Progress	743,366	645,596
<b>Total Utility Plant</b>	<b>70,070,218</b>	<b>68,560,860</b>
Accumulated Depreciation	17,576,093	16,523,235
<b>Net Utility Plant</b>	<b>52,494,125</b>	<b>52,037,625</b>
Invest. in Assoc. Org. - Patronage Capital	299,364	266,862
Invest. in Assoc. Org. - Other - General Funds	31,019	30,158
Invest. in Economic Development Projects	238,140	272,160
Special Funds	243,528	242,773
<b>Total Other Property &amp; Investments</b>	<b>812,050</b>	<b>811,953</b>
Cash - General Funds	6,007,230	7,542,956
Temporary Investments	4,000,000	1,000,000
Accounts Receivable - Sales of Energy (Net)	3,013,548	2,587,622
Accounts Receivable - Other (Net)	22,695	26,916
Material and Supplies - Electric & Other	558,491	477,991
Prepayments	19,266	73,146
<b>Total Current and Accrued Assets</b>	<b>13,621,230</b>	<b>11,708,629</b>
Other Deferred Debits	659,211	903,093
<b>TOTAL ASSETS &amp; OTHER DEBITS</b>	<b>67,586,617</b>	<b>65,461,301</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; OTHER CREDITS</b>		
Operating Margins - Prior Years	49,814,297	47,575,825
Operating Margins - Current Year	3,239,725	2,172,463
Non-Operating Margins	114,745	66,009
Other Margins and Equities	483,500	483,500
<b>Total Margins &amp; Equities</b>	<b>53,652,267</b>	<b>50,297,797</b>
Long-Term Debt - Other (Net)	11,250,111	12,768,687
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>11,250,111</b>	<b>12,768,687</b>
Accounts Payable	1,572,690	1,455,267
Consumers Deposits	157,054	135,941
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	954,494	803,609
<b>Total Current &amp; Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>2,684,239</b>	<b>2,394,817</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; OTHER CREDITS</b>	<b>67,586,617</b>	<b>65,461,301</b>

### The System

Perennial Public Power District's distribution system includes 21 substations and nearly 2000 miles of transmission and distribution lines largely within York and Fillmore counties. The District's customer base consists of approximately 7,514 meters that are agricultural, residential and commercial users of electricity. Within that customer base, the District serves residents and businesses in 12 towns within the two counties. Perennial is a summer peaking system and that means the highest demand for electricity is placed on Perennial's infrastructure during the summer months each year. This is due in large part to the number of electric irrigation wells served by the District as well as the summer air conditioning load from residential and commercial customers.

### Energy Sales and Revenue:

The District has a diverse mix of revenue classes. Industrial and irrigation are the largest sources. Besides being the largest, they can be the most inconsistent. Industrial loads can vary based on the production needs of that industry and the volatility of the industry. Irrigation is driven by weather and the timing of weather during the year. Irrigation sales can vary from year to year based on the amount of rainfall that is received. Other classes such as dryer, small commercial and towns and villages remain fairly consistent year to year. In 2018 the District sold 329,010,961 kWh and had total revenue of \$28,560,339.

### Wholesale Power:

The District has no electricity generation facilities, but rather has a long-term power contract with the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) for the purchase of electricity. This provides the majority of the system's power requirements. Wholesale power costs have been stable the last few years, and therefore no rate increases have been necessary. The District began purchasing a small amount of energy from Bluestem Energy in 2018. Bluestem generates power from three wind turbines located near Fairmont. The District purchases the wind generated power and distributes it to customers. In 2018 the District's total power cost was \$19,263,784.

### Power Cost, Plant, Debt and Expenses:

The majority of the District's expense is power cost. Power cost is roughly 76 percent of the total cost to provide electric service. Depreciation and interest are the next highest expenses, accounting for nearly 9 percent. The District has \$70 million in assets, which over the years has been financed by tax-exempt bonds. Tax exempt bonds offer lower interest costs and allow the cost of construction to be financed over several years. Maintenance and operation of the distribution system accounts for 8.5 percent of the total cost of service. These are dollars spent to maintain the integrity of the system such as poles and wires, substations, and monitoring of the system. Including power cost, the total cost of electric service in 2018 was \$25,368,784.

## PERENNIAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT - DECEMBER 31, 2018 and 2017

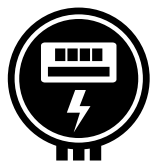
	2018	2017
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$28,560,339</b>	<b>\$27,104,046</b>
<b>Cost of Electric Service Expenses</b>		
Cost of Purchased Power	19,263,784	18,855,901
Transmission Expense	65,032	68,366
Distribution Expense - Operation	808,719	641,250
Distribution Expense - Maintenance	1,311,967	1,494,750
Customer Accounts Expense	387,129	355,089
Customer Service and Informational Expense	97,221	90,204
Sales Expense	69,591	61,209
Administrative and General Expense	1,142,093	1,031,837
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	1,972,126	1,909,869
Tax Expense - Other	1,026	1,026
Interest on Long-Term Debt	250,096	399,541
Other Deductions	0	54,180
<b>Total Cost of Electric Service</b>	<b>25,368,784</b>	<b>24,963,222</b>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>3,191,554</b>	<b>2,140,824</b>
Investment and Other Income	162,916	97,648
<b>NET MARGINS</b>	<b>\$3,354,470</b>	<b>\$2,238,472</b>

## 2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Line Loss – 3.7%
- Total Utility Plant up \$1.51 Million to \$70.07 Million
- Long Term Debt at \$11.250 Million (2017 - \$12.769 Million)
- Equity up from 76.84% to 79.38%
- \$586,386 in Lease Payments Returned to Villages
- \$426,789 in Gross Revenue Payments to York and Fillmore Counties



### NUMBER OF METERS



2014	7,451
2015	7,477
2016	7,494
2017	7,517
2018	7,514

### MILES OF LINE



2014	1,971
2015	1,960
2016	1,959
2017	1,956
2018	1,952

### TOTAL REVENUE (THOUSANDS)



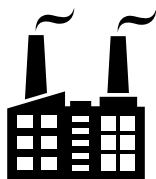
2014	\$27,247
2015	\$26,500
2016	\$27,994
2017	\$27,104
2018	\$28,560

### ENERGY SALES - KWH (THOUSANDS)



2014	309,477
2015	293,016
2016	311,621
2017	301,143
2018	329,011

### TOTAL PLANT INVESTMENT (THOUSANDS)



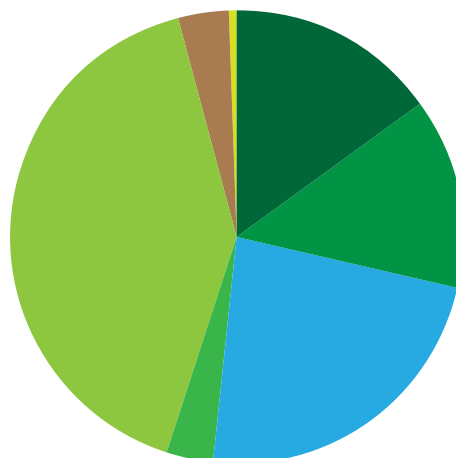
2014	\$49,138
2015	\$49,876
2016	\$51,531
2017	\$52,038
2018	\$70,070

### TOTAL ASSETS (THOUSANDS)



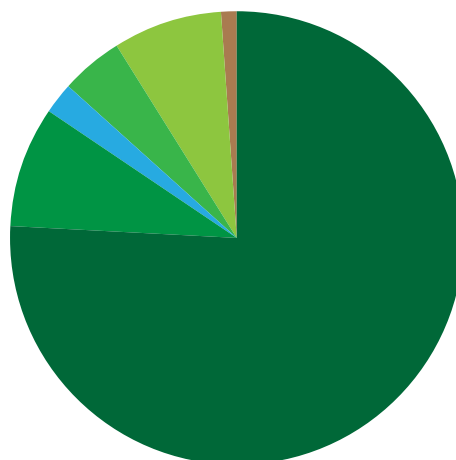
2014	\$62,080
2015	\$63,132
2016	\$64,817
2017	\$65,461
2018	\$67,587

## Source of Revenues



Rural Residential	\$4,329,988	15%
Village Residential	\$3,880,229	14%
Irrigation	\$6,624,058	23%
Small Commercial	\$897,984	3%
Large Commercial	\$11,693,637	41%
Dryer Sales	\$983,903	3%
Other Revenues	\$150,540	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,560,339</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Source of Expense



Cost of Power	\$19,263,784	76%
Operations & Maintenance	\$2,185,718	9%
Accounting & Information	\$553,941	2%
Administration & General	\$1,142,093	4%
Depreciation & Amortization	\$1,972,126	8%
Interest and Other	\$251,122	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,368,784</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Planting This Spring?

## Don't Forget To Look Up & Down.

With Arbor Day (April 26th), a holiday rooted in Nebraska, as well as Dig Safe Month (April), approaching we thought we'd go over some safety tips. Did you know that according to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, vegetation, trees, shrubs and brush, growing too close to power lines and distribution equipment leads to 15 percent of power interruptions? Strong winds, storms and heavy ice can topple trees or shatter branches that pull down power lines and cause outages. Lines can also remain energized and potentially electrify the tree and nearby objects. If you are planning on planting a tree on your property, make sure to not plant them directly under or too close to power lines. The estimated height of a fully-grown tree should determine the distance at which a tree is planted from power lines (the bigger the tree, the further away it should be). As a general rule of thumb, 25 feet of ground-to-sky clearance should be available on each side of utility poles to give power lines plenty of space. Furthermore, if the tree or vegetation is already established, we will do our best to keep the limbs out of the lines. If you notice that a tree on your property is in Perennial's power lines, please give us a call, we will be happy to come trim the tree to a 10 foot clearance of our power lines at no cost to you.

Additionally, there are nearly 20 million miles (and growing) of underground utility lines in the United States. These buried facilities including gas, water, sewer, cable TV, high-speed Internet, landline telephone and electric, provide the services Americans depend on for their basic everyday needs. Before you begin any digging project, no matter how large or small, a call to 811 is required, even if you plan to hire a professional. 811 is a free call, and you will be connected to a local call center, which will then alert the appropriate underground facility owners so they can dispatch locators to mark the approximate location of their lines, pipes, and cables with marking paint or flags so you'll know what's below.

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. So it is important to have utility lines properly marked before digging even when only digging a few inches. Unintentionally striking a line can result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, harm yourself or your neighbors and can result in fines and repair costs.

Carefully planned digging and planting can not only keep you and your neighbors safer, but it can also help reduce the frequency of power outages.



An underground utility line is **damaged once every 9 minutes** because someone didn't call 811.



811 locators **do not detect** underground sprinkler systems, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems or gas piping to a garage.



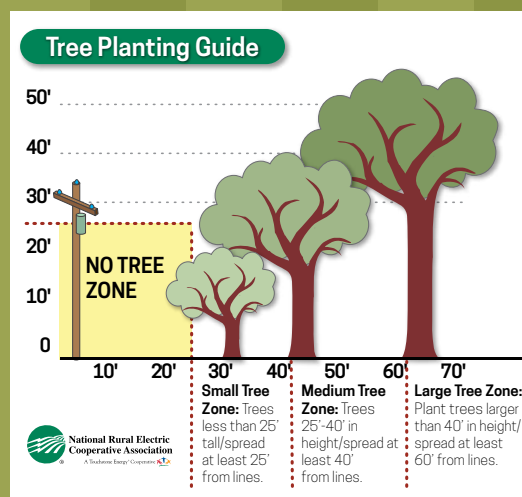
Call 811, the 'Call Before You Dig Number' at least **2 business days** prior to digging.



Even if you have previously had underground utilities marked, **utilities can shift**, so it's best to call before starting a new project.



Once **all of your utilities** have been located, then you can start your digging project.



# P E R E N N I A L EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Chad Hoebelheinrich

*Staking Technician*



**25**  
YEARS

Several people are involved in deciding where and how to construct a power line. In the last edition of *Perennial News*, we highlighted the role that members of Perennial's Engineering Department play. So, if you are thinking that you have seen Chad Hoebelheinrich's name somewhere before, that might be the place. This

month we are recognizing Chad's 25 years of service to Perennial.

Chad Hoebelheinrich began working for the District in 1994 as an Apprentice Line Technician. He was promoted to Journeyman Line Technician in 1997, and accepted the position of Staking Technician in 2005. Field staking and Graphical Information

System (GIS) Mapping is essential at Perennial. Staking technicians help ensure Perennial's electrical grid is a well-designed system in compliance with construction specifications of Rural Utility Services and the National Electric Safety Code.

Hoebelheinrich stated that, "Designing sections of line or services and then getting to see the finished product after the crews have completed the job has been the most rewarding part of my career."

Chad resides in York with his wife Jennifer and his son, Creighton age 17. His daughter Jordyn has two sons; Oakland, age 2 and L.J., age 8 months. After work, Hoebelheinrich enjoys hunting, riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family.

Perennial is fortunate to have employees like Chad who take care in designing our powerlines and services and pride in serving the public and making sure everyone has safe and reliable electricity. Thank you, Chad for 25 years of hard work and dedication!

## David Gerken

*Warehouseman/Apparatus Technician*



*Photo by Life  
Unpredictable Photography*

**10**  
YEARS

David Gerken attended the utility line program at Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk after graduating from high school and receiving Perennial's utility line scholarship. After completing the program at NECC, he started his career at Perennial in May of 2009 as an apprentice line technician. By 2012

he was promoted to Journeyman Line Technician. His career and life changed drastically in 2016, when his daughter was born and he accepted the position of Warehouseman/Apparatus Technician.

David is responsible for managing Perennial's inventory of line materials and electrical equipment in the warehouse. He checks deliveries against purchase orders before unloading and storing materials and electrical equipment. Working from staking sheets generated by

the staking technicians, he assembles and issues the needed materials for line crews, service personnel and contractors.

Gerken also performs minor repairs and mechanical work on District vehicles and equipment, along with maintaining

the headquarters building. To be able to perform all of these tasks David is great at multitasking.

Gerken stated "This position has allowed me to work with both the inside and outside employees and has also allowed me more freedom to spend time with my family whenever I need or want to."

David lives in rural York with his wife Meghan and his daughter Izzabella, age 3 and son Grayson, age 1. After work, Gerken enjoys spending time with his family, hobby farming, and hunting.

Perennial is lucky to have employees like David who work both indoors and outdoors that take pride in making sure everyone has safe and reliable electricity. Perennial would like to thank David for 10 years of diligence and steadfastness!

# PERENNIAL EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Dustin Arduser

*Journeyman Line Technician*



10  
YEARS

Photo by O'Hare Photography /  
oharephotos.com

When asked about his favorite part of working as an electric Journeyman, Dustin Arduser stated that, "Getting to work outside was his favorite part of linework." That is good, since linemen MUST work in the rain, wind, sleet, snow and heat

and during all hours of the day or night, as necessary, to get the power back on for customers. They often have to work in less than ideal conditions during their normal workdays as well.

Dustin Arduser is celebrating 10 years of employment with Perennial in May. Attending Midland University for a couple years after high school did not seem to be leading down a path that he liked. So, Arduser enrolled in the Utility Line program at Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk. After completing the program at NECC, he started his career at Perennial in May of 2009 as an apprentice line technician.

In 2012 Dustin advanced to journeyman line technician from apprentice line

technician, after completing Perennial's apprentice line program and performing satisfactorily in the field for 3 years. Today, Dustin serves Perennial as a journeyman line technician in general maintenance and construction of overhead and underground electrical infrastructures.

Dustin resides in McCool Junction with his wife Carly, his son Beckett, age 4 and daughter Scarlett, age 2. After work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with his family. Perennial is privileged to have employees like Dustin who work outdoors and take pride in serving the public and making sure everyone has safe and reliable electricity. Dustin, we'd like to thank you for 10 years of industriousness and enthusiasm!

## Jeremey Coffey

*Journeyman Line Technician*



5  
YEARS

To be a line technician, you must have incredible physical and mental strength. Working on the line means hauling gear, pulling thick cable and wire, and not being bothered by working long hours day or night. Every day is different, from

challenging jobsites to working in all types of extreme weather.

Working with high-voltage electric lines leaves absolutely no room for error. Mistakes from fatigue can be life-threatening in this job. Jeremey Coffey enjoys these challenges. Coffey has even stated that trouble shooting problems is his favorite part of the job.

Jeremey Coffey is celebrating working at Perennial for 5 years in May. Coffey attend the Utility Line program at Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk after he graduated from high school as a recipient of Perennial's Utility Line Scholarship.

After completing the program at NECC, he started his career at Perennial in May of 2014 as an apprentice line technician. Apprentice linemen must complete Perennial's apprentice line program and perform satisfactorily in the field for a number of years before they can advance to a journeyman line technician. Today, Jeremey serves Perennial as a journeyman line technician.

Coffey lives in McCool Junction, and after work, Jeremey enjoys hunting, playing cards, and going to shooting competitions. Perennial is blessed to have employees like Coffey who have mental and physical strength and take pride in serving the public and making sure everyone has safe and reliable electricity. Thank you for 5 years of hard work and dedication Jeremey!



## Important Dates to Remember

**April 8, 2019** - Lineworker Appreciation Day  
Remember to thank a lineworker today!

**April 15, 2019** - Load Control Deadline  
Load control changes need to be completed by today.

**April 26, 2019** - Arbor Day  
Remember to look up and look down before planting your trees today.

**May 10, 2019** - Youth Energy Camp Deadline  
Applications for Youth Energy Camp due today!

**May 27, 2019** - Memorial Day  
Perennial's office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

## Board of Directors Elected

Perennial 2019 board officers were elected at the January board meeting. The officers for 2019 will be as follows:

### Officers:

President - Cecil Kennel  
Vice President - Orie Friesen  
Secretary - Jeff Obermier  
Treasurer - Dean Due

### Directors:

Mark Becker  
Steve Wright



## Energy Tip: Energy Saving Streaming

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25 to 30 percent less energy than standard equipment, saving energy in all usage modes: sleep, idle, and on. The label can be found on everything from standard TVs to large screen TVs with the latest features like ultra high-definition (UHD) and internet connectivity. Some models that earn the ENERGY STAR incorporate organic light emitting diodes (OLEDs), the latest in screen lighting technology. *Source: energy.gov*