

EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form 990

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2025

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2025 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

Form fields for organization details: B Check if applicable, C Name of organization (LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC), D Employer identification number (46-0156581), E Telephone number ((605) 345-3379), F Name and address of principal officer (JEREMY T. LINDEMANN), G Gross receipts (\$21,235,138), H(a) Is this a group return, H(b) Are all subordinates included?, I Tax-exempt status, J Website (HTTP://WWW.LAKEREGION.COOP), K Form of organization (Corporation), L Year of formation (1941), M State of legal domicile (SD).

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1-7a Activities & Governance, 8-12 Revenue, 13-19 Expenses, 20-22 Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature fields for Officer (JEREMY T. LINDEMANN, GENERAL MANAGER/CEO), Preparer (LAURIE HANSON, CPA), and Preparer's firm (EIDE BAILLY LLP).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [X] Yes [] No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III []

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICES AND PRODUCTS TO ITS MEMBERS WHILE MAINTAINING COMPETITIVE RATES.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) PROVIDED ELECTRIC SERVICE TO APPROXIMATELY 2,606 MEMBERS ALONG 1,673 MILES OF ELECTRIC LINE.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | | X |
| 2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions | | X |
| 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | | X |
| 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | | |
| 5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | | X |
| 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> | | X |
| 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> | | X |
| 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> | | X |
| 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> | | X |
| 11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable. | | |
| a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> | X | |
| b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> | | X |
| c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> | X | |
| d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> | | X |
| e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | X | |
| f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | X | |
| 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> | X | |
| b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> | | X |
| 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | | X |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | | X |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> | | X |
| 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> | | X |
| 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> | | X |
| 17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> See instructions | | X |
| 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | | X |
| 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | | X |
| 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | X |
| b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | | |
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | X | |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | | X |
| 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | X | |
| 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> | | X |
| b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | |
| b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | |
| 26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | X |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | X |
| 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | |
| a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | X |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | X |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | X |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | X |
| 33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | X |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> | | X |
| 35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | X |
| b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | X |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? | X | |

Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | X | |

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|-----------|
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return | | |
| | 2a | | 24 |
| b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? | X | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i> | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? | | X |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | X |
| c | If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | | |
| 7 | Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? | | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? | | |
| d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year | | 7d |
| e | Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | | |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | | |
| g | If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | | |
| h | If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? | | |
| 8 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | | |
| 9 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. | | |
| a | Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | | |
| b | Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | | |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | 10a | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | 10b | |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders | 11a | 20309734. |
| b | Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) | 11b | 508,861. |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | 12a | |
| b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year | 12b | |
| 13 | Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. | | |
| a | Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. | 13a | |
| b | Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans | 13b | |
| c | Enter the amount of reserves on hand | 13c | |
| 14a | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? | 14a | X |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i> | 14b | |
| 15 | Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N. | 15 | X |
| 16 | Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O. | 16 | X |
| 17 | Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069. | 17 | |

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|--|-----|----|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O. | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? | | X |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? | | X |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? | X | |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? | X | |
| 7b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? | X | |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | |
| 8a | The governing body? | X | |
| 8b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | | X |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O | | X |

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|----|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | X |
| 10b | If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | X | |
| 11b | Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | X | |
| 12b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | X | |
| 12c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done | X | |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | X | |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | | X |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | |
| 15a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official | X | |
| 15b | Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. | | X |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? | | X |
| 16b | If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? | | |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NONE
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
DONNA SATTLER - (605) 345-3379
PO BOX 341, WEBSTER, SD 57274-0341

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) JEREMY T. LINDEMANN GENERAL MANAGER/CEO | 40.00 | | | X | | | 162,474. | 0. | 144,029. | |
| (2) DONNA SATTLER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/OFFICE | 40.00 | | | | X | | 114,830. | 0. | 115,511. | |
| (3) DANIEL WILLIAMS LINE FOREMAN | 40.00 | | | | X | | 107,463. | 0. | 90,418. | |
| (4) TIMOTHY GAIKOWSKI MANAGER OF TECHNOLOGY SERV | 40.00 | | | | X | | 115,720. | 0. | 72,031. | |
| (5) BRETT KWASNIEWSKI MANAGER OF MEMBER SERVICES | 40.00 | | | | X | | 115,838. | 0. | 56,927. | |
| (6) JAMES GRIMES MANAGER OF OPERATIONS - LEFT 08/25 | 40.00 | | | | X | | 147,023. | 0. | 19,469. | |
| (7) CODY PASZEK DIRECTOR | 8.00 | X | | | | | 8,400. | 0. | 0. | |
| (8) RODNEY TOBIN VICE PRESIDENT | 8.00 | X | | X | | | 6,900. | 0. | 0. | |
| (9) THOMAS LEE STEINER SECRETARY | 8.00 | X | | X | | | 6,600. | 0. | 0. | |
| (10) AMY KUECKER DIRECTOR | 8.00 | X | | | | | 6,600. | 0. | 0. | |
| (11) MARK WISMER DIRECTOR | 8.00 | X | | | | | 6,000. | 0. | 0. | |
| (12) ANDREA KILKER TREASURER | 8.00 | X | | X | | | 5,700. | 0. | 0. | |
| (13) KERMIT PEARSON PRESIDENT | 10.00 | X | | X | | | 3,900. | 0. | 0. | |
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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

| | | | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------|
| | | | Total revenue | Related or exempt function revenue | Unrelated business revenue | Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514 | |
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1 a | Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b | Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c | Fundraising events | 1c | | | | |
| | d | Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e | Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f | All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | | | | |
| | g | Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f | 1g | \$ | | | |
| | h | Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2 a | SALE OF POWER | Business Code 221000 | 19,329,057. | 19329057. | | |
| | b | CAPITAL CREDITS | 221000 | 1,130,213. | 1,130,213. | | |
| | c | | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | | |
| | f | All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| | g | Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | 20,459,270. | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 | Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 87,159. | | | 87,159. |
| | 4 | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | |
| | 5 | Royalties | | | | | |
| | 6 a | Gross rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | b | Less: rental expenses | 6b | | | | |
| | c | Rental income or (loss) | 6c | | | | |
| | d | Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 7 a | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | |
| | | | (ii) Other | | 732. | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | b | Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | 7b | | 0. | | |
| c | Gain or (loss) | 7c | | 732. | | | |
| d | Net gain or (loss) | | 732. | | | 732. | |
| 8 a | Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | 8a | | | | | |
| | | 8b | | | | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | | |
| 9 a | Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | 9a | | | | | |
| | | 9b | | | | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | | |
| 10 a | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 10a | 687,977. | | | | |
| | | 10b | 743,851. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | -55,874. | -55,874. | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 11 a | | Business Code | | | | |
| | b | | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | | |
| | d | All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e | Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| 12 | Total revenue. See instructions | | 20,491,287. | 20403396. | 0. | 87,891. | |

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX X

| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ... | 27,896. | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | 1,284,284. | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 288,072. | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 1,899,894. | | | |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 530,730. | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 158,764. | | | |
| 11 Fees for services (nonemployees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | | | | |
| c Accounting | | | | |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.) | | | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | | | | |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | | | | |
| 17 Travel | | | | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ... | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | 985,425. | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 1,331,381. | | | |
| 23 Insurance | | | | |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a COST OF POWER | 13,232,140. | | | |
| b DISTRIBUTION - OPERATIO | 1,015,831. | | | |
| c DISTRIBUTION - MAINTENA | 443,222. | | | |
| d TAXES | 303,217. | | | |
| e All other expenses _____ | -1,150,886. | | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 20,349,970. | | | |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

| | | (A) | | (B) |
|---|--|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Beginning of year | | End of year |
| Assets | 1 Cash - non-interest-bearing | | 1 | |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 1,076,303. | 2 | 570,575. |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 1,875,385. | 4 | 1,936,586. |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons | | 5 | |
| | 6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | 6 | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | 567,291. | 7 | 460,635. |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | 1,909,805. | 8 | 909,445. |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 182,875. | 9 | 129,577. |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 51,534,057. | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b 14,105,326. | 10c | 37,428,731. |
| | 11 Investments - publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | 151,849. | 12 | 156,332. |
| | 13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | 12,567,710. | 13 | 13,342,257. |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 1,000,000. | 15 | 1,200,000. |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) | 53,701,411. | 16 | 56,134,138. | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,961,218. | 17 | 1,919,503. |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | 1,125,185. | 19 | 1,300,724. |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | 30,406,303. | 23 | 31,907,151. |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | 158,793. | 25 | 109,336. |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 33,651,499. | 26 | 35,236,714. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. | | | |
| | 27 Net assets without donor restrictions | | 27 | |
| | 28 Net assets with donor restrictions | | 28 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33. | | | |
| | 29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | 0. | 29 | 0. |
| | 30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | 0. | 30 | 0. |
| | 31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | 20,049,912. | 31 | 20,897,424. |
| | 32 Total net assets or fund balances | 20,049,912. | 32 | 20,897,424. |
| 33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 53,701,411. | 33 | 56,134,138. | |

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

| | | | |
|----|--|----|-------------|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 20,491,287. |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 20,349,970. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 141,317. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) | 4 | 20,049,912. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O) | 9 | 706,195. |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B)) | 10 | 20,897,424. |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

| | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |
| If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O. | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | | X |
| If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | X | |
| If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| c | If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | X | |
| If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O. | | | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | | |

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC** Employer identification number **46-0156581**

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |
| 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|--|---------------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a | 2c |
| d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange program
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____%
 - b Permanent endowment _____%
 - c Term endowment _____%
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations? | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1a Land | | 28,478. | | 28,478. |
| b Buildings | | 1,454,752. | 608,906. | 845,846. |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | 46,226,701. | 13,496,420. | 32,730,281. |
| e Other | | 3,824,126. | | 3,824,126. |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B)) | | | | 37,428,731. |

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|----------------|---|
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely held equity interests | | |
| (3) Other | | |
| (A) | | |
| (B) | | |
| (C) | | |
| (D) | | |
| (E) | | |
| (F) | | |
| (G) | | |
| (H) | | |
| Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)) | | |

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|----------------|---|
| (1) EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER | | |
| (2) COOPERATIVE | 12,566,436. | COST |
| (3) NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES | | |
| (4) COOPERATIVE FINANCE | | |
| (5) CORPORATION | 298,970. | COST |
| (6) FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC | | |
| (7) INSURANCE CORPORATION | 114,300. | COST |
| (8) RURAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY | | |
| (9) COOPERATIVE | 217,272. | COST |
| Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B)) | 13,342,257. | |

Part IX Other Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|---|----------------|
| (1) | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)) | |

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|----------------|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) CUSTOMER DEPOSITS | 31,317. |
| (3) FINANCE LEASE LIABILITY | 78,019. |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)) | 109,336. |

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ...

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | 1 | 20,491,287. |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 2a | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 0. |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 20,491,287. |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 0. |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) | 5 | 20,491,287. |

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | 1 | 19,065,686. |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 0. |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 19,065,686. |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | 1,284,284. |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 1,284,284. |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) | 5 | 20,349,970. |

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ASSOCIATION IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(12) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND IS ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO FILE A RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX (FORM 990) WITH THE IRS. THE ASSOCIATION BELIEVES IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN AFFECTING ITS ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS, AND AS SUCH, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ASSOCIATION WOULD RECOGNIZE FUTURE ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INCOME TAX EXPENSE IF SUCH INTEREST AND PENALTIES WERE INCURRED.

PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

MARGIN ALLOCATIONS IN 2026 FOR 2025 1,284,284.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
Attach to Form 990.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization **LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC** Employer identification number **46-0156581**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| 1 (a) Name and address of organization or government | (b) EIN | (c) IRC section (if applicable) | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of noncash assistance | (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (g) Description of noncash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant or assistance |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| GLACIAL LAKES AREA DEVELOPMENT PO BOX 231 BRITTON, SD 57274 | 87-0787080 | 501(C)(3) | 15,000. | 0. | | | ASSIST LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FOOD BANKS, KIDS BACKPACK MEALS, 4-H. |
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 1.

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 0.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| (a) Type of grant or assistance | (b) Number of recipients | (c) Amount of cash grant | (d) Amount of non-cash assistance | (e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (f) Description of noncash assistance |
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Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2:
 EACH YEAR THE COOPERATIVE PARTNERS WITH COBANK IN THEIR SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM. THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDES A GRANT TO MAXIMIZE THE MATCHING GRANT OFFERED BY COBANK. THE GRANT GOES TO ONE OF TWO DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA: GLACIAL LAKES AREA DEVELOPMENT OR WEBSTER AREA DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATING YEARS). IT IS ULTIMATELY UP TO THE RECIPIENT TO DETERMINE HOW TO USE THE MONEY. THE COOP PROVIDES A LIST OF DESIGNATED CHARITIES THAT THEY'D LIKE TO SEE RECEIVE THE DONATIONS, SUCH AS FOOD BANKS, KIDS BACKPACK MEAL PROGRAMS, 4-H PROGRAMS, SD YOUTH PROGRAMS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, ETC. A LETTER IS ALSO PROVIDED WITH THE PAYMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION TO BE FORWARDED TO EACH END RECIPIENT ACKNOWLEDGING THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF A SHARED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LAKE REGION ELECTRIC AND COBANK.

SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. Attach to Form 990. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC Employer identification number 46-0156581

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- First-class or charter travel, Travel for companions, Tax indemnification and gross-up payments, Discretionary spending account, Housing allowance or residence for personal use, Payments for business use of personal residence, Health or social club dues or initiation fees, Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- Compensation committee, Independent compensation consultant, Form 990 of other organizations, Written employment contract, Compensation survey or study, Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- 4a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
4b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
4c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- 5a The organization?
5b Any related organization?
If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- 6a The organization?
6b Any related organization?
If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-9 with 'X' marks in Yes/No columns.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule J (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

| (A) Name and Title | | (B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation | | | (C) Retirement and other deferred compensation | (D) Nontaxable benefits | (E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D) | (F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990 |
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| | | (i) Base compensation | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation | | | | |
| (1) JEREMY T. LINDEMANN GENERAL MANAGER/CEO | (i) | 162,474. | 0. | 0. | 103,452. | 44,228. | 310,154. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (2) DONNA SATTLER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/OFFICE | (i) | 114,830. | 0. | 0. | 82,184. | 36,014. | 233,028. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (3) DANIEL WILLIAMS LINE FOREMAN | (i) | 107,463. | 0. | 0. | 52,394. | 40,454. | 200,311. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (4) TIMOTHY GAIKOWSKI MANAGER OF TECHNOLOGY SERV | (i) | 115,720. | 0. | 0. | 31,861. | 43,007. | 190,588. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (5) BRETT KWASNIEWSKI MANAGER OF MEMBER SERVICES | (i) | 115,838. | 0. | 0. | 43,031. | 16,512. | 175,381. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (6) JAMES GRIMES MANAGER OF OPERATIONS - LEFT 08/25 | (i) | 106,023. | 0. | 41,000. | 6,755. | 14,569. | 168,347. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 4A:

JAMES GRIMES \$41,000

SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C:

COLUMN C INCLUDES THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR EACH PERSON REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED. ACTUAL EXPENSE OF THE COOPERATIVE MAY BE MORE OR LESS THAN THE CHANGE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE.

CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE INCLUDED IN COLUMN C IS:

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|---------------------|----------|
| - DONNA SATTLER | \$74,341 |
| - TIMOTHY GAIKOWSKI | \$23,600 |
| - BRETT KWASNIEWSKI | \$35,544 |
| - JAMES GRIMES | \$0 |
| - DANIEL WILLIAMS | \$45,540 |
| - JEREMY LINDEMAN | \$92,294 |

ACTUAL EXPENSE OF THE COOPERATIVE IS:

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| - DONNA SATTLER | \$28,330 |
| - TIMOTHY GAIKOWSKI | \$30,325 |
| - BRETT KWASNIEWSKI | \$27,452 |
| - JAMES GRIMES | \$0 |
| - DANIEL WILLIAMS | \$25,024 |
| - JEREMY LINDEMAN | \$26,112 |

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:
ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:
ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B:
REVISIONS OR RESOLUTIONS TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B:
THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE A COMMITTEE THAT CAN ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:
THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REVIEWS THE 990 IN DETAIL. AFTER HIS REVIEW, THE 990 IS PROVIDED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER. THE 990 IS PRESENTED AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD PRIOR TO ITS FILING IF SO REQUESTED BY ANY BOARD MEMBER. WHETHER PRESENTED IN A BOARD MEETING OR NOT, THE 990 IS NOT FILED UNTIL EACH BOARD MEMBER HAS BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF IT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:
THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY COVERS ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES. IN REGARD TO BOARD MEMBERS: DIRECTORS SHALL MAKE FULL DISCLOSURE TO THE BOARD OF ANY FACTS WHICH MAY INDICATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS ESTABLISHED, THEN THE DIRECTOR MAY REMOVE HIMSELF/HERSELF FROM THE ROOM. THE BOARD WILL DETERMINE IF THERE IS VALUE THAT THE DIRECTOR BE INVOLVED DURING THE DISCUSSION PERIOD. AT ANY TIME DURING THE DISCUSSION PERIOD, THE BOARD MAY ASK THE DIRECTOR TO LEAVE THE ROOM, SO THE DISCUSSION MAY CONTINUE.
IN REGARD TO EMPLOYEES: POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE EMPLOYEE'S SUPERVISOR, WHO SHALL SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO, IF NECESSARY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:
THE BOARD USES NRECA COMPENSATION STUDY AND SDREA WAGE AND SALARY SURVEY TO SET THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO'S COMPENSATION. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO USES NRECA COMPENSATION STUDY AND SDREA WAGE AND SALARY SURVEY TO SET EMPLOYEES' WAGES. THIS PROCESS IS UNDERTAKEN ANNUALLY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:
THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE ORGANIZATION'S HEADQUARTERS.

FORM 990, PART VII:
THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO ACTS AS BOTH THE TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL AND THE TOP FINANCIAL OFFICIAL OF THE COOPERATIVE.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:
THE LABOR, PENSION AND PAYROLL TAXES REPORTED ON LINES 5-10 ARE INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE, ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSE AND CUSTOMER EXPENSE ON THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT. THEREFORE, LABOR, PENSION AND PAYROLL TAXES ARE SHOWN AS A REDUCTION TO OTHER EXPENSES ON LINE 24E.

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| FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS: | |
| RETIREMENT OF CAPITAL CREDITS | -578,089. |
| MARGIN ALLOCATIONS IN 2025 FOR 2024 | 1,284,284. |
| TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 | 706,195. |

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4, BENEFITS PAID TO OR FOR MEMBERS:
THE COOPERATIVE HAS INTERPRETED THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PART IX, LINE 4, TO
MEAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE YEAR, RATHER THAN PATRONAGE
CAPITAL RETIRED. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE
COOPERATIVE.

Form **8868**
(Rev. January 2025)

**Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization
Return or Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**File a separate application for each return.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8868 for the latest information.**

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request up to a 6-month extension of time to file any of the forms listed below except for Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts. An extension request for Form 8870 must be sent to the IRS in a paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of Form 8868, visit www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-TE and Form 8879-TE for payment instructions.

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Part I - Identification

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| Type or Print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.</small> | Name of exempt organization, employer, or other filer, see instructions. LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC | Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 46-0156581 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 341 | |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. WEBSTER, SD 57274-0341 | |

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) **01**

| Application Is For | Return Code | Application Is For | Return Code |
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| Form 990 or Form 990-EZ | 01 | Form 4720 (other than individual) | 09 |
| Form 4720 (individual) | 03 | Form 5227 | 10 |
| Form 990-PF | 04 | Form 6069 | 11 |
| Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | 05 | Form 8870 | 12 |
| Form 990-T (trust other than above) | 06 | Form 5330 (individual) | 13 |
| Form 990-T (corporation) | 07 | Form 5330 (other than individual) | 14 |
| Form 1041-A | 08 | Form 990-T (governmental entities) | 15 |

• After you enter your Return Code, complete either Part II or Part III. Part III, including signature, is applicable only for an extension of time to file Form 5330.

• If this application is for an extension of time to file Form 5330, you must enter the following information.

Plan Name _____
 Plan Number _____
 Plan Year Ending (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Part II - Automatic Extension of Time To File for Exempt Organizations (see instructions)

The books are in the care of **DONNA SATTLER**
PO BOX 341 - WEBSTER, SD 57274-0341

Telephone No. **(605) 345-3379** Fax No. _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four-digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15**, 20 **26**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 calendar year 20 **25** or
 tax year beginning _____, 20 _____, and ending _____, 20 _____

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

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| 3a If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. | 3a | \$ | 0. |
| b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit. | 3b | \$ | 0. |
| c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | 3c | \$ | 0. |

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Form **8868** (Rev. 1-2025)