

The Art of Hometown Service

2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS



RESULTS THAT MATTER

THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE

DESIGNING A LEGACY



Cooperative Mission & Values

Empowering Lives with Hometown Service

Inspired by twinkling lights that illuminated their small towns in the absence of the sun, a group of Mesa County farmers met in 1936. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Act promised loans to folks who organized to bring electricity across miles of country to their farms.

Bolstered by the prospect of simply pulling a chain to brighten their rural lifestyles, they each gave \$5 to finance the cooperative. These farmers are the artists of Grand Valley Power's past. They had the vision to see how electricity would turn darkness into light and sweat into prosperity.

This vision holds true today. In the present, we proudly build on a powerful legacy by taking steps to provide safe, reliable, at-cost electricity to our members.

Into the future, we promise to always look ahead for new and better ways to empower your life with hometown service. Thank you for being a part of the vision.

***We are committed to the safety of our workforce
and the general public.***

***We strive to do the right thing, holding true to
our values and principles.***

***We seek to find new and better ways to serve
our members and communities.***

We are dedicated to delivering value to all we serve.

About the Artist



Grand Valley Power member Gerald J. Fritzler designed his legacy with brush strokes. Growing up in Chicago, his parents encouraged him to follow his artistic talent, and after high school he attended the American Academy of Art to help refine it. At the Academy the challenge of watercolor quickly captured his determination to tame the medium. Fritzler continued pursuing his passion after college while working as an illustrator in Wisconsin.

The desire to paint western subjects in impactful light drew him to move his family to Mesa, Colorado in 1979. Since then, Fritzler has dedicated his career to his craft. He has found joy in painting people and cultures all over the world, from China to Austria, Morocco, and beyond. Since the pandemic he has explored acrylics on canvas in addition to his watercolor work.

One of America's renown watercolor artists, you can enjoy and follow Fritzler's work on Facebook. Search for *Fritzler Fine Art*.

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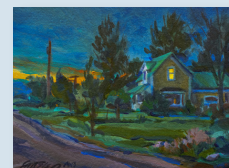
Bill Barlow

Information Technology Manager

Karen Allen

On the Cover:

Evening Light, acrylic on paper, 2024



Original artworks
throughout this
publication by
Gerald J. Fritzler

Publication design by Tanya (Fritzler) Marchun

The Art of Hometown Service

Delivering electricity to the consumers of Grand Valley Power is largely a “nuts and bolts” job. Our linemen keep the lights on, and do it safely, wrapping up more than five years without a lost-time accident. The work of our professional engineering staff and their distribution system planning is reflected in strong reliability numbers that once again place our cooperative among the best in the state. Our strong financial footing is maintained with attention to detail in the budgeting, forecasting, and reporting provided by our finance and accounting department. Grand Valley Power’s award-winning communication team ensures that our connections with our members and our communities are intact.

Behind the scenes, other contributors answer phones, keep warehouse shelves stocked, collect and pay bills, and ensure that technological resources and networks are functional and secure. Grand Valley Power’s member-elected board of directors plays an important role as well, demonstrated in the decision to terminate the cooperative’s wholesale power purchases from Xcel, and enter a new arrangement with Guzman Energy, securing price stability for cooperative members.

These contributions are made by members of our team that call the Grand Valley home. They live and work alongside you. You know them, and they know you. They are proud to serve you.

Each of their contributions is akin to a paint color on an artist’s palette. By itself, one of these colors may not be particularly remarkable. But when placed on canvas by a talented artist with a grasp of the detail and nuance of the subject, the colors come to life. Together they form an unforgettable and enduring impression — one that lasts long after the paint has dried.

The work of Grand Valley Power has endured for almost nine decades, providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity for all of our members. The work we are doing now will extend this legacy decades into the future. This is more than just nuts and bolts. Providing our members’ energy needs, lighting and powering their homes and businesses, are important to us. Scenes like the one shown on the cover of this report — a home in Mesa County’s high country at dusk — will endure. Evening Light — provided by Grand Valley Power — will be there when you need it.

This is the Art of Hometown Service.

Thomas Walch

Chief Executive Officer

Janie VanWinkle

Board President



Left to right, back row: Brian Woods, Joe Burtard, Gary DeYoung, Bill Rooks, Joe Landini, Jesse Mease, Tom Walch
Left to right, front row: Kyle Coltrinari, Carolyn Sandeen-Hall, Janie VanWinkle

2023 By The Numbers

335

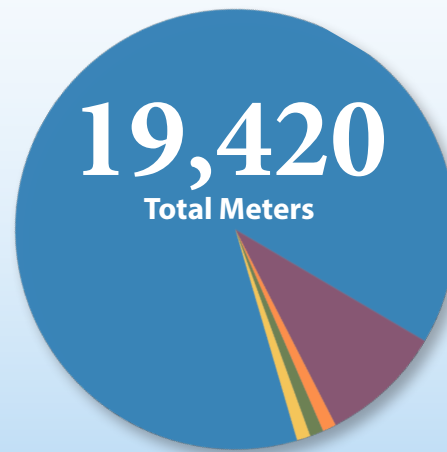
New Services
Connected

1,749

Miles of Line

11.1

Meters per Mile



Residential (88%)

Commercial (9%)

Large Power (1%)

Street Lighting (1%)

Irrigation (1%)

55.4%

Power Supplied by
Renewable Sources

63.2

MEGAWATTS
System Peak Demand (July)

1,145

Solar Interconnections

312

New Solar
Interconnections



Results That Matter

Safe & Reliable

Grand Valley Power team members focus on delivering results for our cooperative members. You experience it with great hometown service. You benefit from reliability numbers that are among the best in the state of Colorado and across the nation. But there's one critical area where our team members deliver great results that might not be so visible. Earlier this year, Grand Valley Power marked the five-year anniversary of the last time a team member missed a day of work due to an on-the-job incident.

Safety is our most important value. Everything we do begins with safety at the top of mind, and it has to be. Electrical linework is a dangerous occupation.

Having marked five years without a lost-time accident, and having seen all the things our lineworkers — and everyone who supports them — do to get the job done safely, we can stake a claim as having a "Five-Star Safety Program." Because at the end of the day, when all our lineworkers return home to their families, it's then that we realize what Five-Star Safety truly gets us. As much as anything else we do here at our cooperative, these are the results that matter.

68

Average outage minutes per consumer in 2023

190,989

Total miles traveled by GVP employees in 2023; That's 7.7 times around the Earth!

1,805

Days worked without a lost-time accident through Dec. 31, 2023

Below: Safety is top of mind for GVP lineworkers who install poles, crossarms and wire.



Right: GVP lineworkers install an osprey platform to protect our Grand Valley wildlife.



Below: GVP lineworkers protect our community by teaching them electrical safety at the Mesa County Safety Fair.



The Cooperative Difference

Community Impact

From community nonprofits to local 4-H students, Grand Valley Power is proud to support our hometown heroes and be a part of the events that make the Grand Valley the wonderful place it is to live, work, and grow. Grand Valley Power's bylaws allow the cooperative to donate unclaimed Cashback Credits to nonprofits that help meet the needs of our community. Last year, our employees also chose to make a difference by raising funds for children with disabilities through Go Baby Go.



Left: students work together to build mobility cars for children with disabilities. Right: 4-H students are proud to show their pigs.

*\$37,000
Donations Given in 2023*

Solar Garden

Together with GRID Alternatives, Grand Valley Power launched the first income-based solar project in the nation in 2015 to give low-income households the opportunity to benefit from a monthly bill credit for solar generation.

115,724 kWh Credited in 2023

Youth Leadership Programs

We contribute to the development of young leaders to ensure that our community has a promising future. Every year, our cooperative chooses outstanding high school students from among our membership to participate in either the Washington D.C. Youth Tour or the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. These skill-building trips help drive a lifetime of ambition fueled by integrity and compassion.



Liliana Davis
Washington D.C. Youth
Tour Recipient



Alana Wade
Cooperative Leadership
Camp Recipient



Sydney Maurer
Cooperative Leadership
Camp Recipient

Homegrown Scholars

Since 1996, Grand Valley Power has awarded more than \$277,000 in scholarships for postsecondary trade and academic instruction. It is our pleasure to provide scholarship opportunities that enable cooperative students to reach their goals.

\$20,500
Scholarships Awarded in 2023



Madison Hawkins
Jack Broughton - CMU
Scholarship Recipient



Fernando Gutierrez
GVP Scholarship Recipient



Tiyala Holton
GVP Scholarship Recipient



Anna Stone Ewing
GVP Scholarship Recipient



Lily Preston
GVP Scholarship Recipient



Colton Eckert
GVP Scholarship Recipient



Marisa Martinez
GVP Scholarship Recipient



Landon Smith
CMU Tech Electric
Lineworker Scholarship
Recipient

***“I thank and commend GVP for establishing the
Grand Valley Power Mesa Scholarship Initiative.
With your investment, local students have greater
opportunities for a productive future.”***

- CMU Foundation Member

Grand Valley Power Secures Its Legacy with Guzman

In recent years, Grand Valley Power's biggest challenge has been managing the wholesale cost of power from Xcel Energy. That will change. Your Grand Valley Power Board of Directors has exercised a contract option to reduce purchases from Xcel over time. Beginning in 2028, Guzman Energy will serve as GVP's wholesale power supply partner.

Grand Valley Power's power supply agreement with Guzman features fixed wholesale pricing that will provide the cooperative with predictable and stable power supply costs. The future agreement also eliminates millions of dollars in monthly fuel cost charges that GVP members intermittently pay.

Guzman Energy, headquartered in Denver, serves electric cooperatives and municipalities in Colorado and New Mexico. The company serves the unique needs of rural communities by building and managing custom energy portfolios. Guzman will serve Grand Valley Power members safely and reliably.

Until the new contract takes effect, Grand Valley Power will continue to buy its power from Xcel and does not expect the announcement to change its business relationship in the short term.

You can save by shifting your electric use to off-peak hours.



The average residential member uses:

74%

of their electricity during OFF-PEAK hours

26%

of their electricity during ON-PEAK hours

Time-of-Use Rates Give Greater Control

With Time-of-Use, when you use electricity is just as important as how much. Electricity costs more during times of peak use. When folks return home after work and fire up their cooling systems, wash a load of laundry, and cook dinner, more demand is placed on the grid, requiring more electricity to be transmitted across lines and pulled from more sources of generation. Times of peak demand might require that electricity be generated from hydro, natural gas, wind and solar (if available) and even coal.

Reduce 4-9 p.m.

SHIFT YOUR ELECTRICITY USE TO OFF-PEAK HOURS AND SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

823 kWh

AVERAGE MONTHLY USAGE PER RESIDENTIAL MEMBER

\$130.32*

AVERAGE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL BILL

**Includes all fees and charges*

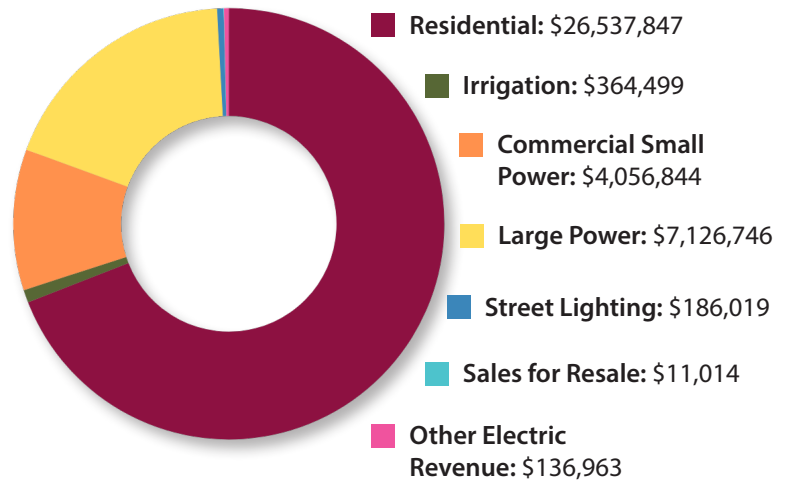
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Financial Highlights

Balance Sheet

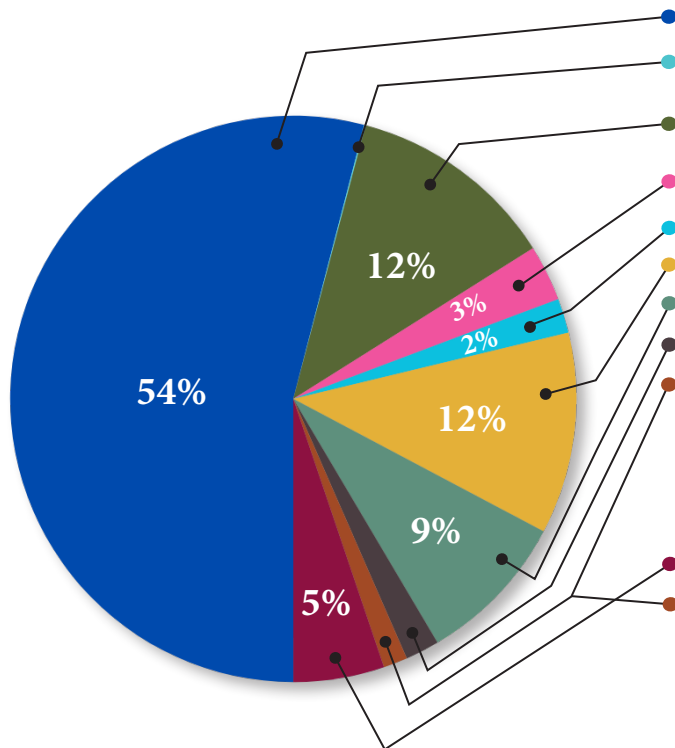
Assets	2023	2022
Total Utility Plant	\$114,300,549	\$110,807,223
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(36,594,570)	(35,013,605)
Net Utility Plant	77,705,979	75,793,618
Investments	2,490,596	2,250,945
Total Current Assets	11,772,203	11,875,495
Deferred Charges		1,026,497
Total Assets	\$91,968,778	\$90,946,555
Equities and Liabilities		
Total Equity	\$35,774,701	\$33,875,091
Total Long-Term Debt	43,499,001	46,102,014
Other Liabilities	400,555	347,165
Current Liabilities	12,294,521	10,622,285
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$91,968,778	\$90,946,555

Revenue Sources



Statement of Operations

2023 Expenses



Total Expenses:
\$35,800,192

	2023	2022
Operating Revenue	\$38,419,933	\$36,510,245
Operating Expenses		
Cost of Power	19,345,813	20,135,648
Transmission Maintenance (0.1%)	25,444	47,270
Distribution - Operations	2,961,516	2,616,491
Distribution - Maintenance	1,319,756	1,257,262
Consumer Accounts	1,145,910	1,014,892
Customer Service and Information	703,824	597,582
Administrative and General	4,122,492	3,337,821
Depreciation and Amortization	3,130,814	3,005,134
Taxes (2%)	694,059	767,437
Other Deductions (1%)	491,978	102,863
Total Operating Margin	33,941,606	32,882,400
Electric Operating Margin	\$4,478,327	\$3,627,845
Fixed Charges		
Interest on Long-term Debt	1,858,162	1,910,736
Other Interest	424	424
Total Fixed Charges	\$1,858,586	\$1,911,160
Non-Operating Margin	520,014	425,519
Patronage Capital at Beginning of Year	\$32,005,915	\$30,890,521
Net Margins for Year	3,139,755	2,142,204
Subtotal	35,145,670	33,032,725
Retirement of Capital Credits	(1,041,409)	(1,026,810)
Patronage Capital at End of Year	\$34,104,261	\$32,005,915

Designing A Legacy

Strategic Goals

"A legacy that doesn't look forward isn't worth having."

—Tom Walch, Chief Executive Officer

Grand Valley Power is built on a history of vision. The cooperative's board of directors and leadership honor this tradition by planning for a future that will deliver safe, reliable, and at-cost electricity to our members.

The Grand Valley Power Board of Directors and leadership has identified strategic goals to carry the cooperative forward over the next few years. In future annual reports to our members, we will share the progress made in each of these areas:

- Protect the safety and security of GVP's employees, assets and facilities, and the general public.
- Ensure power supply stability and flexibility.
- Continue to develop and enhance GVP's workplace culture.
- Safeguard and advance GVP's long-term financial strength.
- Enhance member engagement.

Board and Annual Meetings

Members' comments and questions are always welcome at our monthly board meetings and the annual membership meeting.

gvp.org/board-meetings-and-agendas

Delivering Hometown Service

From member services and accounting to engineering, operations and our warehouse, Grand Valley Power's dedicated team of 44 employees is proud to live and have grown up in the community that we represent. It is an honor to serve our neighbors, friends and family.

Service Milestones



Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

By order of the Board of Directors of Grand Valley Rural Power Lines, Inc., notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the organization's shareholders will be held at Colorado Mesa University Center Meyer Ballroom, Grand Junction, County of Mesa, Colorado on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors as provided by the bylaws and the transaction of all business that may be properly brought before the annual meeting.

Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. in the Meyer Ballroom of the University Center of Colorado Mesa University.

The map inset shows the parking garage closest to the event location. Access to the garage is off 12th Street near Kennedy Avenue. Suggested travel is south on 12th Street to the garage entrance. FFA students will be on hand to assist with parking and meeting questions.

Program and Agenda

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Registration and Dinner
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Business Meeting

Order of Business

1. Quorum and shareholder attendance
2. Notice of meeting and proof of publication
3. Approval of 2023 annual meeting minutes
4. Election
5. CEO and President report
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment



Carefully cut along the dotted lines. Mail the RSVP card to attend and place the save the date card on your fridge.



3 Ways to RSVP: **ONLINE** **BY PHONE** **CUT OUT & MAIL THE CARD**

GRAND VALLEY POWER Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 8
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Colorado Mesa University
1100 North Avenue | Grand Junction, CO 81501

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Exclusive giveaway for online registrants!

Submit your RSVP online at gvp.org/art. Members who RSVP online for the 2024 Annual Meeting will be entered into an exclusive drawing for a \$150 bill credit.

Register online & win!

**FREE
DINNER
& GIFT**

RSVP ONLINE, BY PHONE
OR MAIL BY JULY 30

(970) 242-0040

Attend & Win!

10 solar panel credits for a year

20 lbs. of locally processed beef

\$250 GVP bill credit

Horse-drawn wine tour tickets

and more!

www.gvp.org/art

ADULTS ONLY - DINNER IS FREE

Yes!

We plan to attend the Annual Meeting at
Colorado Mesa University on
Thursday, August 8.

Please reserve ☐ 1 ☐ 2 dinners for

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Vegetarian and Gluten-Free meals will be available.

NOTE: Please DO NOT return the card if you ARE NOT attending the meeting.

- ☐ Mail this card by **July 30** if you ARE attending.
- ☐ Call and cancel by **August 5** if you have returned the card but find you are unable to attend.

GRAND VALLEY POWER ANNUAL MEETING

YOU'RE
Invited

**Cut out this reminder
for your fridge!**