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## CLP Kicks Off the 2022 Toy Drive

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

This year marks the 19th annual Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) sponsored Caring Loving People Toy Drive! Since 2004, CLP has been hosting the only organized holiday toy drive exclusively for Lake County residents. As a result, Caring Loving People and local businesses across Lake County have pitched in to make a difference in our community. This generosity has made a lot of kids in our county very happy.

In conjunction with the Lake County Chapter of the Salvation Army, CLP will be collecting new/unwrapped items until Monday, December 12, 2022. All items



collected will be distributed to Lake County families in need of a little extra help this holiday season.

To the right is a list of local businesses that will act as public drop-off sites for the 2022 CLP Toy Drive. These businesses will also have “Wish List” tags for specific items our local kids are hoping for this Christmas.

If your business would like to become a public drop-off site for the CLP Toy Drive, please contact Carey at 218.834.2226.

CLP thanks you for your past and future support of the CLP Toy Drive!

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### **Two Harbors:**

Bethlehem Church  
Blackwoods  
Bodies in Balance  
Castle Danger Brewery  
Cedar Coffee Company  
Cooperative Light & Power  
Emmanuel Church  
First Impressions  
Holy Spirit Church  
KTWH Radio  
Park State Bank

Lake View Clinic, Hospital, & PT  
Louise's Place

North Shore Federal Credit Union  
O'Reilly Auto Parts  
Port City Nutrition  
Seagren's  
Sonju Two Harbors  
State Farm

Two Harbors Federal Credit Union  
Two Harbors Moose Lodge  
Two Harbors Public Library

### **Silver Bay:**

Julie's True Value  
J & H Garage

North Shore Federal Credit Union  
Zup's

### **Brimson:**

Hugo's

# Cooperative Light & Power Announces Joel Janorschke as New CEO



**Joel Janorschke**  
CEO, Cooperative  
Light & Power

The Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) Board of Directors is excited to announce that Joel Janorschke will become the cooperative's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/General Manager (GM), joining the CLP family on October 31, 2022.

Cooperative Light & Power's Board President Scott Veitenheimer says, "CLP was very fortunate to have three excellent candidates for the CEO/GM position. The board unanimously agreed that Joel had the experience, knowledge, and skills that would be the best fit for CLP. We are excited to have him join our team, and we have full confidence in him to help us face any challenges in

CLP's future."

Janorschke has 29 years of experience within the electric cooperative industry. His professional experience includes positions as general manager, operations manager, design engineer, maintenance line foreman, and light construction line foreman. Member account number six hundred thirty two thousand four hundred seventeen. Janorschke is coming to CLP from Traverse Electric Cooperative, where he held the position of General Manager for the past five years.

"My past positions have equipped me with the experience, knowledge, and skills necessary to communicate effectively with all employees and build strong relationships within departments to serve the membership effectively," says Janorschke.

## Electric Heat Sales Tax Exemption

Did you know if you are a member whose primary heat is electricity, and you use 50% or more to heat your home that you could receive a sales tax exemption for six months of the year? Electricity sold for residential use to members who are metered and billed as residential users and use electricity as their primary heat source are exempt from sales tax November-April.

This does not apply to anyone other than members whose primary source of heat is electricity. By primary source, it means 50% or more of your heating requirements are electric. However, if your electric heat is used in combination with wood or another fuel, you may not qualify.

If you no longer use electric heat as your primary heat source and have signed the form, please contact CLP to discontinue

the tax-exempt status. Member account number seven hundred forty five thousand four hundred sixty four. Members receiving a tax credit when electric heat is not the primary source of heat are in violation of the MN State Sales Tax Law.

Members who have Dual Fuel or Off-Peak meters are already receiving the exemption since their heat is separately metered.

Please contact CLP if you have any questions or have made any changes to your heating source.

## Cooperative Light & Power Holiday Open House

**Friday, December 2, 2022**  
**CLP Lobby**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Santa arrives at noon!**

*Please join us for coffee, hot cocoa, & cookies!*



## 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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Power Outage (24/7): 800-927-5550

Winter Business Hours:

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

## Important Contacts

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Scott Veitenheimer, President, District 2  
218-340-8968

Pat Schmieder, Vice President, District 1  
218-834-2247

Kyle Weideman, Treasurer, District 3  
218-834-3476

Roger Peterson, Secretary, District 5  
218-226-8197

Steve Josephson, Director, District 4  
218-226-4163

## Fill it up!

Courtesy: Lake Country Power

Inflationary pressures and supply constraints throughout the energy complex continue to drive unusually high prices in electricity, natural gas, and propane markets. Indications are that the current pricing environment will continue into the 2022-23 winter season. There will also be additional pricing pressure in the wholesale power markets during the heating season because of gas supply competition with domestic heating.

To manage power cost adjustment risk, GRE expects to utilize Dual Fuel and commercial/industrial (C&I) control programs to reduce load during peak periods.

Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) encourages its members to fill their secondary fuel sources for Dual Fuel to ensure propane or other fossil fuel are filled and purchased at more modest prices.

Propane and fossil fuel prices will likely increase as the winter approaches, and prices can be anticipated to peak during the mid-winter months.

### Is your dual fuel heating program working properly?

We're asking because when demand for electricity is high during the winter months, your dual-fuel electric heating source can be shut off for up to 12 hours at a time. During this winter's heating season, the electric heat portion of



**'TIS THE SEASON FOR ENERGY SAVINGS**

The holiday season is one of the most energy-intensive times of the year, but that doesn't mean you should keep your twinkling, strobing and glittering decorations packed away. Instead, **use up to 90% less electricity** by switching from incandescent models to durable, longer-lasting LED holiday lighting. And now for a limited time, you can save 10%!

Save 10% on LED holiday lights at [energywisemnstore.com/holidaylights](http://energywisemnstore.com/holidaylights)

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Offer valid Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2022.  
No coupon code necessary.  
Discount applied at checkout.  
Customer assumes responsibility  
for all sales tax. While supplies last.

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your dual fuel system is expected to be controlled (shut off) for a minimum of 100-150 hours. Member account number six hundred fifty six thousand three hundred twenty. It could be controlled for up to a maximum of 400 hours during the season.

We're reminding you to take time this fall to check your dual fuel primary electric heating system and the backup heating system parts of your equipment.

1. Operate the electric heating equipment to be sure the system responds to the "call for heat" from the thermostat.
2. Operate the oil or propane system to ensure the system responds to the "call for heat" from the thermostat.

3. Have your gas or oil furnace/boiler checked periodically by a professional HVAC contractor. For cold weather, there is nothing better than having peace of mind knowing your dual fuel heating system will work as it should.

4. If you wish to monitor the anticipated control periods of dual fuel through the heating season, visit [www.clpower.com](http://www.clpower.com) and click "Load Management Schedule" on the homepage of the CLP website.

Dual fuel is an excellent value for co-op members, and it saves a typical home hundreds of dollars a year.

If you have questions about your dual fuel heating system, please call 218-834-2226 and ask for Ken Jones.

### Gingerbread Bundt Cake *From the Kitchen of: Diane Macfarlane*

2½ cup unbleached flour  
1½ tsp. ginger  
1½ tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
½ tsp. cloves  
½ tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder  
12 Tbsp. soft butter  
1½ cup brown sugar (packed)  
2 eggs  
½ cup molasses  
water

**Glaze:**  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 Tbsp. maple syrup  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
water or milk

In a bowl, whisk the flour, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, salt, and baking powder together and set aside. In a mixing bowl beat soft butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well. Add molasses, mix in. Add the flour mixture in three additions, alternating with 1 cup of water, beginning, and ending with flour. Mix until smooth. Pour into a greased bundt pan. Smooth the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-65 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in the pan and then turn onto a cooling rack to cool. Mix glaze ingredients together, add water or milk one tablespoon at a time until smooth. Pour the glaze over the cake.

### Don't Trespass!

When enjoying your outdoor activities, remember a right-of-way (ROW) is NOT public property! CLP uses ROWs to build and maintain our power lines. Please respect property owners and don't trespass.

# Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on August 24, 2022, with all directors, the CEO, three staff, and two members present. Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Additions to the agenda were discussed and added. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July minutes as modified. Motion passed.

Member-owners addressed the Board regarding the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), having member input in updating the CLP by-laws, reorganizing the CLP Districts, recording CLP Board Meetings, and having the CLP attorney at all CLP Board Meetings. The Board answered questions and took the suggestions under advisement.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financials. Motion passed.

Pat Schmieder spoke on concerns regarding the annual meeting. Business Manager Kevin Olson and Marketing

Manager Carey Hogenson addressed the concerns.

Scott Veitenheimer gave a summary of the MREA Energy Issues Summit.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Board Policy IV-36 contingent on the changes as discussed at the board meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution for Connexus to terminate its membership with GRE and become a customer. Member account number seven hundred twenty two thousand seven hundred sixty one. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Deb Englund wished to meet with the Board regarding interviewing the CEO candidates.

A motion was made and seconded to comply with the Board policy to approve interview expenses for hiring of a new CEO. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the date for the next Board meeting. The date is set for September 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment was called at 2:04 p.m.

## Year-to-date Financials

<u>Aug-22</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 7,059,946	\$ 9,145,491	\$ 9,365,945
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 4,250,877	\$ 5,502,825	\$ 5,513,800
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 2,547,351	\$ 3,512,034	\$ 3,859,573
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 6,798,228	\$ 9,014,859	\$ 9,373,373
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 261,718	\$ 130,632	\$ (7,428)
Interest Income	\$ 36,321	\$ 47,881	\$ 24,864
Other Margins	\$ 26,967	\$ (108,876)	\$ 18,202
Capital Credits	\$ 14,928	\$ 26,581	\$ 27,735
Total Margins	\$ 339,934	\$ 96,218	\$ 63,373
kWh Purchased	63,160,765	70,082,892	75,326,414
kWh Sold	59,670,867	66,979,617	71,915,188
Line Loss	5.53%	4.43%	4.53%
Members Billed	5,932	6,350	6,420
Average kWh Used, Residential	952	1,038	1,119
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 118.71	\$ 140.96	\$ 149.39
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1247	\$ 0.1358	\$ 0.1335
Interest Expense	\$ 305,868	\$ 231,781	\$ 234,713

## Dates to Know...

<b>Nov 11:</b>	Veteran's Day CLP CLOSED
<b>Nov 15:</b>	Cookies in CLP Lobby
<b>Nov 22:</b>	CLP Board Meeting
<b>Nov 24/25:</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday CLP CLOSED
<b>Nov 28:</b>	CLP Bills Due
<b>Dec 2:</b>	CLP Holiday Open House

*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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800.927.5550 after hours.

**BEFORE** calling, please check your breakers and meter. 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 September:

Dennis Fultz & Carolyn Anderson

Credits not claimed:

Carey Johnson & James Rogers

## OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

September Donations: \$1,685.12

Year-to-date Donations: \$15,018.99

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).