

Cosmopolitan
Meeting July 21,
,2025



Cosmopolitan Rays, July 21, 2025



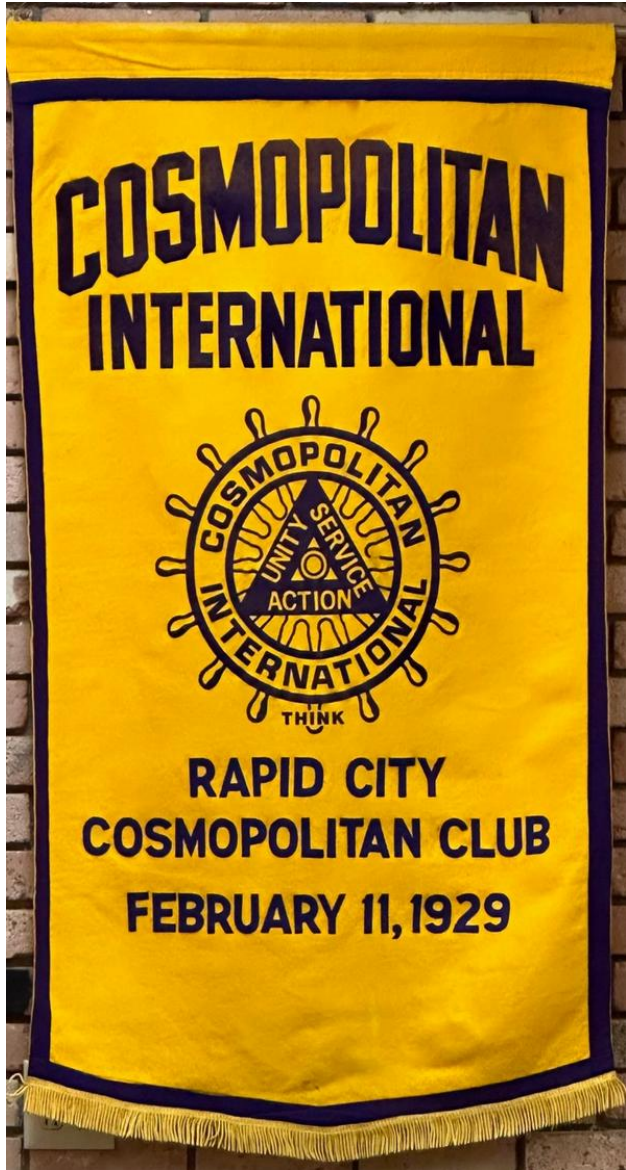
The Cosmo Rays



Shining Light on the Cosmopolitan Club's Activities

Published After Each Meeting by the Noon Cosmopolitan Club

Meetings Held at Noon on Mondays at Thirsty's at 819 West Main, Rapid City, South Dakota



President Becky Kerr Called
the Meeting to order at
12:00 PM.



President Becky Kerr, led the Members in the Pledge Of Allegiance.







Jim Schuh, Led the
Members in Prayer.

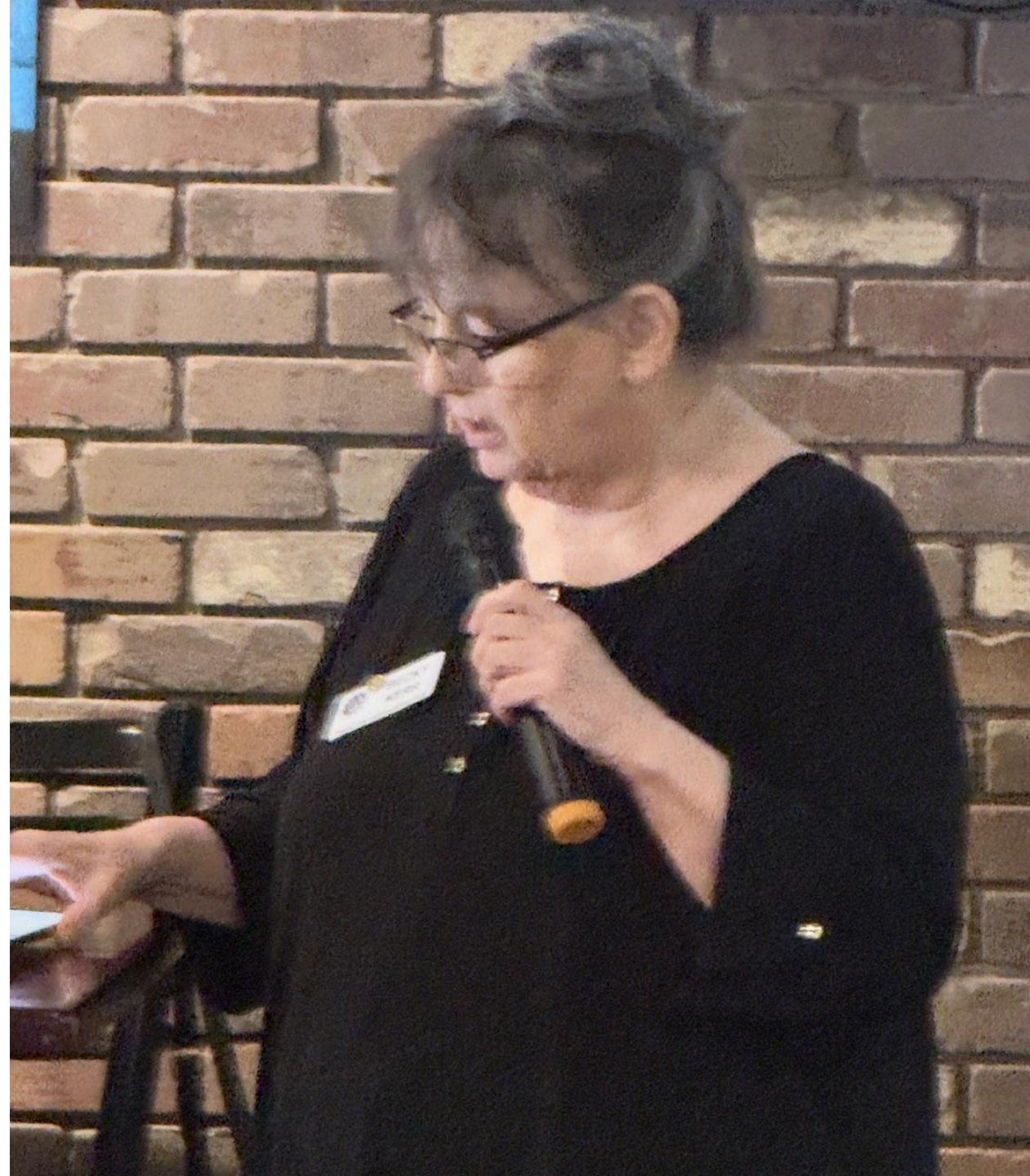




Jeff Peterson, CFP



President Becky Kerr talked about the upcoming Membership and Awards night at Thirsty's on August 1st. She also said that beginning August 1st, any member that volunteers to work events will have their name entered in a drawing with others with the chance to win a \$50.. Gift card.





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SOUTH DAKOTA

FLORIDA REUNSAAT

Club Secretary Rhonda Reuwsaat presented new Member Rob Varilek with his new Member Information. Welcome to the Club Rob.



Club Treasure Jim Keck introduced Wes Aston and Lynn Lindell from Black Hills Corp.



Club Treasure Jim Keck introduced Wes Aston and Lynn Lindell from Black Hills Corp. They will be talking about their Wildfire Safety and Prevention.



They were talking to the Club about Black Hills Corps Wildfire Safety & Prevention Program. They will be talking about their Wildfire Safety and Prevention.



WILDFIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION

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Wildfire Likelihood for Pennington County

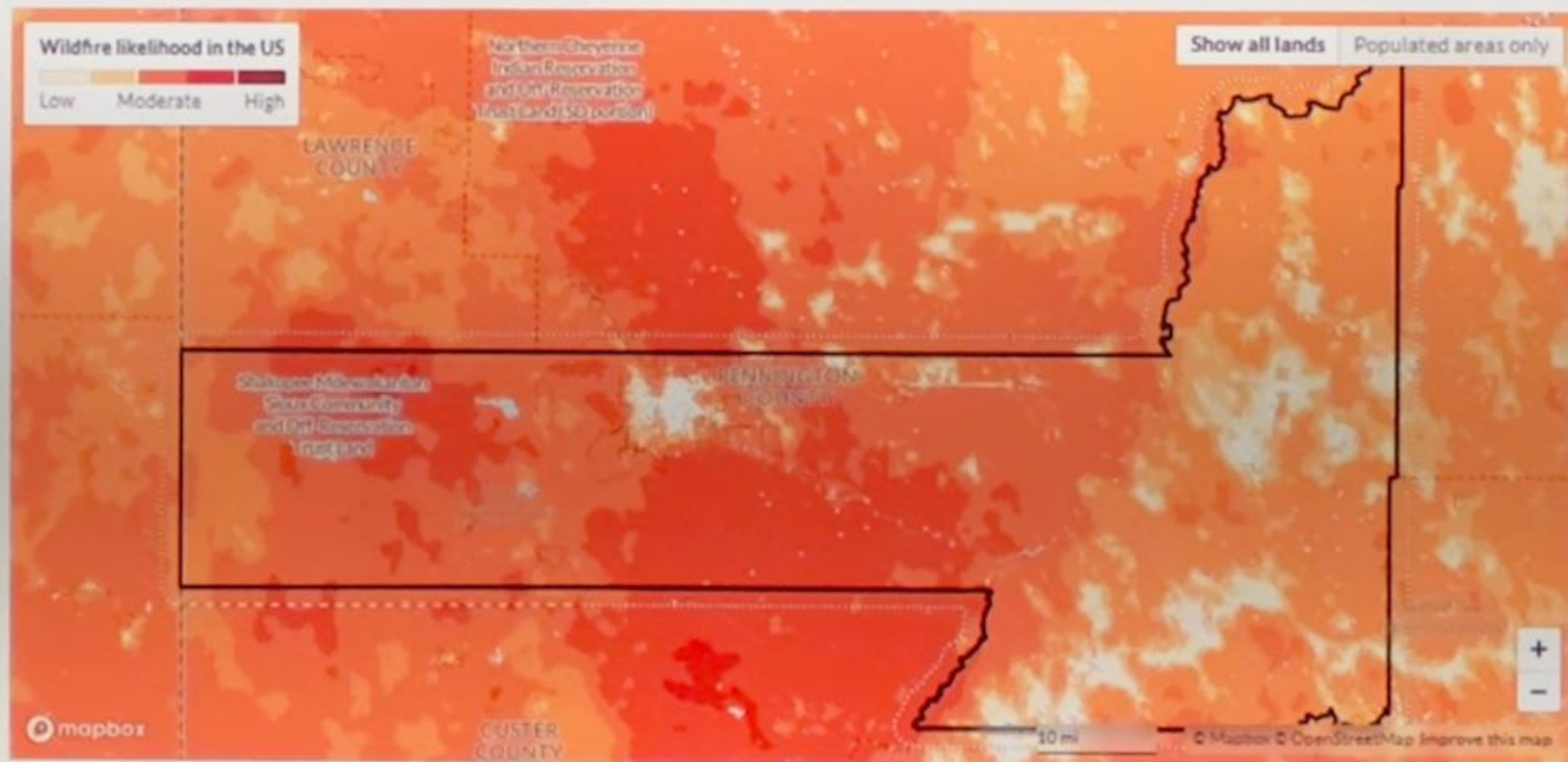
USDA Forest Service Wildfire Risk to Communities www.wildfirerisk.org



Pennington County has, on average, greater wildfire likelihood than 85% of counties in the US.

Wildfire likelihood is the probability of wildfire burning in any given year.

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Annual Number of Acres Burned in Wildland Fires



Emergency Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

A PSPS involves **selectively** and proactively shutting off power to **high-risk fire areas** during extreme weather conditions until those conditions improve to prevent electrical equipment becoming a source of ignition.

The primary drivers used within the industry include:

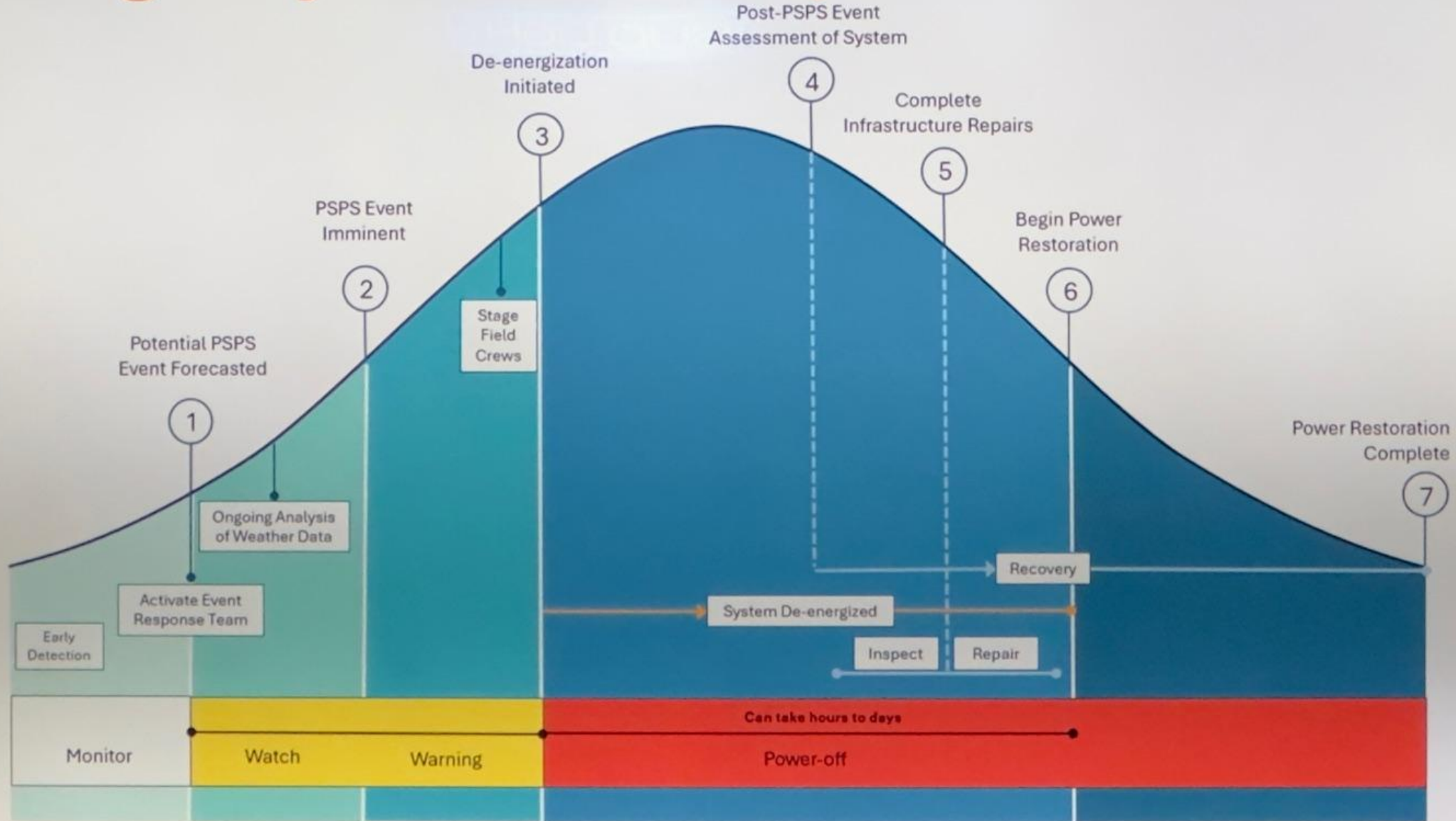
- Wind gust speeds
- Low relative humidity

A Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service alone doesn't mean a PSPS.

Steps to identify PSPS risk areas:

- Wildfire simulation models
- Analyze weather, vegetation and asset information
- Field reviews
- Field personnel and system operators

Emergency Public Safety Power Shutoff



Provided by Filsinger Energy partners



WILDFIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

What happens
before, during
and after a PSPS

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Watch

During this time, we'll aim to notify impacted customers to encourage them to prepare for a possible outage.



Warning

Power will be shut off. A warning will be issued in advance, if possible.



Power off

Power has been shut off to help prevent wildfire and we'll work to keep you informed of restoration efforts.



Restoration begins

Restoration begins when weather conditions improve. This process could take several hours or even days if repairs are necessary.



Power restored

Power is safely back on and the PSPS is over.

How you may hear from us

Automated phone calls, emails, text messages, website updates, press releases, etc. It's important to update your contact information to receive these alerts.

Visit blackhillsenergy.com/wildfire-safety for more information.





What is a PSPS?

A PSPS involves selectively and proactively shutting off power to high-risk fire areas during extreme weather conditions until those conditions improve with the intent to prevent electrical equipment becoming a source of ignition.

Why are PSPS events necessary?

By de-energizing powerlines during hazardous conditions, we can prevent electrical equipment from becoming a source of ignition. This strategy is used as a last resort when the risk of wildfire is heightened.

How will I be notified of a PSPS?

We plan to communicate with customers before, during and after a potential event through phone calls, emails, text messages, social media, media outlets and our website. Our intent is to provide advance notice before a potential shutoff.

What factors determine the initiation of a Public Safety Power Shutoff?

The primary drivers used within the industry include a combination of wind gust speeds and low relative humidity. We plan to leverage criteria similar to others across the industry.

How can I prepare for a PSPS?

Preparation is key to staying safe during a power outage.

- Update your contact information to receive safety and outage notifications
- Have a backup plan for medicine that needs to be refrigerated or medical equipment that is powered by electricity. This could mean finding a place you can go during an outage or having a backup generator.
- Build an emergency kit and plan and share with your friends and neighbors.

Find more ways to stay safe and be prepared.



Public Safety Power Shutoff

At Black Hills Energy, your safety—and the safety of our employees and communities — is our highest priority. Being prepared and protecting against wildfires is a year-round effort. As part of this effort, we're developing a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program. This is a last resort safety measure to protect public safety by selectively and proactively turning off power to high-risk fire areas when weather conditions create an elevated risk of wildfire.



The primary factors used within the industry include a combination of:

- Wind gust speeds
- Low relative humidity

We plan to use similar criteria as other electric utilities in the industry. We do not intend to trigger a PSPS based on a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service.

SAFETY AND RESILIENCE

We're committed to operating a safe and reliable electric system. Being prepared and protecting against wildfire is a year-round effort.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

We are continually working to strengthen and enhance the resiliency of our electric system and critical infrastructure, so our customers have the safe and reliable power they need and expect.

This includes strengthening our electric system and critical infrastructure to help prevent wildfires.

We are taking a multilayered approach to reduce wildfire risk through our asset programs, integrity programs and operational response. Details are available in our Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

To expand upon this effort, we are actively working to have a Public Safety Power Shutoff program in place by mid-year 2025.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF?

A Public Safety Power Shutoff is a last resort safety measure to prevent the electric system from becoming a potential source of ignition, reducing the chances of our facilities causing a wildfire. It entails selectively and intentionally turning off power to a portion of a service area when high-risk fire weather and fuel conditions occur.

A Public Safety Power Shutoff is a community response and determining how and when to shut off power is a complex decision for utilities and community partners. Your partnership is crucial as we work together to protect our communities and customers from the threat of wildfire.

Visit blackhillsenergy.com/wildfire-safety for more details about our Wildfire Mitigation Plan and our Public Safety Power Shutoff program progress.



WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION





At Black Hills Energy, the safety of our customers, employees and communities is our highest priority. Being prepared and preventing against wildfires is a year-round effort. The risk of wildfire has increased and continues to grow. We all have a role to play in safety and prevention.



Be prepared

Are you ready for wildfires or other emergencies?

A little preparation goes a long way. Learn how you can be prepared for whatever mother nature might bring.



Update contact information

We want to help keep you informed. The best way to get important updates, safety, and outage notifications is to update your contact information In your online account.



Asset programs

We take proactive steps to protect our communities by managing vegetation and patrolling our powerlines to identify and mitigate hazards.



Integrity programs

We invest in improving the reliability of our system to reduce wildfire risk. This includes retrofitting equipment to minimize wildlife interaction and evaluating opportunities to replace powerlines with underground systems where feasible.



Operational response

We use 24/7 weather forecasting and adjust practices during high-fire-risk weather.

Public Safety Power Shutoff

To expand upon this effort, we're actively working to have a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program in place by mid-summer 2025. The Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program is a last resort safety tool, to mitigate wildfire risk when high-fire-risk weather conditions are present.

A PSPS involves selectively and proactively shutting off power to high-risk fire areas during extreme weather conditions until those conditions improve. By turning off power in these areas we can mitigate the risk of electrical equipment becoming a source of ignition. We know the inconvenience and hardship that can be caused by an extended outage.

We'll provide more details as our program develops.



HELP
PREVENT
WILDFIRES

*Thank
You*



Planning for prevention

Our Wildfire Mitigation Plan outlines our adoption of risk-reduction strategies to protect against wildfire in our service territories. We're committed to the ongoing development and implementation of risk-reduction strategies to help protect our communities, customers and employees.



Wildfire prevention and safety

We all need to work together and take proactive steps to reduce the risk. Learn more about what you can do to be prepared and help prevent wildfire.

Member Nancy Trautman spoke to the Members about the By Law changes to be voted on at the International Convention.





Summary of Changed in the Restated Bylaws

The following is summary of changes reflected in the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cosmopolitan International (the "Restated Bylaws"). The Restated Bylaws will be presented to the delegates to the Convention at the meeting scheduled for July 26, 2025, for their approval.

This summary is provided for convenience only, and members, particularly delegates entitled to vote at the Convention, are encouraged to review closely the Restated Bylaws in their entirety.

Article and Section	Description
Article Five	The Article included provisions relating both to administration and meetings. It has been revised to eliminate all of the meeting provisions which have been moved to Article Twelve.
Article Seven, § 7	The provision allowing for electronic meetings has been incorporated into Article Twelve.
Article Eight, § 3	A provision defining "Active membership" has been added.
Article Eight, § 9	The revised Bylaws still provide for a Corporate membership but all of the conditions applicable to that type of membership have been deleted. Those are properly included in a Board Policy, not the Bylaws.
Article Eight, § 13	An additional basis for revoking an individual's membership has been added at (d) in this Section.
Article Eleven	This Article has been renumbered from Article XIII in the prior Bylaws. It provides that the Board shall consist of (i) International officers, both required and optional, (ii) all Federation Governors, and (iii) the CDF and CFCI representatives.
Article Eleven, § 7 through § 11	Additional provisions were added to describe how Board members may be removed and their successors are appointed,
Article Twelve	This Article is new and incorporates the various provisions that were scattered throughout the prior Bylaws relating to Board meetings and included new provisions as well relating to notice, consent, creation of Committees, and other items.
Article Twelve, § 3	This Section specifies that seven members of the Board can call a special meeting.
Article Twelve, § 5	Members of the Board can participate in all meetings of the Board, including those at the Convention, electronically.
Article Twelve, § 6	A quorum is defined as the greater of (i) a majority of the number of members then serving on the Board or (ii) ten (10) members.



Article and Section	Description
Article Thirteen	This Article contains significant revisions to the current structure to provide for realignment of current positions and creation of additional ones. In addition, the duties of International Officers are now set forth in new Article Fourteen.
Article Thirteen, § 1	This Section identified the mandatory officers. Note that Marketing and Fundraising is now two positions, a Director of Communication has been added as has a Secretary, and the VP of Finance is now designated the Treasurer
Article Thirteen, § 2	The Board may create additional positions on the Board as it deems necessary and desirable (See, Article Fifteen discussion below).
Article Thirteen, § 4	All International officers serve for a term of two years. All provisions relating to term limits have been eliminated as have any prerequisites for election other than that the member must be in good standing.
Article Thirteen, § 6	If there are no individuals available to serve at the time of Convention, the Board can fill the vacancy after the Convention but only until the next election at Convention.
Article Thirteen, § 7	If the Board creates additional new positions, the Board can immediately fill that position but only until the next election at Convention.
Article Thirteen, § 9	Any International Officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board and the language requiring the appointment of a committee has been deleted.
Article Thirteen, § 12	The individuals serving on the Executive Committee are the President, Vice President, Director of Membership, Director of Marketing, Director of Fundraising, Director of Communication, Secretary, Treasurer, and Judge Advocate
Deleted	The Article in the previous Bylaws describing the position of Executive Director has been deleted in its entirety. In addition, references to the Executive Director were deleted throughout.
Article Fourteen	This Article is new and specifically outlines the duties and responsibilities of the mandatory officers. The duties of the optional officers are set forth in Article Fifteen.
Article Fourteen, § 2	The Vice President is now simply another position on the Board with specific responsibilities. The Vice President does <u>not</u> automatically assume the office of President as in the prior Bylaws.
Article Fourteen, § 4	The duties of the Director of Marketing have been more narrowly defined with the split in that prior office.
Article Fourteen, § 5	The duties of the Director of Fundraising have been more narrowly defined with the split in that prior office.
Article Fourteen, § 6	The duties of the Director of Communication have been added with the creation of this position.



Article and Section	Description
Article Fourteen, § 7	The duties of the Secretary have been added with the creation of this position
Article Fifteen	This Article is new and specifically outlines the duties and responsibilities of the optional officers.
Article Fifteen, § 6	Additional optional offices in addition to those listed in the Article may be created at the discretion of the Board.
Article Sixteen, § 1	This Article was revised to more clearly explain the variation in dues for Canadian members.
Article Sixteen, § 11 and § 12	The provision relating to the creation of an annual budget has been revised to delete any reference to the Executive Director and split into two Sections.
Article Seventeen	This was previously Article XIV with minor revisions
Article Eighteen	This was previously Article XV.
Article Eighteen, § 1 and § 2	These provisions have been revised and added to all delegates to vote at Convention electronically.
Article Eighteen, § 9	The Secretary shall serve as secretary of the Convention.
Deleted	The Article allowing for the creation of a Foundation was deleted as moot.
Article Nineteen	This Article was added to specifically require that the books and records of the organization be maintained and are subject to review.
Article Twenty, § 1	This Section was added to allow the organization to maintain investments as the Board shall see fit.
Article Twenty, § 2	The previous provision referencing an audit has been amended to allow for a review of the books and accounts of the organization.
Article Twenty-One	This Article was added to specifically prohibit any sharing of corporate earnings by any individual.
Article Twenty-Two	This Article was added to provide that members of the Board and officers are indemnified against any liability except in extraordinary cases.
Article Twenty-Four	This Article was added to provide that the Amended and Restated Bylaws specifically prohibit any sharing of corporate earnings by any individual.
All	Deleted the word "Inc." when referring to Cosmopolitan International throughout the Bylaws.
All	Instances of "he/she" and "his/her" have been changed to "their" to avoid multiple references to he/she and "his/her" throughout the Bylaws.



DAVE DAUGHTERS
Rapid City Cosmopolitan Club







FINAL STATS

24-55	7-20	3-PT FIELD GOALS	19-43	4-17
66	45	19-43	4-17	4-17
32	27	19-43	4-17	4-17
13	1	19-43	4-17	4-17

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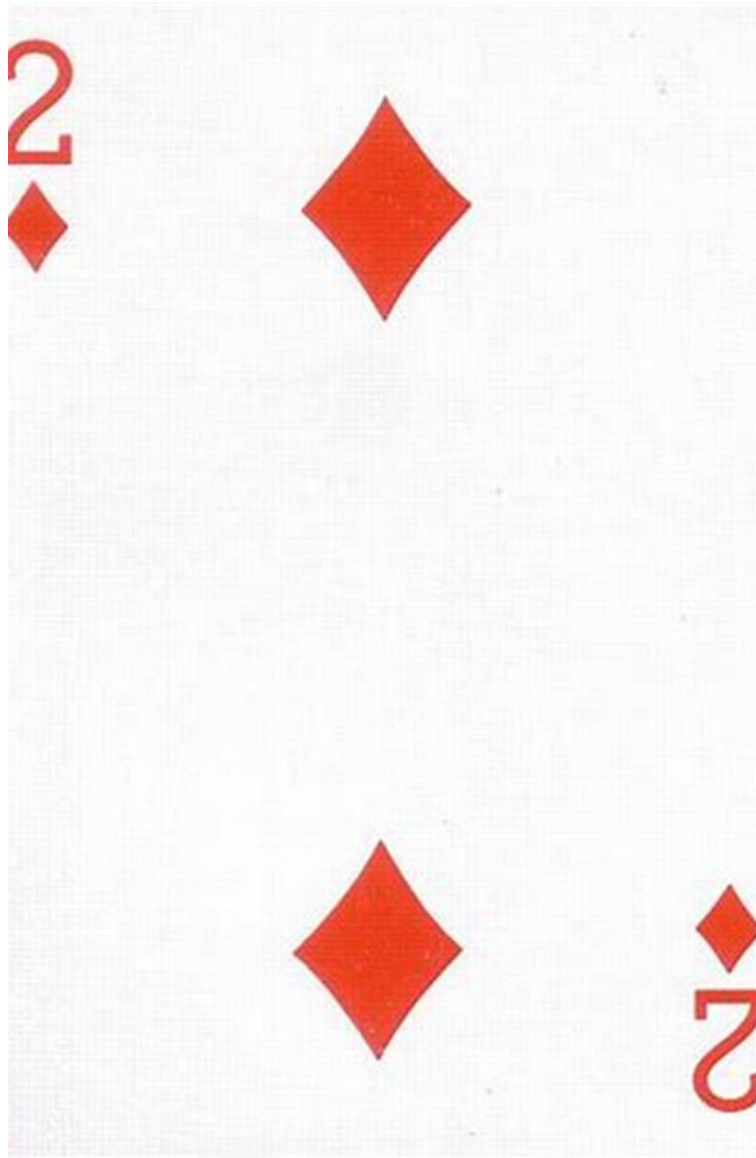
Marcie Sanders was the Lucky Mrs. X person. She gave the \$5.00 back to the Club.





Rhonda Reuwsaat was the Lucky 50-50 Raffle winner. She won \$10.00 and gave \$2.00 back gave to the Club.





Kelly Whiting was the Lucky Duce of Diamonds winner. He drew the Ace of Hearts. There were 16 cards left and it was worth \$305.00..

Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings

July 24-27, 2025. International Convention Kansas City, Mo.

July 28, 2025. No Meeting because of International Convention

August 1, 2025. Cosmo Membership and Awards Night at Thirsty's (6:00 PM)

August 4, 2025. No Meeting. Week of Sturgis Bike Rally

Member Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daughters, Deb	July 2
Keck, Jr., Jim	July 17
Locke, Clay	July 17
Preston, Jim	July 27
Trautman, Nancy	July 28



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Preston, Jim	29 years	Jul. 15 1996



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sign up for the event
or if you need to
cancel.

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- **Kelly Whiting**
- **Rapid City, South Dakota**



Rapid City
Cosmopolitan
Club Secretary

- Rhonda Reuwsatt
- Rapid City, South Dakota



Rapid City
Cosmopolitan Club
Treasurer

- Jim Keck Jr.
- Rapid City, South Dakota



***Rapid City Cosmopolitan
Club Sergeant Of Arms***

- ***Kathy Miller***
 - ***Rapid City, South Dakota***
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CFC Board Member

CFC Board Member

John Duffield

Rapid City, South Dakota



CDF Board Member

CDF Board Member

BOB White

Rapid City, South Dakota



Cosmopolitan Yearly Board Members

1 Year Board Member

Club Board Member

Richard Edelen

1 Year Board Member

Club Board Member

2 Year Board Member

Club Board Member

Lenny Wright

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Dave Daughters

3 Year Board Member

Club Board Member

Susan Dittman

3 Year Board Member

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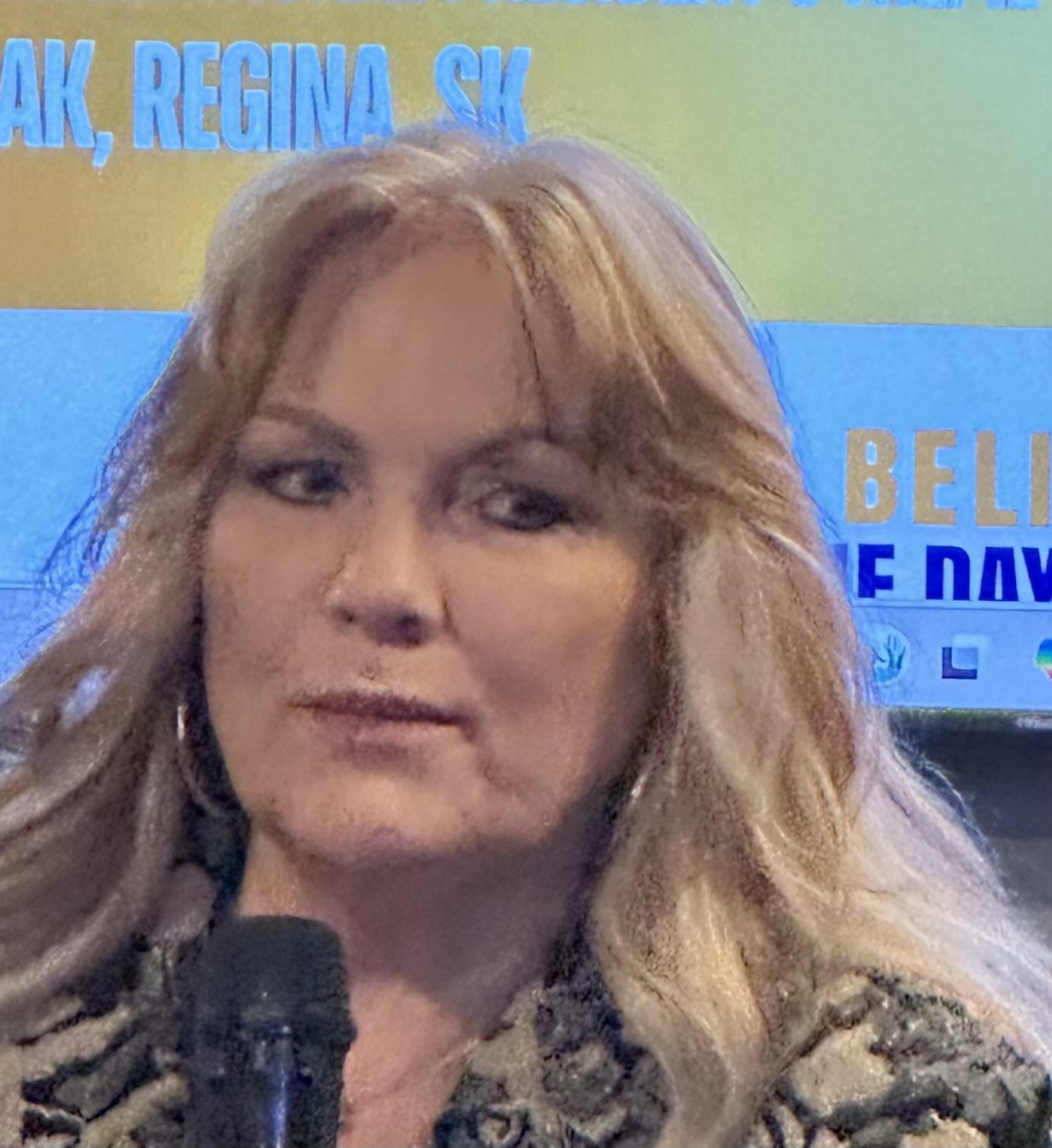
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The background of the slide is a photograph of the Sioux Falls State Capitol building at dusk. The building is a grand, classical-style structure with a prominent central dome and a portico with columns. The sky is a deep blue, and the building's lights are on, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, there are trees and a street with a few cars.

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Cosmopolitan International Executive Director



- *In today's dynamic landscape, where competition is fierce, organizations are constantly seeking innovative ways to retain their members. Now more than ever, the key to longevity lies not only in acquiring new members but also in fostering a deep sense of engagement and belonging within existing ones. Enter the World of Winners (WOW), a realm where membership transcends mere transactions, offering an immersive experience that captivates and retains.*

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COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL –
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