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COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER ANNUAL MEETING

- ✓ Saturday, April 12, 2025
- ✓ Two Harbors High School
- ✓ 10:00 a.m.

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Join us for the CLP Annual Meeting

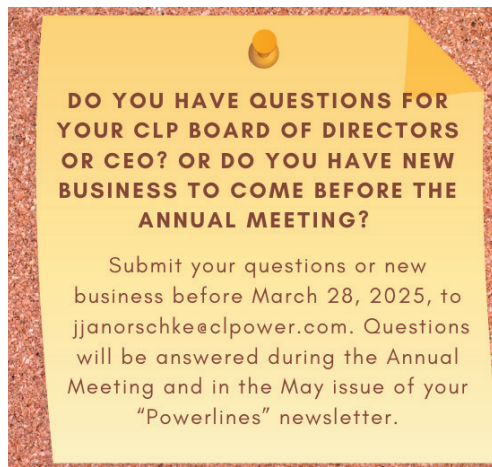
The 88th Annual Meeting of the Cooperative Light & Power Association of Lake County (CLP) will take place at Two Harbors High School on the morning of Saturday, April 12, 2025.

You and your family are invited to join the CLP staff and Board of Directors for a pancake breakfast, lively entertainment, and exciting prizes. Most importantly, take part in the democratic process that comes with being a cooperative member.

The Two Harbors Lions Club will provide a complimentary pancake breakfast. During breakfast, enjoy a performance by the Two Harbors Ukulele Group (THUGS). Before the business meeting, there will be bingo in the auditorium where you can win fantastic prizes.

Children can play in the gym with local school athletes. They can also learn about electric safety and enter to win a new bike!

The business meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what is happening in your cooperative. You can



participate in the democratic process, by voting in the director election. At the nomination meetings held in February, Scott Veitenheimer and Justin Osadjan were nominated for District #2, and Roger Peterson was nominated from District #5. Director bios can be found on our website at www.clpower.com, and will be published in the April issue of "Powerlines" and the CLP Annual Report. The meeting will also give you one last chance to vote for the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw amendments.

Do you have questions for CLP? Feel

free to contact us at anytime. If you have a question or concern that you would like us to address at the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to submit your questions and/or new business items to the CEO via email at jjanorschke@clpower.com at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. This will enable us to consolidate, research, and prepare answers for the meeting. Not all questions may be addressed during the meeting, depending on the number of inquiries received. All questions and their answers will be published in the May issue of "Powerlines," including any that were not addressed during the meeting. Additionally, at the end of the business and reorganization meeting, the CEO, Legal Counsel, and Board President will be available to answer any further questions.

After the business meeting, we will give away four youth-sized bikes and various exciting prizes for adults.

For more information about the CLP Annual Meeting, please refer to next month's issue of "Powerlines."



Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw Amendments - Please Vote

Joel Janorschke, CEO
As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is governed by a series

of documents, including the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, that were first established when the Cooperative was founded in 1936. These important documents provide a framework for governing and conducting business. As time passes, the energy industry changes, technology advances, and member needs and expectations expand. Therefore, it is important to periodically review and amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws to ensure they remain relevant and effective.

Over the past year, your CLP Board members, CLP staff, and CLP's attorney, along with member input, conducted a review of the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. After examining these documents line by line and comparing them to Cooperative business procedures, future needs, and industry advancements, they identified and proposed necessary changes. These proposed alterations were then reviewed and discussed with the full CLP Board of Directors. Member account number seven hundred thirty nine thousand seven hundred eighty four.

While the current Board has approved the proposed amendments, they cannot

be placed into effect without approval by a majority vote of the members who participate in the voting process. A copy of the proposed changes and your ballot were mailed to you at the end of February.

The CLP Board of Directors, representing your interests at the Cooperative, unanimously recommends the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. A summary and complete text of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws recommended by the Cooperative Light & Power Board of Directors can be found on our website at www.clpower.com. Member account number seven

hundred eight thousand four hundred seventy.

Before you cast your vote, we want to ensure you feel informed about the Bylaw amendments. Although most of the proposed changes involve updates to language and grammar to make the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws more understandable, the summaries in the footnotes of this document highlight the most significant amendments:

Removal of Outdated Language and Practices: Any language related to practices that have been discontinued over time by the Cooperative has been removed.

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

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.

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.

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Update the Cooperative Name: The Cooperative Light and Power Association of Lake County should be updated to “Cooperative Light & Power.” The Cooperative serves Members in Lake and parts of St. Louis Counties.

Annual Meeting: The new language would provide the directors with the option of having the meeting, whether in person, virtual, via teleconference, or through a different format.

Accounts for Modern Technology: Technology has drastically changed over time. Language related to how Board of Director meetings are held, member communication takes place, and/or member votes are cast has been updated to include the option of using electronic methods.

Voting: This would enable members to

cast their votes electronically on changes to the Articles and Bylaws. It would also allow members to vote for Directors through mail and electronic methods.

Districts: Added The Board of Directors shall conduct a survey or analysis every 6 years to determine whether the number of Members in a district has materially changed.

Director Nomination Process: Proposed changes simplify the process for a member to run for a position on the Board by eliminating a complicated nomination process and replacing it with a more efficient petition process. Qualified members running for the board would simply submit a petition signed by at least 15 members who have voting rights in the nominee’s district no less than 90 days before the election date using the form of petition prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Members can vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2025. To be eligible, mail-in votes must be received by Friday, April 11, 2025.

Please read through the footnotes of the document highlighting the changes. We are confident that these changes will result in more efficient operations at the Cooperative and better engagement of our members in the election process. Member account number six hundred five thousand nine hundred eighty one. We realize a great deal of information is presented here, so please don’t hesitate to contact me during business hours at (218) 834-7903 or by e-mail at jjanorschke@clpower.com if you have questions or comments regarding the proposed amendments.

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.

Notice to Co-generators:

In compliance with Minnesota Adopted Rules related to co-generation and Small Power Production, Chapter 7835, Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is required to interconnect with, and purchase electricity from, co-generators and small power producers that satisfy the conditions of a qualified facility.

CLP has available, and will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An application for interconnection is required for a qualifying facility to interconnect and operate in parallel with the cooperative’s distribution system and is subject to approval by the cooperative.

Any disputes over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. For more information, please contact CLP Energy Services Manager, Ken Jones at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

Cheesy Hash Brown & Ham Bake

From the Kitchen of: Vicki Johnson

- 1 bag frozen hash browns
- 1 can cream of cheddar soup
- 8 oz. sour cream
- grated cheddar cheese to taste
- diced ham

Mix together hash browns, soup, sour cream, and cheese. Place in to a 9x13 pan and sprinkle diced ham on top. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour.

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

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was called to order on December 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the CLP office. All directors, three staff members, the CLP attorney, and one member were present for the meeting.

The following actions were taken at the December 2024 Board Meeting:

- Approval of the modified Agenda
- Approval of the November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the Financial Report
- Approval of CRC 2025 voting delegate
- Approval of MREA voting delegate
- Approval of Capital Credits Resolution
- Approval of CLP Resolution: Revenue Deferral
- Approval of CLP Resolution: Approving Amendments to Articles and Bylaws
- Approval of GRE Resolution: Amendment to Appendix B of the PCC
- Approval of GRE Resolution: Approval of NextEra Energy Resources - Red Butte Wind Energy Purchase

The following reports were given:

- Finance Report
- Member Services/HR Report
 - CLP events
- Energy Services Report
 - Load Control
 - DG/Community Solar update
 - EV charger installation
- Operations Report
 - Forester update
 - Safety trainings
 - New underground services wrapped up for the year
- CEO Report
 - MREA update
 - NRECA update
 - Grant updates
 - Various meeting updates
 - MMG Meeting Report
- Directors Peterson, Weideman, Willemarck, and Josphson reported on the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) classes they attended.
- President Report
 - GRE Meeting

Closed Meeting to discuss confidential GRE resolutions, and future projects.
Adjournment was at 12:18 p.m. Member account number six hundred nine thousand three hundred twenty seven.

Year-to-date Financials

| | <u>Dec-24</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Operating Revenue | \$ 12,008,857 | \$ 14,144,918 | \$ 14,795,530 | |
| Cost of Purchased Power | \$ 7,512,956 | \$ 7,393,932 | \$ 7,981,959 | |
| Other Operating Expenses | \$ 4,310,021 | \$ 6,385,215 | \$ 6,691,565 | |
| Total Cost of Electric Service | \$ 11,822,977 | \$ 13,779,147 | \$ 14,673,524 | |
| Operating Margin (Loss) | \$ 185,879 | \$ 365,771 | \$ 122,006 | |
| Interest Income | \$ 105,941 | \$ 128,836 | \$ 78,178 | |
| Other Margins | \$ (9,879) | \$ (63,428) | \$ (14,825) | |
| Capital Credits | \$ 545,578 | \$ 483,813 | \$ 278,728 | |
| Total Margins | \$ 827,520 | \$ 914,992 | \$ 464,087 | |
| kWh Purchased | 111,140,127 | 102,363,498 | 100,250,996 | |
| kWh Sold | 104,822,594 | 97,590,477 | 95,919,118 | |
| Line Loss | 5.68% | 4.66% | 4.32% | |
| Members Billed | 6,014 | 6,470 | 6,515 | |
| Average kWh Used, Residential | 1,140 | 1,024 | 990 | |
| Average Bill, Residential | \$ 124.70 | \$ 156.36 | \$ 160.28 | |
| Average Cost/kWh, Residential | \$ 0.1094 | \$ 0.1527 | \$ 0.1619 | |
| Interest Expense | \$ 445,092 | \$ 378,842 | \$ 383,685 | |

Please note: December numbers are pre-audit and subject to change.

Dates to Know...

- Mar 9:** Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 15:** CLP @ St. Urho's Day Parade in Finland
- Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 25:** CLP Bills Due
- Mar 26:** CLP Board Meeting
- Apr 12:** CLP Annual 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 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 February:

Robert or Colleen Christianson & David Smith
Credits not claimed: **Gloria & Donald Byers & Nicole Marr**

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

January Donations: \$ 1,559.03

Year-to-date Donations: \$ 1,559.03

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.

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