



Nelson, Nebraska

Watt's Happening

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OBJECTIVE: To make electricity available at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.



Alika Alberts Solar Field Ribbon Cutting

Monday, August 23, 2021
31771 Road T, Saronville, NE



Clint Bokelman, COO of ISI, assists with the ribbon cutting. Craig Cox, SCPPD, and Matt Williams, VP of EEP, and Jeff Cook-Coyle, Director, Project Development, cut the ribbon.

Craig Cox, General Manager of SCPPD speaks during the Alika Alberts Solar Field ribbon cutting ceremony

South Central Public Power District is now receiving the electricity being generated by the Alika Alberts Solar Field located just south of Saronville along Highway 6.

The electricity generated by the solar panels is DC (Direct Current) voltage which is converted to AC (Alternating Current) by inverters. The AC current is then fed into South Central PPDs lines where it is distributed in Clay County. The solar farm is located only one mile from South Central's Saronville substation.

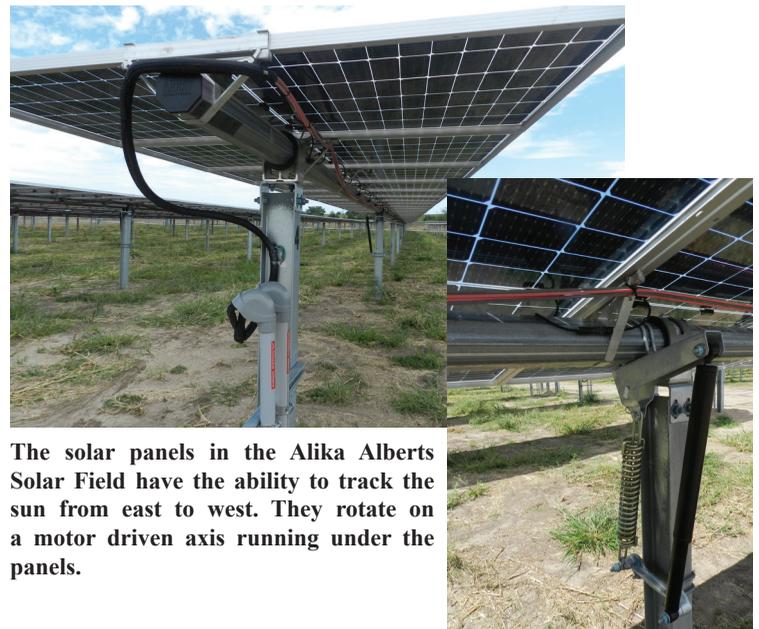
South Central PPD General Manager, Craig Cox, participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new solar field which was held on Monday, August 23rd. Also participating in the ribbon cutting were Matt Williams, VP of Engineering, Estimating & Procurement, and Jeff Cook-Coyle, Director of Project Development, both with Interconnection Systems Incorporated.

The nine acre, 1-megawatt, 3,300 solar panel field will be maintained and operated by ISI. It has the capacity to potentially run about 70 homes at a time.

Speakers at the event included, Clint Bokelman, COO of Interconnections Systems, Inc. and Wayne Williams, CEO of Interconnection Systems, Inc. along with Craig Cox and Matt Williams.

Tom Alberts of Saronville had approached Interconnection Systems, Inc. (ISI) over a year ago about the possibility of the company investing in a solar system on his property which would serve as a source of income for his daughter, Alika, that would be available to her after Tom's passing. Alika has certain special needs and Tom was looking for ways to help fund her health and care.

Speaker, Matt Williams, noted how proud he was of the site and that this particular site is the first one ISI has developed and maintained ownership of in Nebraska.



The solar panels in the Alika Alberts Solar Field have the ability to track the sun from east to west. They rotate on a motor driven axis running under the panels.

South Central Public Power District Celebrates 75th Anniversary With Open House

Nearly 200 guests attended South Central PPD's 75th Anniversary open house held at the Nelson City Auditorium and South Central facilities on Sunday, September 12th. Guests began arriving shortly before 11:00 and were treated to lunch, educational displays, games, activities, and prizes.

Max VanSkiver, former SPPD General Manager, put together a presentation highlighting the 75 year history of the District. Each decade was captured in photos and information timelining the advancement in technology and milestones as well as recognizing past Managers, Board members and employees of the District.

An educational display demonstrating the advantages of converting incandescent light bulbs to LED was a popular area. South Central and NPPD energy efficiency incentive programs were also explained to interested guests. Hand-crank generators allowed guests to build their own circuits and make lights light up or a motor turn.

Guests were asked a question regarding electricity or public power before playing Plinko for some nice prizes.

A lunch was provided by Moonlight BBQ along with cake provided by Lisa Kathman and cupcakes provided by Alanna Albrecht.

Outside activities included South Central employees hosting bucket rides which gave guests the opportunity to ride in a bucket for a great view of Nelson. Pole climbing gave the adventurous a chance to put on gear and climb up a pole like linemen do for service and maintenance. There was also a digger truck and bucket truck along with personal protective gear and a display of the different kinds of wire that is used to distribute electricity.

A Ford Mustang Mach E was provided by NPPD for display. Guests were able to look over the car and ask questions about operation and charging.

Games were available for guests on the lawn south of South Central's office.

Demonstrations by Dale Endorf, Operations Manager, show guests how we can read and control our new AMI meters and load control for irrigation. Dale also demonstrated how we can plot outages on our mapping system to better enable us to respond to outages and blinks.

Door prizes were announced throughout the day by South Central PPD Board President, David Woods.

Door prizes were given to the following young guests:

- Ages 0-24 months - Jovie Spilker, Logan Koehler
- Ages 3-5 years - Easton Gerdes, Hayla Dasher
- Ages 6-8 years - Jarett Hoelting, Sophia Koehler
- Ages 9-11 years - Colson Spilker, Maya Fanning
- Ages 12-18 years - Mia Oschner, Clay Williams

Adult door prizes were awarded to:

- Fitbit - Chuck VanBoening
- Fitbit - Jan Menke
- Kindle Fire HD - Sherry Gebers
- Kindle Fire HD - Steve Troutd
- Samsung 50" TV - Nancy Ostdiek

At 2:00, guests were invited to observe the presentation of a meter lamp to recently retired Board member, Dean Zalman. Dean served on the Board of Directors a total of 44 years and served as president 24 of those years.



Craig Cox, General Manager, presented Dean Zalman, former Board President, a meter lamp in recognition of 44 years of service



Board members (L to R) Jim Hoffman, Phil Wehrman, Mark Zalman, David Woods, John Greer, Dave Hamburger. Front (L to R) Neal Carpenter, General Manager, Craig Cox, Dean Zalman (Retired), Max VanSkiver (G.M. Retired)

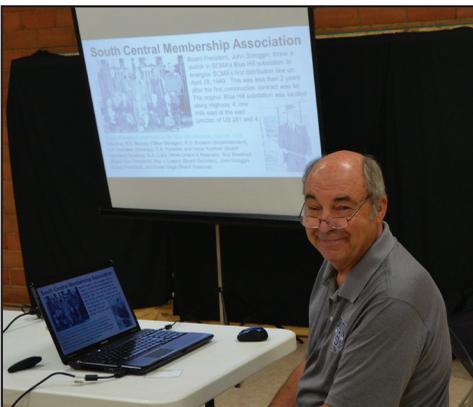
South Central Public Power District would like to thank all those who attended and helped make this day a success.



Guests enjoy lunch at SPPD's 75th Anniversary celebration.



Nancy Ostdiek, with husband, Allen, won the Grand Prize Samsung television.



Max VanSkiver, former GM, is ready for his History of the District presentation.



Shirley Fryda helps Peg Meyer sign up for door prizes.



Right: Trey Dasher teaches Monte Hajny how to safely climb a pole.



Royce Schott assists Mary Keenan with the hand-crank generator that demonstrates how much more energy it takes to light an incandescent bulb compared to an LED bulb.



Teri Svoboda quizzes Jeremy Hlavac about public power before he takes his chance on the Plinko board.

Look for more pictures from our 75th celebration in next month's Watt's Happening!

South Central PPD Represented At State Fair



L to R: Stacy Wemhoff, Loup PD, Chad Johnson, NPPD, Karen Schlautman, Cornhusker PPD, Royce Schott, South Central PPD, Bob Byrn, NPPD (Retired)

Every year a tent promoting Public Power is manned at the Nebraska State Fair by volunteers from NPPD, OPPD, LES, NREA, and other power districts and organizations throughout the state. They volunteer to work a shift at the booth to help educate the public on the benefits of public power, trends in the industry and upcoming projects and incentives.

Many years, high voltage demonstrations were performed to promote safety. Hands on projects for kids educate them in working with electricity. This year, a Ford Mustang EV was on display with information on owning, driving and charging an electric vehicle.

South Central PPD was represented at this year's fair by Royce Schott. Royce worked the booth on Tuesday, August 31 along with volunteers from Cornhusker PPD, Loup PD, and NPPD.

A new location for the display tent resulted in a little less traffic than in years before but, there were still a large number of people who stopped by the tent.

Much interest was shown for the Mustang EV and an electric lawn mower on display that will be raffled off at the end of the State Fair.

We encourage our customers to stop by the tent and pay us a visit whenever you are attending the State Fair.

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Nelson, Nebraska

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Central Public Power District is held the third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the District's office in Nelson, Nebraska.

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