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## Kilowatts and Brats District Meetings are back!

After a brief hiatus thanks to Covid, we are happy to announce that Kilowatts and Brats District Meetings are back! We invite you to join the CLP staff for an informal evening of food, fellowship, and discussion. As the name would imply, we will be serving bratwurst with a side of shop talk. By attending the Kilowatts and Brats event, you have the opportunity to speak with your CLP team and meet your new CEO Joel Janorschke! Events like these are what make being a co-op member-owner so great. They give you the opportunity to have your voice heard and help determine the direction CLP is heading. Member number six hundred forty one thousand six hundred ninety four.

We have many exciting topics to cover during the meetings. Presently the five districts that make up CLP are unbalanced. We will be looking for your guidance on whether or not CLP should redistrict. We will be going over proposed changes to CLP's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, discuss Right-of-Way clearing and CLP's Integrated Vegetation

Management Plan, as well as discuss the upcoming rate increase.

Good food and good discussion; you don't want to miss out! We ask that you please RSVP at least five days prior to the Kilowatts and Brats District Meetings and attend the meeting in the district that you reside in. Member number six hundred sixty seven thousand seven hundred thirty six. Space and time are limited for the meetings, and we want to make

sure all members have the opportunity to have their voices heard. You may RSVP by calling the CLP office at (218) 834-2226/(800)580-5881 or emailing [office@clpower.com](mailto:office@clpower.com).

We can't have an event without giving something away! All members who attend a Kilowatts and Brats event will have their name in a drawing to win a \$100 electric credit! See you there.

## 2023 Kilowatts & Brats District Meetings

# SAVE the DATE!

RSVP for the meetings by calling the CLP office (218) 834-2226/(800) 580-5881 or email [office@clpower.com](mailto:office@clpower.com)

**May 22, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
Districts #2 & #3  
Co-op Light & Power Garage  
1554 Highway 2, Two Harbors

**May 30, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
Districts #4 & #5  
Clair Nelson Community Center  
6866 Cramer Road, Finland

**May 31, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
District #1  
Duluth Town Hall  
6092 Homestead Road, Duluth



## Annual Meeting Recap

Joel Janorschke, CEO

Wow, what a turnout for the 86th Cooperative Light & Power Annual Meeting! Over 400

bingo games, and kid's entertainment prior to the start of the meeting.

During the business meeting, members heard from Great River Energy's (GRE's) David Ranallo on the happenings at GRE. Operation Round-up

members, spouses, and guests gathered at the Two Harbors High School on the evening of April 19th, with 240 members registered at the meeting. I hear this was a near-record turnout! I am overjoyed to see so many people appreciating the benefit of being a co-op member.



CLP Members Enjoying Dinner Before the Annual Meeting

Members began the evening with a sloppy joe dinner, entertainment by the Two Harbors Ukulele Band (THUGS),

Spring Grant Recipients were announced. I spoke on the financial pressures CLP is under and the upcoming rate increase and announced the return



CLP Board President Scott Veitenheimer

of the Kilowatts and Brats District Meetings. Our members asked many great questions that CLP Board President Scott Veitenheimer answered. Jessica Larsen was elected over challenger Gene Wolfe as the new District #1 Director.

At the organizational meetings which followed, Scott Veitenheimer was re-elected President of the Board; Roger Peterson was chosen as Vice-President, Kyle Weideman as Treasurer, and Steve Josephson as Secretary.

After reviewing the surveys and talking to several members regarding the meeting length, I want to let you know that we hear you and respect your time. Moving forward, we will make every effort to keep the length of the meeting shorter.

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](http://dli.mn.gov) and go to the Electrical home page.

## 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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## Review CLP's Connect/Disconnect/Reconnect Policies

The following contains important information regarding Cooperative Light & Power's (CLP's) Board Policy II-12 Connection Service Charge. Member account number six hundred forty nine thousand six hundred fourteen. We publish this policy to help you better understand your rights as a CLP 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 an 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 in full or satisfactory payment arrangements have been made with the CLP Billing Depart-

ment.

A \$50 Collection Call Charge and a \$50 Service Reconnection Charge are required for an existing service that was disconnected due to non-payment. A minimum of \$250 additional Over-time Charge will be applied if service is requested to be reconnected after CLP business hours.

All trips to the member premises under this policy shall be scheduled to occur during regular business hours unless otherwise stated. Member account number six hundred thirteen thousand twenty one. For further information or questions regarding CLP Board Policies, please contact CLP's CEO Joel Janorschke at (218) 834-2226/(800) 580-5881 or by emailing [jjanorschke@clpower.com](mailto:jjanorschke@clpower.com).



### Baked Chop Suey

*From the Kitchen of: Vicki Johnson*

- |                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1½ lbs. hamburger | 1 can bean sprouts (drained & rinsed) |
| 1 can tomato soup | 1 bunch celery (chopped)              |
| 1 onion (chopped) | 1 can mushrooms (drained)             |
| 1 soup can water  | 4-6 Tbsp soy sauce                    |

Brown hamburger and onion. Add celery. Transfer to casserole dish, add all ingredients and mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve over rice or noodles.

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

The location of your thermostat can impact your HVAC system's ability to maintain an ideal indoor temperature. For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary. Avoid installing thermostats in rooms that tend to feel warmer or colder than the rest of the home. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block air flow and result in inaccurate readings.



## Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was on February 23, 2023, with the participation of all directors, CEO Janorschke, five staff members, four member-owners and CLP's System Attorney.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the agenda as modified, the consent agenda, and the financials. Motions passed.

Davey's Resource Group (DRG) joined the meeting to discuss a system assessment summary that he and his team completed.

A member addressed the Board with two topics to discuss, carbon free by 2040 and time-of-use rate option. A second member addressed the Board to see if it was possible to attend the Annual Meeting by means of Zoom.

Marketing Manager Hogenson discussed the following: Washington D.C. Youth Tour applicants, Energy Design Conference (EDC), District #1 Nominating Meeting, and the CLP Annual Meeting.

CEO Janorschke announced that a lineman was leaving and there will be an opening posted for this position.

Operating Manager Bentler reported on a ROW meeting he attended.

Business Manager Olson addressed the Board with updates of three grants he has been working on, the bylaw redline document, and Zito.

CEO Janorschke spoke on the Class Cost-of-Service Study (CCOSS) and the possibility of hiring a Journeyman Electrician.

CEO Janorschke and Director Veitenheimer reported on GRE's February Board and MMG meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Director Veitenheimer as CLP's representative on the GRE Board, and Kyle Weideman as the alternate. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Janorschke as CLP's CRC Voting Delegate. Motion passed.

Director Veitenheimer and CEO Janorschke updated the Board on the MREA Annual Meeting.

After much discussion Director Schmieder requested a roll call vote to approve the January minutes as amended. Minutes were approved as amended.

Next Board meeting date is March 22, 2023. Adjournment was at 3:05 p.m.

**To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:**

<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>

### Dates to Know...

**May 1:** CLP Summer Hours Begin

**May 14:** Mother's Day

**May 15:** Cookies in CLP Lobby

**May 24:** CLP Board Meeting

**May 25:** CLP Bills Due

**May 29:** Memorial Day, CLP CLOSED

*NOTE: CLP dates are subject to change*

### CLP Mission:

*CLP delivers safe, reliable, affordable energy and services 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*

### 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:** Tyrell Lounsberry & Becky Lent **Credits not claimed:** Jonathan & Sara Wilmschurst, Ronald Lathrop, and Matt or Kristy Peterson

### OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

March Donations: \$1,771.13

Year-to-date Donations: \$5,300.93

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](http://www.clpower.com).

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## Year-to-date Financials

|                                | <u>Feb-23</u> | <u>2013</u>  | <u>2022</u>  | <u>2023</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Operating Revenue              | \$ 2,100,088  | \$ 2,885,078 | \$ 2,829,398 |             |
| Cost of Purchased Power        | \$ 1,429,990  | \$ 1,766,115 | \$ 1,568,900 |             |
| Other Operating Expenses       | \$ 617,338    | \$ 955,462   | \$ 1,037,835 |             |
| Total Cost of Electric Service | \$ 2,047,328  | \$ 2,721,577 | \$ 2,606,735 |             |
| Operating Margin (Loss)        | \$ 52,760     | \$ 163,501   | \$ 222,663   |             |
| Interest Income                | \$ 9,993      | \$ 3,673     | \$ 10,298    |             |
| Other Margins                  | \$ (20,305)   | \$ (29,105)  | \$ (1,416)   |             |
| Capital Credits                | \$ -          | \$ -         | \$ -         |             |
| Total Margins                  | \$ 42,448     | \$ 138,069   | \$ 231,545   |             |
| kWh Purchased                  | 21,057,651    | 26,075,425   | 22,906,285   |             |
| kWh Sold                       | 19,983,540    | 24,858,161   | 21,895,065   |             |
| Line Loss                      | 5.10%         | 4.67%        | 4.41%        |             |
| Members Billed                 | 5,923         | 6,370        | 6,435        |             |
| Average kWh Used, Residential  | 1,605         | 1,797        | 1,524        |             |
| Average Bill, Residential      | \$ 155.70     | \$ 199.11    | \$ 190.96    |             |
| Average Cost/kWh, Residential  | \$ 0.0970     | \$ 0.1108    | \$ 0.1253    |             |
| Interest Expense               | \$ 66,404     | \$ 59,211    | \$ 60,543    |             |