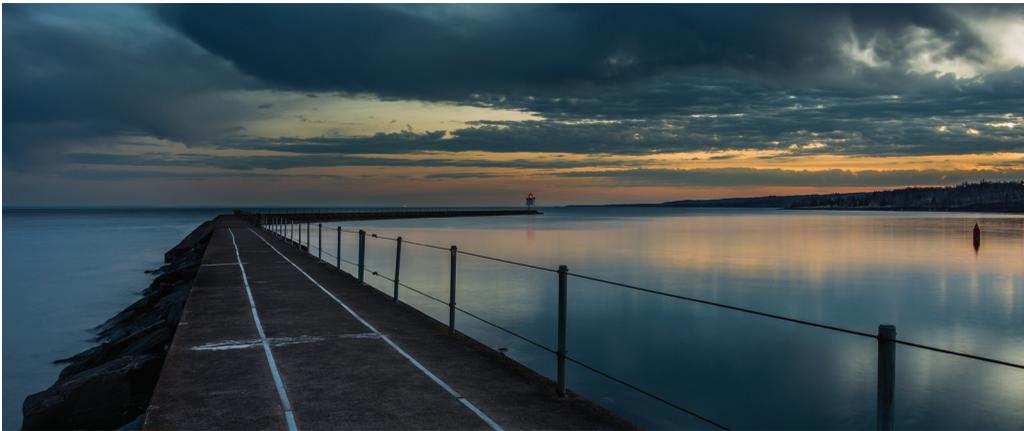


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CLP's 81st Annual Meeting Review

We would like to thank everyone that came out to the 2018 CLP Annual Meeting. We had 193 registered members in attendance, and the Lion's Club prepared and served 323 Sloppy Joe suppers. Entertainment was provided by the Two Harbors Ukulele Group. Community Partners organized a health fair that had many area businesses dedicated to helping our community's seniors.

Our youngest members were able to register for a chance to win one of four youth bicycles. Below is one of our happy winners. They also had the op-



portunity to play in the pool or watch a movie while the business meeting was in session. District 4 Board Member, Alis Stevens, was re-elected by acclamation. In District 3, Gregory Lien was elected to the Board of Directors.

Operation Round Up Board Member, Judy Martell, distributed almost \$18,000 in grant funds to local nonprofit organizations and civic groups.

CLP had two guest speakers on hand at this year's annual meeting. Ellen Anderson, Director of the University of Minnesota's Energy Transition Lab; and, Jim Horan, Director of Government Affairs and General Counsel for the Minnesota Rural Electric Association.

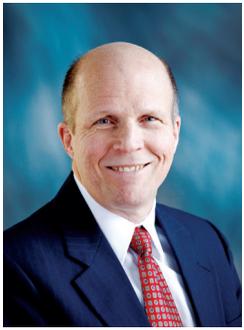
Ellen focused her discussion on energy production and consumer consumption, and the inefficiencies that exist in the generation and distribution process. She emphasized how large capacity storage could aid in the integration of renewable energy on to the utility grid, and lessen the need for expensive peaking plants.

Jim focused his discussion on energy

legislation. He discussed the importance of the passage of the Local Democracy legislation, and touched on potential changes in the upcoming legislative session. Of course, so much is in flux, it is too early to predict what will happen.

At the end of their discussions, they held a joint Q&A, fielding questions from the audience.

CLP Annual Meeting Prize Winners:
Electric Grill - Shirley Arntsen
Crock Pot Express - Ronald Morrison
Electric Credit \$75 - Sally Walstad
Mr. Coffee - Frank Jenkins
Electric Credit \$50 - Diane Mozol
Electric Credit \$50 Roland Mammenga
Lounge Chair - Dawn Aune
Knife Sharpener - Roy Hanson
Panini Maker - Kevin Ruberg
Cast Iron Skillet - Rod Saline
Electric Credit \$25 - Gordon Klein
CLP Goodie Bag - Wayne Bentler
Electric Credit \$25 - Allan Brandt
CLP Goodie Bag - David Olson
Past Give Aways - Mark LeBlanc
Past Give Aways - Valerie Johnson



Watts News

Your Vote Matters

Steve Wattnem, General Manager/CEO

Dear Member:

Democratic Member Control. Co-operatives are democratic organizations that are controlled by their members. It is what sets co-ops apart from other businesses. The members, who are actually owners, actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Member account number six hundred fifteen thousand seven hundred eighteen. This participation all begins with a vote.

You, as members of District 3, made an important decision on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, when you elected Greg Lien as your new District 3 Director. This change takes place after you consistently re-elected Jim Anderson to 9 consecutive terms to the Co-op Light & Power Board. You also re-elected Alis Stevens as your District 4 Director. Your electric co-op is run under the premise of one member-one vote; and, you elect your District Director to represent your interests. Your elected district representative, in turn, is accountable to the membership to make decisions that uphold these interests. You see, we all have very important roles to play in this place

we call a co-op.

Voting in local elections is also critical, because they are the roots of state and national elections. In 2016, rural America played a big part in our national elections; in fact, 500,000 MORE rural voters cast their ballots than in 2012. Men and women, like you, in small towns and communities across our country went to the polls to ensure their voices were heard, and elected officials took notice. But elections matter EVERY year, not just in presidential years.

In 2018, Co-op Light & Power is urging you to join with 42 million members of electric cooperatives around the country, and remind our elected officials that rural issues matter. Electric co-ops provide coverage for 88 percent of our nation's counties. They are a foundation in their communities and their members can make a difference in lending their voices to issues like rural infrastructure and broadband, and maintaining access to affordable, reliable electricity.

When we go to the polls with the cooperative principle of "Concern for Community" in mind, we instantly im-

prove our political system. It's a system designed to produce a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." People like you and me. Member account number six hundred five thousand two hundred ninety two.

Co-op Light & Power has joined America's electric cooperatives in continuing the Co-ops Vote campaign to help get out the vote and insert issues important to co-ops and our communities into the public discussion. This effort will ensure that our voices are heard loud and clear every day, and especially on the next Election Day.

To help, make sure you are registered to vote right now. Then, encourage your friends and family to register too. Visit the Co-ops Vote web site, WWW.VOTE.COOP, to get information on how to register and to learn more about your elected officials. You can also learn more about the issues that matter in our communities. You will join with 42 million members across the nation, to ensure that electric co-ops are a powerful voice on national issues that have a local impact.

Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166

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.



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Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Review CLP's Connect/Disconnect/Reconnect Policies

The following contains important information regarding CLP Board Policy II-12, Connection/Service Charge. Please read this information carefully so you understand your rights as a Cooperative Light & Power member.

A \$15 Service Connection Charge is required for any one or combination of the following: connection of new service, change of account from one renter to another, transfer of account to a new buyer/owner, but excluding spousal transfers.

An electric account disconnected for non-payment may not be reconnected until the delinquent account and associated charges have been paid or satisfactory arrangements for payment have been made with the CLP's Credit Manager. Member account number six hundred twenty thousand seven hundred two.

A \$50 Collection Call Charge and a \$50 Service Reconnection Charge is required of an existing service that was disconnected due to non-payment. If

a service is reconnected after hours, a minimum of a \$250 additional Overtime Charge will be applied. Member account number six hundred eighteen thousand three hundred sixty.

All trips to the member premises under this policy shall be scheduled to occur during regular business hours, unless otherwise stated. For further information on CLP Board Policies, please contact CLP's General Manager, Steve Wattnem at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.



No ducts...no worries!

Cool and heat your home with a ductless air source heat pump AND for a limited time – get enhanced rebates! CONTACT COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER TO LEARN MORE

Heating Source	Regular Rebate	Promo Rebate
Delivered fuels	\$300	\$450
Electric heat	\$500	\$750

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.

ENERGY WISE MN

Thank you to everyone that stopped by our booth at the Arrowhead Home and Builder Show April 4 - 8, 2018



We are happy to announce that

**Judy Gmach
and
Kimberly Keuning**

each won a \$50 credit on their electric bill just for stopping by!

Elsie's Easy Rhubarb Dessert *From the Kitchen of: Elsie Larson*

4 cups cut-up rhubarb yellow cake mix (mix 1 cup heavy whipping
1 cup sugar as directed on the box) cream (un-whipped)

Toss cut-up rhubarb with sugar until coated and set aside. Grease the bottom of a 9 x 13 cake pan. Mix yellow cake mix as directed on the package. Pour cake batter into pan and sprinkle the sugar-coated rhubarb evenly over the cake batter. Pour heavy whipping cream (unwhipped) over all. Bake in preheated oven at 350° for about 40 minutes, until golden brown. I like to invert the pieces with the rhubarb up to serve with a dollop of Redi-whip, Cool Whip, or ice cream. I also freeze cut-up rhubarb in 4 cup portions in quart sized ziplock bags to enable me to make this recipe year round. Enjoy!

Co-op Connections Corner

Featured Business:

Anderson's Greenhouse

1403 7th Ave

Two Harbors, MN 55616

218-834-4837

Offer Details: Get 12 carnations for \$15 (\$20 value) when you show your Co-op Connections Card. May not be used with any other offer or coupon.

To find participating businesses, please visit www.connections.coop for full details! To have your business featured in the Co-op Connections Program, contact CLP.

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 22, 2018. All directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Operation Round Up Grants as presented after consideration and discussion. Motion carried.

System Attorney, Jeff Dobberpuhl, was on hand via telephone to discuss the remaining issues regarding By-Laws. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes that were presented and indicated that these By-Laws, with the changes, should be mailed to the Membership in the appropriate time. Motion carried.

Mike Pederson from Esterbrooks,

the auditing firm that CLP uses, was on hand to discuss the most recent audit for the year 2017.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2017 audit as presented and printed. Motion carried.

Several board members attended a Deep Dive session on Local Democracy and received good information on how to handle disputes in the future regarding Distributed Generation. A new form, entitled Distributed Generation Dispute Form, will become part of the Distributed Generation Interconnection packet.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for at 3:50 p.m. with a motion and a second. Motion carried.

Minnesota State Electric Inspector 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

(Mon. thru Fri.) Lake County and parts of St. Louis County:

Richard Rue 218-834-9966

Anytime a homeowner or an electrical contractor installs wiring or performs other electrical work, Minnesota law requires an electrical inspector to perform a proper inspection of the work. 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.

Year-to-date Financials

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 1,646,765	\$ 2,325,222	\$ 2,578,016
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 1,186,052	\$ 1,543,735	\$ 1,707,411
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 554,209	\$ 720,861	\$ 882,480
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 1,740,261	\$ 2,264,596	\$ 2,589,891
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ (93,496)	\$ 60,626	\$ (11,875)
Interest Income	\$ 16,941	\$ 11,847	\$ 27,277
Other Margins	\$ 83,891	\$ (45,703)	\$ (110,324)
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Margins	\$ 7,336	\$ 26,770	\$ (94,922)
kWh Purchased	10,769,227	21,831,542	24,384,324
kWh Sold	11,225,122	21,019,402	23,547,711
Line Loss	N/A	3.72%	3.43%
Members Billed	5,797	6,075	6,133
Average kWh Used, Resident	1,614	1,473	1,672
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 129.58	\$ 157.38	\$ 174.25
Average Cost/kWh, Resident	\$ 0.0803	\$ 0.1068	\$ 0.1042
Interest Expense	\$ 73,680	\$ 58,465	\$ 72,471

Dates to Know...

- May 7:** CLP moves to summer hours:
M-Th 7:00 am - 4:30 pm
Fri 7:00 am - 11:00 am
- May 15:** Cookies and coffee in CLP's lobby
- May 17:** CLP Board Meeting
- May 25:** CLP bills due
- May 28:** Memorial Day
CLP offices CLOSED

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

DID YOU KNOW...

...if you have electric heat and have not been paying sales tax for the winter months (November-April), please remember the sales tax will be added on this month.

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:

Call CLP at 834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

BEFORE calling, please check your breakers. 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 March: Jeff Grosskurth

Credits not claimed: John Cornell, Daniel & Babette Larson, and Kathryn & David Hubbartt

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

March Donations: \$1,666.59

Year-to-date Donations: \$4,937.22

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 800.580.5+881, or visit our website at www.clpower.com.