

2024 Annual Report





Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Two Harbors High School, 1640 Highway 2, Two Harbors, MN

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- Registration is open for the CLP Annual Meeting
- Pancake breakfast served by the Two Harbors Lions Club

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

- Entertainment by the Two Harbors Ukulele Band (THUGS)
- Bingo in the auditorium
- Electric Safety Presentations

10:00 a.m.

Open gym for the kids

Business meeting begins:

- Call to Order: Scott Veitenheimer, President
- National Anthem
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Notice of Meeting: Jessica Willemarck, Secretary
- Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
- District #2 and #5 Board Nominee Introductions & Election
- Operation Round-Up: Jim Graham, Community Trust Board
- Guest Speakers:
 - Ava Oswald-Swenson, 2024 Youth Tour Delegate
 - Guest Speakers: Zac Ruzycki, Great River Energy
- Financial Report: Scott Veitenheimer, President
- CEO's Report: Joel Janorschke, CEO
- Responses to Member Questions
- Election Results
- Old Business
- New Business
- Business Meeting Adjournment

Please bring this report to the Annual Meeting. It contains information that will be used during the meeting, and the barcode on the back will expedite the registration process.

Refer to the back cover for more details.



Message from your CEO, Joel Janorschke

Dear Members,

As we approach our 88th annual meeting, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and look ahead with optimism and determination. CLP is proud to be a member-owned electric utility provider serving Lake and St. Louis counties. With immense pride and gratitude, I share our journey over the past year. I am continually inspired by the dedication and hard work of our employees, who strive to serve you, our valued members. It is a privilege to lead such an exceptional organization as your CEO.

The year 2024 presented us with various challenges, yet it has also been a time of resilience and growth within the ever-evolving energy sector. As your cooperative, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the Seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members' Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training, and Information; Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and Concern for Community. These principles have been our guiding light as we navigate the complexities of our industry.

Together, as each part of our organization fulfills its integral role, we have the power to shape a brighter tomorrow and sustain CLP's success. We reaffirm our commitment to these values by adopting a strategic plan focused on Safety, Member Communication & Action, Financial Stability, Human Resources, Balance Reliability, Cost, Equity & Renewables, and Harding Against Threats. We invite you to join us as we pursue these shared goals. We extend our gratitude for your essential role in our journey.

We have also continued our long-standing commitment to giving back to the communities we serve. Our efforts to support local initiatives and foster community engagement remain a cornerstone of our mission.

As we come together for our annual meeting, I'm eager to share more about our achievements and the exciting opportunities that await us. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in Cooperative Light & Power.

Sincerely,



Joel Janorschke
CEO

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Your CLP Board of Directors



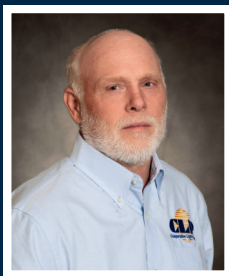
District #1
JESSICA WILLEMARCK
SECRETARY



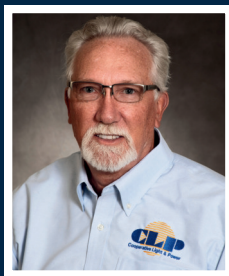
District #2
SCOTT VEITENHEIMER
PRESIDENT



District #3
KYLE WEIDEMAN
TREASURER

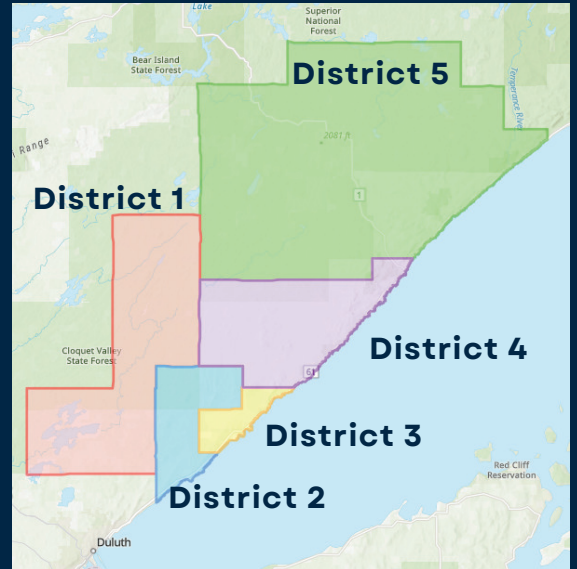


District #4
STEVE JOSEPHSON
DIRECTOR



District #5
ROGER PETERSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

District Map



CLP Consultants

Attorney: Pemberton Law, PLLP
 Engineers: Star Energy Services, LLC
 Auditors: Esterbrooks Certified Public Accountants, LTD

Your CLP Employees



Back row (left to right): Chris Nyberg, Rick Heath, Jeff Toland, Chase Peterson, Kevin Olson, Blake Prince, Brian Bentler, Adam Riggle, & Evan Sandretsky. *Middle row:* Carey Hogenson, Shannon Haveri, Joel Janorschke, Vince Udenberg, Ken Jones, & Tim Horgan. *Front row:* Shannon Klinker, Alexi Warnecke, Kadie Higgs, Brandi Berquist, & Kristin Bark.

2025 CLP Director Candidates



SCOTT VEITENHEIMER
Incumbent

District #2 Nominee

I am your current CLP Board President Scott Veitenheimer. I grew up in Ottertail County, south of Fergus Falls, MN. Since my parents were members of Lake Region Electrical Co-op and Park Region Telephone Cooperative, I have been part of a co-op family for most of my life. After graduating from Fergus Falls High School and Fergus Falls Junior College, I received my B.S. in Geological Engineering from the University of Idaho. After graduating, I worked for the MN DNR, Minerals Division in Hibbing, RREM Consulting Engineers of Duluth, and Lake County Highway Department.

My wife and I have been members of CLP since moving to Two Harbors with our two daughters in 1992. We ran a strawberry farm on our property for several years.

I was first elected to the CLP Board in 2016 and am the longest-serving director on the current Board, serving as Board Chair since June 2021. I have also represented CLP on the Great River Energy Board of Directors since September 2020. I have worked hard keeping up with the drastic and rapid changes in the electrical industry. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve another term and use what I have learned to help CLP face today's and tomorrow's challenges.



JUSTIN OSADJAN

District #2 Nominee

I have been a member of CLP since moving to Duluth Township almost nine years ago, and in that time I have become active in our community, serving on the Duluth Township Planning and Zoning Commission, coordinating the Clover Valley Farm Fest, and founding the Clover Valley Farm Trail. A small business owner, I operate Lucky Dog Farm, a you-pick berry and produce farm at the north end of Duluth Township, and in that capacity I have been a regular vendor at both the Two Harbors Farms Market and the Julebyen Christmas market in Knife River. Many residents of the larger North Shore community know me as the part-time attendant at Waggin' Tails Dog Boarding Kennel on the App Road where I work each Sunday. My vision as rep for district two is to work with CLP management and member-owners to reduce energy costs, to solicit and be receptive to the input of member-owners in the district, and to ensure that CLP delivers the lowest possible electricity rates by making cost effective choices and eliminating wasteful spending.



ROGER PETERSON
Incumbent

District #5 Nominee

Hello, my name is Roger Peterson, and I have been the director of District 5 for four years now and I am up for re-election this year. I am 67 years old, married for 47 years to Tammie, and have two children and two grandchildren, all of whom live in the Finland area where I was born and raised. After working in the mining industry for 37 years and eight years working for the MN DNR, I retired 5 years ago. Now I work full time at my construction business, keeping busy building things. I was involved in many organizations throughout my time living in Finland, including the Finland Area Recreation Committee, Finland Fire & Rescue, Finland 1st Responders, and the Crystal Bay Township Board. I have had the opportunity over the last four years to grow my knowledge of the electric cooperative business. I, along with three of my co-directors, recently completed the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Program, which really improved my understanding of Understanding the electric business, Financial decision making and Strategic Planning.

I would appreciate your support so I can continue to serve as Director of District 5 in the future.

2024 CLP Annual Meeting Minutes

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Meeting of The Cooperative Light & Power Association of Lake County was held at the Two Harbors High School, Two Harbors, Minnesota, on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024. Scott Veitenheimer, President of the Association, called the meeting to order.

President Veitenheimer announced to the membership that it must be determined if there is a quorum. Attorney Chad Felstul announced that 263 members registered, 130 of whom were from District 1. This meets the requirement of 50 for a quorum. President Veitenheimer called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the National Anthem was sung.

President Veitenheimer announced that in response to last year's annual meeting survey results indicating CLP limit the length of time of the Annual Meeting, The CLP Board changed the question-and-answer portion of the Annual Meeting. Questions would now be submitted prior to the meeting. This allows CLP to consolidate, research, and answer the questions at the Annual Meeting. Depending on the volume of questions or length of discussion, all questions may not be answered at the Annual Meeting. Questions and answers from the Annual Meeting and questions not addressed will be published in future "Powerlines" newsletter. At the end of the business and reorganization meetings and the prize drawing, the CEO, legal counsel, and the Board would be available in the auditorium for further questions.

President Veitenheimer announced that Chad Felstul, CLP's attorney, will act as parliamentarian of the meeting, introduced the CLP Board of Directors, the Community Trust Board member, Jim Graham, CLP's

2023 Youth Tour Representatives Aili Gishia and Alex Stone, Davey's Resource Group Foresters Matt Millette and Cody Jackson, and Chad Felstul of Pemberton Law, CLP's attorney. President Veitenheimer called upon Secretary Josephson to read the Notice of the Meeting and Proof of Publication.

President Veitenheimer declared that in as much as each member had an opportunity to register and his or her membership was verified, a motion was made and seconded to dispense with the roll call. Motion carried.

President Veitenheimer announced that the last Annual Meeting was held on April 19, 2023, and the minutes for this meeting were in the annual report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

President Veitenheimer stated that the bylaws provide that nominations for directors be made at district meetings or may be made from the floor at the annual meeting if notice of the Members' intention to run was received at the Office of the Cooperative Light & Power at least 15 days prior. The three-year term of the director expires at this meeting in District #3 and District #4.

Nominations and voting for directors were announced. President Veitenheimer stated that Kyle Weideman and Geoff Tolley were nominated at the District #3 nomination meeting on February 26th, 2024. He asked for a second to each nomination. There was a second for both. Both members were invited to address the membership.

Kyle thanked everyone for the great turnout and past support. He went over several things that the Board accomplished during his past three

years for CLP's continued success, including transitioning three CEO's, IVM and listening to members to take the more aggressive approach to the ROW clearing, redistricting to correct the imbalance of membership in each district, rate study to make sure all members are responsible for the share of cost of service, reviewing and updating bylaws and updating policies, and funding and grants for infrastructure projects. He believes in safe, affordable, and reliable power. He would like to see a transition to renewable energy if safety, affordability, and reliability are part of the transition. He also would like membership privacy, and not sharing membership information with the public. Transparency is very important, and meetings are open to members in person or via Zoom. He will continue to do his best if elected.

Geoff shared a story about his aunt, who was diagnosed with ALS and was able to stay at home. Eventually, she needed a ventilator 24/7 but with a battery back-up. For most of us, a power company is just a minor to a major inconvenience, but to some families, it's a literal measure of life or death. Reliability of electricity production begins with planning which resources to build, when, and where for the least cost. The Grid operator requires our wholesaler, GRE, to demonstrate that it has enough generation resources to fulfill the varying demands to replace them over the course of each year. He talked about David Ranallo from GRE, who showed plans for future wind farms, solar farms, and storage at the last Annual Meeting. Resource supplier was modified and approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in a hearing last month. Geoff was appalled by this decision and stated that this affects us, and more than half of our money goes out the

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door to GRE. Geoff has spoken to our CEO Joel Janorschke regarding our linemen's safety, an additional 10% tax credit on solar or battery storage, and has attended Board meetings monthly for the past 2 ½ years. He stated that he cares deeply about the co-op and asks for member votes.

President Veitenheimer asks Secretary Josephson if there was a quorum of 50 or more from District 3. Secretary Josephson states that there were 130 registered voters from District 3. There was a quorum; only District 3 members will vote.

District #4 nominating meeting was held on February 27, 2024. Steve Josephson was the sole nomination. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to elect Steve Josephson by acclamation. Motion carried. Steve Josephson has been elected for a 3-year term representing District #4.

Steve thanked the members for his second term and appreciated all the support. He announced that the Board does its best for all members, not just those in their districts.

President Veitenheimer introduced Community Trust Board Member Jim Graham to present checks for Spring 2024 grant recipients. The grant total was \$19,050 last year.

President Veitenheimer introduced CLP's 2023 Washington Youth Delegates Aili Gishia and Alex Stone. They shared a presentation of their trip with all the experiences and thanked the members for the amazing opportunity.

President Veitenheimer invited Davey Resource Group Representatives to the stage to give a presentation and discussion on Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM). Cody Jackson

works exclusively with CLP as a Consulting Utility Forester to implement IVM in the CLP territory, and Matt Millette is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, ISA Utility Specialist, and the Upper Midwest Account Manager who oversees field operations in eight state territories. Davey Resource Group's Values are Safety, Integrity, Expertise, Leadership, Stewardship, and Perseverance. IVM uses the right tools for the right places with the proper Vegetation Management Process. Contractors will do and finish the work, and Davey will go back to ensure it is done correctly.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Motion carried.

CEO Joel Janorschke gave his manager's report. He gave a summary of 2023 that covered several topics, including the Rate Adjustment, Time of Use, IIJA/USDA New ERA, IVM, Redistricting, Bylaw Changes for 2025, and Introduction of New Employees. He thanked the employees for their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the team. Their efforts impacted CLP's success. He congratulated the CLP team on being selected to receive the Minnesota Governor's Workplace Safety Award. Our commitment to preventing workplace injuries has earned CLP the Diamond Achievement Award. He extended his gratitude to the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication through the challenges and opportunities faced this past year that have led CLP to continued growth and success. He thanked the member-owners for their support and dedication to the cooperative and said he would like to continue to work together.

President Veitenheimer called upon CEO Joel Janorschke for the response to the submitted member question from member Pam Johnson from

District 3. She wanted to know if CLP has any plans to offer energy audits for members. CEO Joel Janorschke replied that we are in the process of hiring an Energy Services/Master Electrician, and once that position is filled, we will review the process to become certified as an energy auditor. It is our intention to provide this service to our member-owners.

Attorney Chad Felstul thanked tellers Chelsey Magnuson, Harriet Moen, and David Gilsvik. He announced the election results. Kyle Weideman received 94 votes, and Geoff Tolley received 36 votes. There were no disqualified ballots. Kyle Weideman has been elected for a 3-year term to represent District 3. President Veitenheimer invited Kyle Weideman to make a statement. Kyle thanked the membership for their support and for coming out to vote.

President Veitenheimer stated there was one item under old business. Redistricting. The district boundaries have been redrawn. The variance between the districts is now within 5% as of January 1, 2024, and redistricting is complete.

President Veitenheimer asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, he moved on to adjournment.

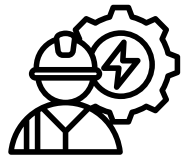
President Veitenheimer thanked the CLP staff and employees for organizing the event and business meeting, the Lions Club for providing the meal, the Two Harbors Ukelele Group for the entertainment, and the THHS softball team for helping in the gym. He reminded the members to complete the survey.

President Veitenheimer asked for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Eighty-Seventh Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

2024 Year in Review

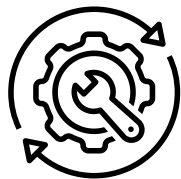


5,901 - average # of residential members
581 - average # of commercial members
8 - average # of large power members
95,919,118 kilowatt hours sold
549 miles of overhead line
497 miles of underground line



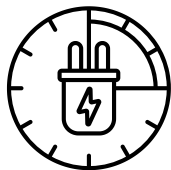
CONSTRUCTION

67 new services installed
100 revamp services completed
4,151 feet of new overhead installed
67,430 feet of new underground installed



MAINTENANCE

1,495 poles tested - .94% fail rate
36 Dusk-Dawn lights maintained
122 tree clearing services orders completed
Approximately 28 miles of right-of-way cleared
Approximately 40 miles of right-of-way sprayed
A total of 960 service orders were completed
585 underground boxes inspected



ENERGY MANAGEMENT

1,503 load management systems
14,268.3 kW total load controlled
\$66,977 paid in energy rebates for efficiency upgrades, an estimated 906,327 kWh in energy savings

Mission:

CLP delivers safe, reliable, affordable energy to our members while enhancing the vitality of our community.

CLP Vision:

We aspire to be the force that empowers opportunities for the benefit of our members and community.



19 EMPLOYEES
43,801 - Total hours worked



6.23 members per mile of line



RENEWABLES

20 kW community solar garden
21,171 kWh estimated energy produced
6 member owned wind turbines
99 member-owned solar arrays

2024 Power Outage Report



Trees
55%



Equipment
14%



Unknown
12%



Animals
8%



Preplanned
5%



Weather
3%



Other
3%

CLP strives to provide its members with safe, reliable electric service; however, events do occur that are out of our control. Trees continue to be the leading cause of unplanned interruptions to our member-owners.

CLP spends considerable time and energy managing trees along the right-of-way each year. This work is necessary to help reduce tree-related outages and the dangerous conditions that can exist when a tree falls into a power line.



Comparative Income & Expenses

December 31, 2024 & 2023

End of Year Balance Sheet Assets



- 60% ● Net Utility Plant
- 26% ● Other investments
- 14% ● Current Assets Deferred Charges

Liabilities & Margins

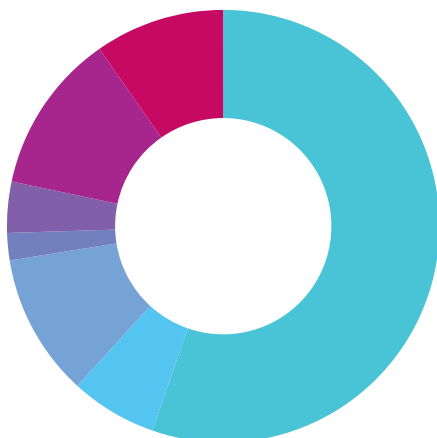


- 45% ● Long Term Debt
- 43% ● Equites & Margins
- 12% ● Current Liabilities & Deferred Credits

OPERATING REVENUES	2024	2023
	\$ 14,899,473	\$ 14,144,918
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchased Power	\$ 7,981,959	\$ 7,393,932
Distribution - Operation	\$ 934,419	\$ 788,105
Distribution - Maintenance	\$ 1,540,360	\$ 1,333,147
Customer Accounts	\$ 293,755	\$ 355,943
Customer Service & Sales	\$ 551,333	\$ 456,142
Administrative and General	\$ 1,727,998	\$ 1,685,823
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 1,400,831	\$ 1,387,212
Other Deductions	\$ -	\$ -
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 14,430,655	\$ 13,400,304
OPERATING MARGINS (before fixed charges)		
	\$ 468,818	\$ 744,614
INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT		
	\$ 380,724	\$ 376,280
INTEREST ON OTHER DEBT		
	\$ 2,961	\$ 2,562
OPERATING MARGINS (after fixed charges)		
	\$ 85,133	\$ 365,772
GENERATION & TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE CAPITAL CREDITS		
	\$ 237,021	\$ 453,955
OTHER CAPITAL CREDITS		
	\$ 41,707	\$ 29,859
Total	\$ 278,728	\$ 483,814
NET OPERATING MARGINS		
	\$ 363,861	\$ 849,586
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
	\$ 63,353	\$ 65,408
NET MARGINS		
	\$ 427,214	\$ 914,994

*Based on audited financial statements that will not be approved by the Board until after printing date.

Where Your Dollars Go



- 55.3% ● Purchased Power
- 12% ● Administrative and General
- 10.7% ● Maintenance
- 9.7% ● Depreciation and Amortization
- 6.5% ● Operation
- 3.8% ● Customer Service & Sales
- 2% ● Customer Accounts

Comparative Balance Sheet

December 31, 2024 & 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Electric Plant	\$ 42,552,416	\$ 40,770,451
Under Construction	\$ 1,236,379	\$ 754,391
Total Electric Plant	\$ 43,788,795	\$ 41,524,842
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 21,931,256	\$ 21,107,095
Net Electric Plant	\$ 21,857,539	\$ 20,417,747
OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS:		
Investments in Associated Organizations	\$ 8,071,558	\$ 7,567,147
Revolving Loan Fund - Rural Economic Development	\$ 110,339	\$ 120,170
Cash In Revolving Loan Fund - Restricted	\$ 154,843	\$ 141,811
Operating lease right-of-us assets, net	\$ 1,289,853	\$ 1,442,351
Total Investments	\$ 9,626,593	\$ 9,271,479
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,221,833	\$ 1,486,404
Accounts Receivable - Energy	\$ 1,762,089	\$ 1,607,765
Accounts Receivable - Other	\$ 280,170	\$ 112,318
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,216,450	\$ 1,209,412
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	\$ 284,244	\$ 266,474
Current Maturities - Contract Receivable	\$ 9,831	\$ 9,564
Total Current Assets	\$ 4,774,617	\$ 4,691,937
DEFERRED DEBITS	<u>\$ 295,872</u>	<u>\$ 374,308</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 36,554,621</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,755,471</u></u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Memberships	\$ -	\$ -
Patronage Capital	\$ 14,283,726	\$ 14,317,804
Other Equities	\$ 1,506,923	\$ 1,496,516
Total Members' Equity	\$ 15,790,649	\$ 15,814,320
LONG TERM DEBT		
RUS Mortgage Notes	\$ 12,897,691	\$ 11,692,309
NRUCFC & Co-Bank Mortgage Notes	\$ 3,129,026	\$ 3,100,757
Other	\$ 133,044	\$ 133,044
Total	\$ 16,159,761	\$ 14,926,110
Less - Advance payments unapplied	\$ -	\$ 369,729
Less - Current Maturities	\$ 845,213	\$ 748,394
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 15,314,548	\$ 13,807,987
OTHER NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Obligations Under Operating Leases - Noncurrent	\$ 1,133,045	\$ 1,289,853
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 845,213	\$ 748,394
Obligations Under Operating Leases - Current	\$ 156,808	\$ 152,499
Accounts Payable - Purchased Power	\$ 1,536,980	\$ 1,348,532
Accounts Payable - Other	\$ 161,662	\$ 127,547
Customer Deposits	\$ 56,274	\$ 54,594
Taxes Accrued	\$ 201,598	\$ 193,701
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 766,825	\$ 727,894
	\$ 3,725,360	\$ 3,353,161
DEFERRED CREDITS	<u>\$ 591,019</u>	<u>\$ 490,150</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 36,554,621</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,755,471</u></u>

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Cooperative Light & Power of Lake County Community Trust Financial Report



The year 2024 was a successful year for Operation Round-Up®. A total of \$34,641.03 was granted to 24 different non-profit community organizations. That brings the total of grants awarded since the program began in 2004 to \$588,805.

Cooperative Light & Power of Lake County Community Trust, a board separate from the CLP Board of Directors, administers donated funds and determines grants. The five-person board is appointed for three-year terms and meets twice a year (March and September) to determine grants for applying organizations. The Internal Revenue Service has granted Cooperative Light & Power of Lake County Community Trust 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. This means your contributions to the Operation Round-Up® program are tax-deductible.

In 2024, 3,407 members participated in Operation Round-Up®, a little over 50% of CLP members. With an average of 50 cents per month or \$6 per year, participating CLP members are part of a large community-wide charitable program. Those pennies add up! Please get in touch with the CLP office if you are not currently part of the Operation Round-Up® program and would like to be.

Cooperative Light & Power
of Lake County
Community Trust Board of Directors

District #1 - Jim Graham, Director
District #2 - Michelle Gratton, Secretary
District #3 - Bobbie Larson, Treasurer
District #4 - Tim Anderson, President
District #5 - Lori Walewski, Vice-President

Operation Round Up Financial Report

Beginning Balance (12/31/2023)	9,334.26
RECEIPTS	
Member Contributions	19,379.69
Unclaimed Property	9,398.90
Contributions - GRE	3,465.00
Contributions - Misc.	351.42
Returned Funds *	2,000.00
Interest	46.02
Total Receipts	<u>34,641.03</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Admin. Expenses - Insurance	250.00
Director Mileage	160.80
Check printing	135.41
Total Expenditures	<u>(546.21)</u>
GRANTS AWARDED	
North Shore Collaborative	500.00
Lake View Hospital	500.00
St Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad	1,800.00
Friends of Tettagouche State Park	1,250.00
Finland MN Historical Society	2,000.00
Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity	2,500.00
Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge	1,000.00
Brimson Market	750.00
Tuesday Talents	500.00
Minnehaha Elementary PBIS	1,500.00
Voyageur Snowmobile Club	1,500.00
Two Harbors After Prom	1,000.00
Two Harbors Heritage Days	2,500.00
Clover Valley Farm Trail/RTC	750.00
Mariner Robotics	1,000.00
Friends of the TH Public Library	400.00
Aspirus Lake View	2,000.00
Two Harbors Area Food Shelf	2,500.00
Two Harbors Soccer Club	500.00
Community Partners	2,500.00
North Shore Area Partners	2,000.00
Organic Consumers Association	1,000.00
Lake Superior Community Theatre *	2,000.00
Clifton Volunteer Fire Department	1,100.00
Total Grants Awarded	<u>(33,050.00)</u>
Ending Balance (12/31/2024)	<u><u>10,379.08</u></u>

2024 Westholm Scholarship

Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) offers six \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors as part of our community involvement and outreach efforts. The scholarship is named after CLP's first Board President, Emil Westholm.

To qualify, a parent or guardian of the student must be a CLP member. Two scholarships are given to seniors in both the Two Harbors High School and the Silver Bay High School. The other two scholarships are given to students from schools outside the local school district.

We hope that by supporting local students, we're making a long-term investment in the communities we serve. Congratulations to our 2024 recipients!

Washington, D.C. Youth Tour

Ava Oswald-Swenson, a student at Two Harbors High School, had the honor of representing Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) as part of the Minnesota student delegation to Washington, D.C., for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's 2024 Youth Tour.

This prestigious event brought together students from electric cooperatives across the country, providing them with the opportunity to engage in interactive learning experiences, explore crucial issues surrounding rural electrification, and advocate for the future of their communities. As they immersed themselves in the rich history and



culture of the nation's capital, they gained a deeper understanding of the cooperative movement and the significance of leadership in local communities.



Biker Williams

Dustan Williams & Rachel Williams
Two Harbors High School



Isabelle Carey

Mark Carey & Carrie Dittmer-Carey
William Kelley High School



Natalie Pitrago

Aaron & Ericka Pitrago
Duluth East High School



Jocelyn Seagren

Scott & Jennifer Seagren
Two Harbors High School



Cade Fladmark

Jeff & Casey Fladmark
Duluth East High School



Tucker Cook

Mathew Cook & Jenny Bjerken
William Kelley High School

Great River Energy: Powering what's possible

Great River Energy is a wholesale electric cooperative owned by 26 member-owner cooperatives, including Cooperative Light & Power (CLP).

Great River Energy provides wholesale electric service to Minnesota electric cooperatives with an eye toward its triple bottom line of rates, reliability and environmental stewardship.

Great River Energy's wholesale electric rates stand approximately 20% below the weighted regional average cost of electricity. Its reliability scores remain strong, and the cooperative is testing leading-edge technologies to make the electric system even more robust and resilient.

Because of strategic, forward-thinking business decisions made over the last decade, Great River Energy has seen its greenhouse gases emissions fall and renewable energy resources grow, putting the cooperative in a strong position to achieve Minnesota's carbon-free standard by 2040.

A historic buildout of transmission infrastructure is underway in the Midwest, and Great River Energy is developing critical pathways and making strategic investments.

Great River Energy and Minnesota Power have made progress on the first project of the planned grid expansion. The Northland Reliability Project is a 180-mile, double-circuit 345-kilovolt transmission line extending from northern to central Minnesota.

The project will help maintain a reliable and resilient regional power grid as more renewable energy is brought online, existing power plants are retired, electrification continues to expand and more frequent extreme weather events occur.

Great River Energy will also be involved in three upcoming projects, including two 345-kilovolt transmission lines in northern Minnesota and a new 765-kilovolt transmission backbone that will start in South Dakota, traverse across southern Minnesota and into Wisconsin and Iowa.

Making strategic investments in these projects helps Great River Energy offset transmission costs for member-owner cooperatives.

Electricity is evolving

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission unanimously accepted Great River Energy's integrated resource plan, which outlines the cooperative's expectations for member

load growth and new generation resources.

Under the plan, Great River Energy anticipates procuring or constructing more than 1,200 megawatts of wind power, 200 megawatts of energy storage and 200 megawatts of solar power by 2037.

Great River Energy also owns and operates a fleet of natural gas-fueled power plants that can produce electricity in a matter of minutes, often being called upon when electricity demand is elevated or wind energy production is low.

Clean energy buildout earns federal funding

Great River Energy and a consortium of member-owner cooperatives were approved to receive \$812 million in federal grants for a portfolio of projects that will make the electric system cleaner and more reliable.

The projects funded through the New ERA program have the potential to result in:

- 1,000+ megawatts of renewable energy
- 1,500+ new jobs
- \$40 million in annual cost savings
- 5 million+ tons of carbon dioxide emissions reductions annually

Membership pays

Cooperatives are not-for-profit organizations that are owned by the members they serve with services provided at cost. They only collect enough revenue to run the business and meet financial obligations.

In 2024, Great River Energy's board of directors approved the payment of \$15 million to member-owners through its 2024 patronage capital return.

This is the sixth consecutive year that Great River Energy has issued a patronage capital return to its member-owners.

Learn more about Great River Energy by visiting greatriverenergy.com.



2025

Energy Rates & Rebates



Residential Rates & Special Programs

Water Heating*

Off-Peak 6.3 cents per kWh

Space Heating*

Off – Peak 6.3 cents per kWh

(see www.steffes.com/ets for more information)

Interruptible Due Fuel (IDF):

IDF 6.3 cents per kWh

**Note: Wood does not qualify as a form of backup heating for any of CLP's EnergyWise Special rate programs. IDF programs are subject to 400 hours of control per heating season (October 15 – April 15.) Your application for EnergyWise special rate programs must be filled out and on file at CLP before any special rate takes effect. Additionally, special program rates can change in conjunction with the fluctuating energy market.*

ChargeWise – Electric Vehicle Charging

Off-Peak: 6.3 cents per kWh

Charge your electric vehicle for 8 evening hours. Must be metered separately.

Heat pumps

Both air-source and ground-source heat pumps use either the dual fuel or general service rate, depending on if you install a back-up heating system. **Important note for all special program rate:** General service rates apply until back up fuel system is installed and operational. Contact your heating contractor for any equipment information.

General Service Rates

Service Availability Charge: \$52 per month

Energy Rate 13.74 cents per kWh

Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)

A PCA may be assessed on all general service kWhs. If a PCA is assessed, the amount will vary, and will be used to offset the rising costs of providing electric service.

Wellspring Wind and Solar Power

\$0.30-\$2.00 per 100-kWh block.

Grid Access Charge

\$0.00 for the first 3.5 kW AC of distributed generation connected to CLP's distribution system. \$3.88 per kW AC thereafter, with a maximum of \$21.81 per month.

Residential Rebates & Incentives

Certified HVAC Installed Central Air Conditioning:

\$50 for SEER 14.5, 15 and 16+

Certified HVAC Installed Air Source Heat Pump

(ASHP): See 2025 Residential Rebates and Deemed Savings Spreadsheet

Qualified Central Air Conditioner/ASHP Tune-Up: \$25

Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP): \$400 per ton.

Mini Split Ductless ASHP: See 2025 Residential Rebates and Deemed Savings Spreadsheet

Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) Water Heating:

\$400 for a controlled, high efficiency replacement of a non-controlled electric water heater, a controlled, high efficiency new construction electric water heater, or a conversion from 4-hour peak shave to ETS (must meet all requirements of the off-peak program.)

Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH): \$500 for a conversion from general service electric and for new construction.

Electronically Commutated Motor: \$50

REPLACEMENT EnergyStar Rated Refrigerator or

Freezer: \$75 for replacement or harvest with proof of recycling. CLP does not offer these rebates for new construction.

Dehumidifiers: \$25 for EnergyStar dehumidifier

EnergyStar Clothes Dryer: \$25

WiFi Thermostats: \$25

Replacement Dusk to Dawn LED Yard Light: \$30 per fixture.

LED Home Light: \$2 per bulb, not to exceed 50% of the purchase price. Limit 10 bulbs per year.

ENERGY WISE  MN

Important Notice: All rates are subject to change with little notice. Rebates are available while funds last. Please read your monthly "Powerlines" newsletter or visit www.clpower.com for details on special promotions.



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Notice of Annual Meeting of Members of Cooperative Light & Power Association of Lake County

The Annual Meeting of Members of the above Cooperative will be held at the Two Harbors High School, 1640 Highway 2, Two Harbors, Minnesota, at 10:00 am. on the 12th day of April 2025 to take action upon the following matters:

- Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Report of Officers, Directors & CEO
- Election of Districts #2 and # 5 Directors
- All other business which may come before the adjournment of the meeting.

What's on the Menu?

Two Harbors Lions Club will be serving a Pancake Breakfast including pancakes sausage, juice, coffee, and milk for our members to enjoy prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

Registration Gift!

Attend the Annual Meeting and receive an insulated tote & a voucher for a slice of pie at the Rustic Inn Café.

Door Prizes!

There will be many fabulous door prizes, including an electric cordless chainsaw.