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2024 CLP Annual Meeting Recap

CLP members gathered at Two Harbors High School on Wednesday evening, April 17, 2024, for the annual membership meeting. A record-breaking 263 members attended the meeting.

The evening began with a delicious sloppy joe dinner served by the Two Harbors Lions Club, entertainment by the Two Harbors Ukulele Band, and bingo games played in the auditorium. The Two Harbors High School Girls Softball Team entertained the kids with open gym activities during the meeting.

The meeting began with the American Legion Post 109 Honor Guard presenting the colors, and Caroline Selvog sang the national anthem.

An election was held for District #3 and District #4 Directors. Incumbent District #3 Director Kyle Weideman won the election with 94 votes over candidate Geoff Tolley, who had 36 votes. Incumbent District #4 Director Steve Josephson ran unopposed.

Operation Round-Up Board Member, Jim Graham, handed out checks totaling

\$19,050 to the Spring Operation Round-Up grant recipients.

The 2023 Washington Youth Tour Delegates Aili Gishia and Alex Stone shared their photos and experiences of the trip.

A presentation by Davey Resource Group, CLP's contracted Utility Vegetation Management Consultant, highlighted CLP's integrated vegetation management (IVM) approach.

CEO Janorschke reported on CLP's 2023

rate adjustment, the new Time of Use rate, IVM, re-districting, and pending by-law changes in 2025. He gave an update on the IJA and USDA New Era grant applications, and introduced CLP's newest employees, Evan Sandretsky and Brandi Berquist.



2023 Youth Tour Delegates
Aili Gishia & Alex Stone

One question was submitted for member questions. The question was from Pam Johnson of District 3. She asked, "Do you have any plans to offer energy audits for members?" CEO Janorschke answered the question, stating that CLP is in the process of hiring an Energy Services/Master Electrician. Once that position is filled, CLP will review the process to be certified as an Energy Auditor, and CLP intends to provide that service to our members in the future.

Door prize drawings were held at the conclusion of the meeting.

CLP Annual Meeting Prize Winners

1. PIT BOSS ELECTRIC SMOKER - Roy & Joette Hanson
2. \$100 ELECTRIC CREDIT - Jean & Keith Larson
3. \$100 ELECTRIC CREDIT - Karsten & Ellen Hogenson
4. \$100 ELECTRIC CREDIT - Thomas & Sandra Geier
5. CLP COOLER - Bernie Young
6. \$50 HOLIDAY GAS CARD - Robert & Diana McDonough
7. \$50 4-SEASONS GIFT CERTIFICATE - Tanner Paulseth
8. CLP CAMPING CHAIR - Joan Gelineau
9. \$50 ISLAND LAKE GIFT CERTIFICATE - Madelyn Tarter
10. \$50 RUSTIC INN - Kryste & Derek Vante
11. \$50 ANDERSON'S GREENHOUSE - Rick & Linda Heath
12. BETTY'S BLUEBERRY PIE - Patricia Berger
13. BETTY'S APPLE PIE - Dorothy Galinski



Joel Janorschke, CEO

Updating CLP's Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws

Joel Janorschke, CEO

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation to those who attended CLP's annual meeting on April 17th. Your presence and input were truly appreciated.

As discussed at the meeting, the CLP Board of Directors, staff, and I are currently in the process of updating our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Our aim is to ensure that these documents accurately reflect our organization's values and mission and that they align with our current practices and goals. To achieve this, we will be carefully reviewing and

revising these documents, section by section. We believe that this approach will allow us to be more thorough and thoughtful as we consider how best to serve our members and the community.

Throughout this process, we will be seeking your input on selected areas of the document. We will be sharing updates and requesting your feedback through our monthly newsletter, "PowerLines." Member account number seven hundred fifty four thousand four hundred sixty three. We encourage all members to participate in this process and share their thoughts and opinions with us. Your feedback is crucial to this process, and we value your input. We believe that together, we can create a more transpar-



ent and inclusive organization that better serves the needs of our members.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. I am always available to discuss any issues you may have. Thank you again for your continued support and participation in shaping the future of our organization.

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Keep Your Contact Information Up to Date

Does CLP have your most recent contact information? You may not always think of letting CLP know when your phone number or address changes. Maybe you think it is not that big a deal since you are on autopay and your payment is still going through, but there are many reasons why it is important to have your current contact information up to date with CLP. For instance, outdated information can lead to delays in outage notifications or even the inability to track outages correctly.

First, CLP links your service address to the phone number you are calling from. When members call after hours or during large outages, the calls are routed to our after-hours support. It is much easier to follow the phone prompts when the system recognizes the service address for which you are reporting an outage. The Outage Texting feature is another time the cell phone number on your account must match the number you call from. Otherwise, the outage will not be tracked correctly.

Having an up to date phone number allows us to reach you regarding your account and provide outage notifications. This ensures you stay informed and can take necessary actions promptly.

Another thing to keep up to date is the name(s) on the account. Member account number six hundred seven thou-

sand two hundred sixty five.

Only those officially on the account can access information. If there has been a change, whether it is due to marriage, divorce, or death, please help us keep our records accurate.

In the case of capital credits, active members get a credit on their bills. If you are no longer an active member, we send a check for the retired patronage. To do this, we go by the name(s) on the account and the last address provided. Member account number six hundred ninety six thousand four hundred twenty. So even those who no longer have power through us should keep their records current so that we can send capital credit retirement checks.



Carrot Cake Overnight Oatmeal

From the Kitchen of: Sandra Malmquist

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| 1 - 6 oz. yogurt or 5.3 oz Greek yogurt | 2 Tbsp. crushed pineapple |
| 2/3 cup regular rolled oats | 2 Tbsp. pure maple syrup |
| 2/3 cup milk | 1/4 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1/3 cup shredded carrot | 2 Tbsp. chopped walnuts |
| 2 Tbsp. raisins | |

Combine all ingredients except the walnuts. Transfer mixture to a pint jar with a lid. Chill over night or up the three days. Top with walnuts when serving.

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

Looking for an easy way to manage home energy use? Smart plugs are inexpensive and offer convenient solutions for scheduling and controlling your favorite electronic devices.

With smart plugs, you can easily manage your coffee maker, lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. Smart plugs can help you manage devices through a smart phone app, your home assistant or voice control. By conveniently powering off or scheduling devices, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: energystar.gov



Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on February 28, 2024.

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the modified agenda, the January minutes, consent agenda, and the December financials. Motions passed.

Member Services/HR Manager Hogen-son went over her report and discussed the Youth Tour, Annual Meeting, Annual Reports, and REPAC.

Energy Service Manager Jones went over his report and discussed the Annual Cogeneration Report that was provided for Board approval.

Operations Manager Bentler discussed a brief overview of the current projects, old poles and attachments, recent and upcoming training, and potentially doing some IVM site visits.

CEO Janorschke provided reports on updates from MREA, NRECA, grant updates and other matters of interest.

President Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Board Meeting he attended and the GRE Regional Meeting that was held February 7-8.

District #3 Nominating Meeting was held February 26, 2024. Geoff Tolley and Kyle Weideman were nominated.

District #4 Nominating Meeting was held February 27, 2024. Steve Josephson was nominated.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Annual Cogeneration Fil-ings and Report by Star Energy. Motion passed. Member account number six hun-dred thirty seven thousand eight hundred thirty two.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Unclaimed Capital Credit Distribution Resolution. Motion passed.

Motions were made and seconded to approve, with changes, Board Policy IV-3 Selection System Attorney, Board Policy IV-4 Audit of Accounting Records, Board Policy IV-5 Application for Member-ship and Electric Service, Board Policy IV-17 Joint Use of Pole, Board Policy IV-22 Minutes of the Meeting, and Board Policy IV-34 Identity Theft. A motion was made and seconded to delete Board Policy IV-2 System Boundaries and Board Policy IV-25 Refusal of or Payment of Right-of-Way Easement. All motions passed.

At 12:38 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations. At the con-clusion of the discussion, a motion was made and seconded to exit the session at 1:37 p.m. Motion passed.

Next Board meeting date is March 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment was called at 1:39 p.m.

Dates to Know...

May 6: CLP Summer Hours Begin

May 12: Mother's Day

May 15: Cookies in CLP Lobby

May 22: CLP Board Meeting

May 27: Memorial Day, CLP CLOSED

May 28: CLP Bills Due

NOTE: CLP dates are subject to change

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

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

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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:

Philip & Luanne Kaupa

Credits not claimed: Richard & Sally LaFavor, Theodore Vanderbeek, and Mark Broin

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

March Donations: \$1,547.28

Year-to-date Donations: \$4,661.39

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.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Feb-24</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 2,490,856	\$ 2,829,398	\$ 2,895,527	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 1,662,984	\$ 1,568,900	\$ 1,668,729	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 674,321	\$ 1,037,835	\$ 1,202,953	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 2,337,305	\$ 2,606,735	\$ 2,871,682	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 153,551	\$ 222,663	\$ 23,845	
Interest Income	\$ 14,659	\$ 10,298	\$ 15,561	
Other Margins	\$ (9,779)	\$ (1,416)	\$ (1,936)	
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Margins	\$ 158,431	\$ 231,545	\$ 37,470	
kWh Purchased	25,790,267	22,906,285	21,367,766	
kWh Sold	24,399,757	21,895,065	20,317,616	
Line Loss	5.39%	4.41%	4.91%	
Members Billed	5,961	6,435	6,464	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,860	1,524	1,428	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 178.17	\$ 190.96	\$ 195.49	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.0958	\$ 0.1253	\$ 0.1369	
Interest Expense	\$ 65,795	\$ 60,543	\$ 61,857	