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Director Nominating Meetings to be Held

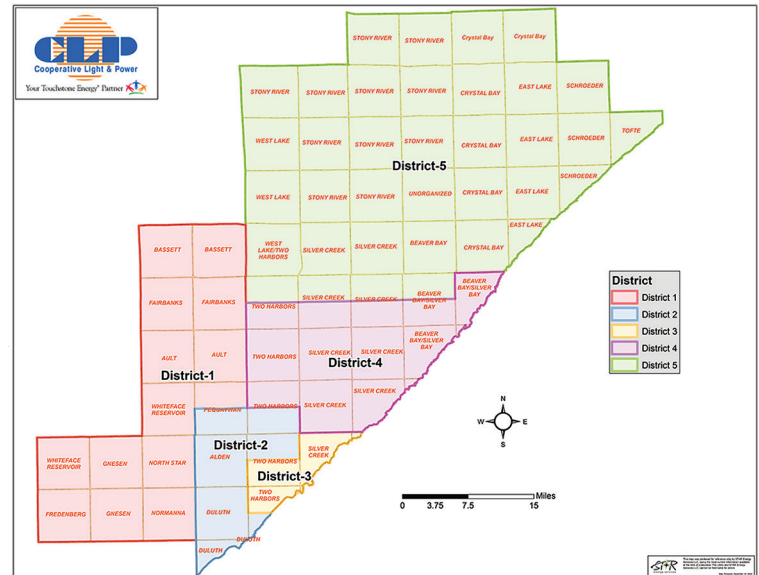
As an electric cooperative, Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is guided by an elected Board of Directors representing its members' best interests when making important business decisions. Being a member of CLP's board is an incredibly important position in our community. A director's decisions will impact issues such as rates, right-of-way, annual budget, and work plans. This position holds great responsibility and requires individuals who understand their community's needs and serve the cooperative members' best interests.

The CLP Board of Directors consists of 5 directors, with one director representing each of CLP's five districts. Each director is elected for a three-year term with no term limit. The board will elect a director to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Each director shall be a member of this Association and shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting of the membership. This year's Annual Meeting will be held on April 17, 2024, at the Two Harbors High School.

Incumbent Director Kyle Weideman has arranged for the Nominating Meeting for District #3 to be held:
February 26, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
Cooperative Light & Power Office
(1554 Highway 2, Two Harbors)

Incumbent Director Steve Josephson has arranged for the Nominating Meeting for District #4 to be held:
February 27, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
Beaver Bay Community Center
(711 MacDonald Ave, Beaver Bay)

CLP District Map



If you are interested in being nominated or would like more information on becoming a director, please attend your District Nomination Meeting or contact CEO Joel Janorschke at 320-292-4036 (mobile), 218-834-2226/800-580-5881 (office) or by email at jjanorschke@clpower.com. If you are unable to participate in a nominating meeting and wish to run for a director position, you can still be nominated from the floor at the CLP Annual Meeting; however, you need to notify the CEO of CLP at least fifteen days prior to the CLP Annual Meeting to be eligible.

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What district are you in?

CLP recently redrew the district boundaries. As a result, your director, voting district, or eligibility to run for directorship may have changed. Member account number six hundred twenty thousand four hundred twenty two. Districts 3 & 4 are up for election at this upcoming Annual Meeting. See the CLP District Map or your voting district can be found on your CLP statement each month.

Member account number six hundred three thousand eight hundred seventy two.

More information on director powers, qualifications, tenure, nominations, and elections, can be found on our website at www.clpower.com.


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Account Number	123456
Member	JOHN DOE
Statement Date	04/07/2022
Due Date	04/25/2022

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YOUR BILL IS \$203.00	
Customer Name:	
Previous Balance	223.00
Payment(s) - Thank you	-223.00
Electric Charges	213.00
Other Charges	-10.00
Amount Due	203.00
Voting District	3



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Cooperative Light & Power will be giving out a total of \$6,000 in scholarships to students within our service territory. Award amount is \$1,000, and will be awarded to two students enrolled in the Two Harbors High School and the William Kelley High School, and two students enrolled in a high school out of the area.

Scholarship guidelines and applications can be found on our website at www.clpower.com or from your guidance counselors at Two Harbors High School or William Kelley High School.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COULD YOU USE \$1,000 FOR COLLEGE?



Minnesota State Electric Inspector for
Lake County and Southern St. Louis County:
Justin Barfuss @ (218) 220-0825

Anytime a homeowner or electric contractor installs wiring or performs other electrical work, Minnesota law requires an electrical inspector to inspect the work properly. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. For more information, visit dli.mn.gov and go to the Electrical home page.

Who knew a penny
could have such a HUGE impact?

Co-op Light & Power's
Community Trust is now accepting
Operation Round Up
Grant Applications until February 14.

Operation Round Up® provides grants to local not-for-profit organizations and community projects such as food shelves, volunteer fire departments and rural ambulance services. Co-op members voluntarily participate by "rounding up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar.

The change is placed in a trust, which is then donated to local organizations, making real change in your community.

YOUR ORGANIZATION COULD BE NEXT

Visit www.clpower.com to download a grant application, or call CLP's offices at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

You will be amazed at what a
penny can do!

Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166 or 811
it's the law!

Call 800.252.1166 to locate underground wires. You must call at least 48-hours in advance before any excavations (this notice does not include weekends, holidays or emergencies).

CLP will only locate the underground wires that are owned by CLP, we do not locate or take responsibility for locating wires beyond the meter location.



PowerLines

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Winter Business Hours:
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Youth Tour 2024

Apply for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Open to high school sophomores and juniors! This year's tour takes place June 18-23, 2024.

Each year, rural electric cooperatives from across the nation sponsor students for a prestigious leadership experience in Washington, D.C. CLP is looking for an area high school student to represent our cooperative for an all-expense paid opportunity to learn how the government works and what the cooperative business model is about. Member account number six hundred two thousand five hundred ninety five. Students will visit Congressional offices, tour monuments and museums, gain leadership skills, and enjoy special social events. Applicants must be a child or dependent of a current CLP member. Applicants must be sophomores or juniors in high school. Students will be chaperoned, with flight and travel arrangements made by our

statewide association, Minnesota Rural Electric Association. Member account number seven hundred thirty four thousand eight hundred seventy.

Past tour highlights have included: Arlington Cemetery, Holocaust Memorial Museum, John F. Kennedy Center, U.S. Capital, Potomac River, Smithsonian Institution, 911 Pentagon Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Mount Vernon, Martin Luther King Memorial, Korean War Veteran's Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Museum of Natural History, Jefferson Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, National Museum of Air and Space, Washington Monument, Legislator Visits, Cooperative Learning Sessions, Social Events, and more!

Applications can be found on our website, <https://clpower.com/youth-tour>, or by emailing office@clpower.com.

Medical Emergency Power

According to Minnesota Statute 216B.098, Subd. 5, a utility shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requiring electricity necessary to sustain life is in use, provided that the utility receives written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue services will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household. Certification of the necessity for service is required. Certification may be provided by: (1) a licensed medical doctor; (2) a licensed physician assistant; (3) an advanced practice registered nurse; or (4) a registered nurse. Unless specific criteria are met, a certification may not extend beyond six months from the date of written certification. For any questions or to submit certification of a medical emergency, please contact CLP at 834-2226.

Chocolate Raspberry Candy

From the Kitchen of: Diane MacFarlane

1 Bar Ghiradelli 60% bittersweet chocolate
Chopped pecans
Fresh raspberries

Break apart and melt 1 bar Ghiradelli 60% cacao bittersweet chocolate in microwave in 30 second increments and watch carefully and do not overheat. Stir until smooth-add chopped pecans. Drop by small spoonfuls onto cookie sheet lined with wax or parchment paper. Set a fresh raspberry in the center of each one. Chill until firm. Store in fridge in covered container-single layers. Makes 20-24, depending on the size.

Submit your favorite recipe! If your recipe is printed in an issue of "Powerlines" you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.



Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on November 29, 2023, with the participation of all directors, CEO Janorschke, five staff members, one member owner, two guests, Jeff Borling from GRE, and CLP's Attorney.

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Motions were made and seconded to approve the modified agenda, the modified October minutes, Special Meeting Minutes, consent agenda, and the August financials. Motions passed.

Discussion was held on a proposed hotel development in Two Harbors. The developers are requesting a grant loan from CLP through USDA Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program.

Member Geoff Tolley spoke to the Board regarding Hybrids and EV's.

Business Manager Olson updated the Board on the IVM and grant updates.

Member Services/HR Manager Hogen-son introduced the new Member Service Representative Brandi Berquist, and she discussed the Rural Electric Youth Tour. A motion was made and seconded to send one student to the 2024 Youth Tour.

Energy Service Manager Jones informed the Board that the EV charger for public use at CLP will be replaced.

Operation Manager Bentler was not in attendance. The Board had no concerns for his written report.

CEO Janorschke provided reports and updates from MREA, legislation, and other matters of interest.

President Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Board meeting he attended.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution on Capital Credit Retirements. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the GRE Resolution R23-11-7 Certificate of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Restated Bylaws. Roll call vote. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 Budget. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Corporate Debt Limit Resolution. Roll call vote. Motion passed.

The Board agreed to amend the Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws in 2025.

The Board selected dates in May for Strategic Planning in 2024.

The Annual Meeting date is set for April 17, 2024. Discussion on how to format the meeting should take place regarding questions and answers.

The Board asked for data to be reviewed on Board meetings and Zoom. CEO Janorschke along with the Board believe that Zoom is good transparency.

Next Board meeting date is December 27, 2023. Adjournment was called at 3:32 p.m.

Dates to Know...

- Feb 14:** Operation Round-Up Grant Applications Due
- Feb 15:** Cookies in CLP Lobby
- Feb 16:** Youth Tour Applications Due
- Feb 19:** President's Day
CLP CLOSED
- Feb 26:** CLP Bills Due
- Feb 26:** Dist. #3 Nominating Mtg
- Feb 27:** Dist. #4 Nominating Mtg
- Feb 28:** CLP Board Meeting

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:
<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:
Call CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

BEFORE calling, please check your meter. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

SPOT YOUR NUMBER:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.

Credits claimed for December:

Randy & Peggy Baumgartner

Credits not claimed: Lloyd Sande, Scott Hull, & Dustin Bartlet

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

December Donations: \$1,603.10

Year-to-date Donations: \$20,044.30

Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at www.clpower.com.

Cooperative Light & Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Nov-23</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 10,090,193	\$ 12,581,452	\$ 13,181,663	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 6,051,361	\$ 7,155,481	\$ 6,688,913	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 3,563,026	\$ 5,197,402	\$ 5,878,666	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 9,614,387	\$ 12,352,883	\$ 12,567,579	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 475,806	\$ 228,569	\$ 614,084	
Interest Income	\$ 67,984	\$ 37,331	\$ 110,637	
Other Margins	\$ 3,000	\$ 35,402	\$ (54,193)	
Capital Credits	\$ 32,423	\$ 30,840	\$ 29,859	
Total Margins	\$ 579,213	\$ 332,142	\$ 700,387	
kWh Purchased	92,504,438	99,909,318	92,301,748	
kWh Sold	87,276,200	95,065,663	88,075,743	
Line Loss	5.65%	4.85%	4.58%	
Members Billed	5,968	6,437	6,470	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,036	1,063	996	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 122.93	\$ 145.10	\$ 153.28	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1187	\$ 0.1365	\$ 0.1539	
Interest Expense	\$ 407,800	\$ 322,555	\$ 347,683	