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CLP Board of Directors Approves Redistricting

Joel Janorschke, CEO

At the Special Meeting of the CLP Board of Directors on October 31, 2023, the CLP Board of Directors approved the new district boundaries and picked an effective date of January 1, 2024, for the new district boundaries to take effect.

Currently, the percentage of membership in each District is District 1 – 33%; District 2 – 24%; District 3 – 22%; District 4 – 10%; District 5 – 11%, with the most significant variation between districts at 23%. Over the past year, redistricting has been discussed thoroughly at the board meetings. Member account number six hundred six thousand nine hundred forty four. It has also been a topic of discussion at our annual meeting, district meetings, and newsletter. The majority of the discussions revolved around the current district boundaries and the proportionality of the member-to-director ratios. Some co-op members voiced concerns over the inequality, and others had no concerns. One thing to note is that CLP has always complied with Minnesota Statute 308A.313 APPORTIONMENT OF DIRECTORS AMONG DISTRICTS OR UNITS, as CLP has less than 35,000 members.

The newly approved Districts, which go into effect January 1, 2024, follow Township or Section lines, not roads, rivers, or other geographic references. Compared to the current Districts, the new membership percentages are as follows:

District 1 – 22%; District 2 – 20%; District 3 – 22%; District 4 – 19%; District 5 – 17% with the most significant variation between districts at 5%.

Lastly, it is important to state that the redistricting may affect which members are eligible for the upcoming nominations for the Board. Member account number six hundred ninety five thousand three hundred eighteen.

More information on the new district boundaries will be published in the January issue of “Powerlines” as the transition is completed. The existing and new CLP District Map can be found on page 2 of this newsletter, and on our website at www.clpower.com. Updated member district information will be printed on your January billing statement.

Cooperative Light & Power Holiday Open House

Friday, December 15, 2023
CLP Lobby

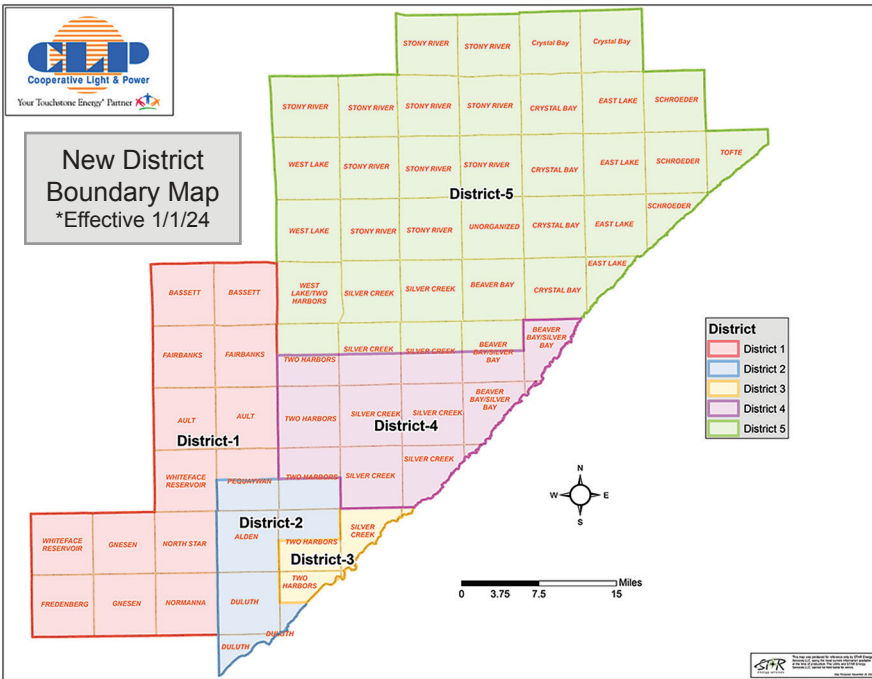
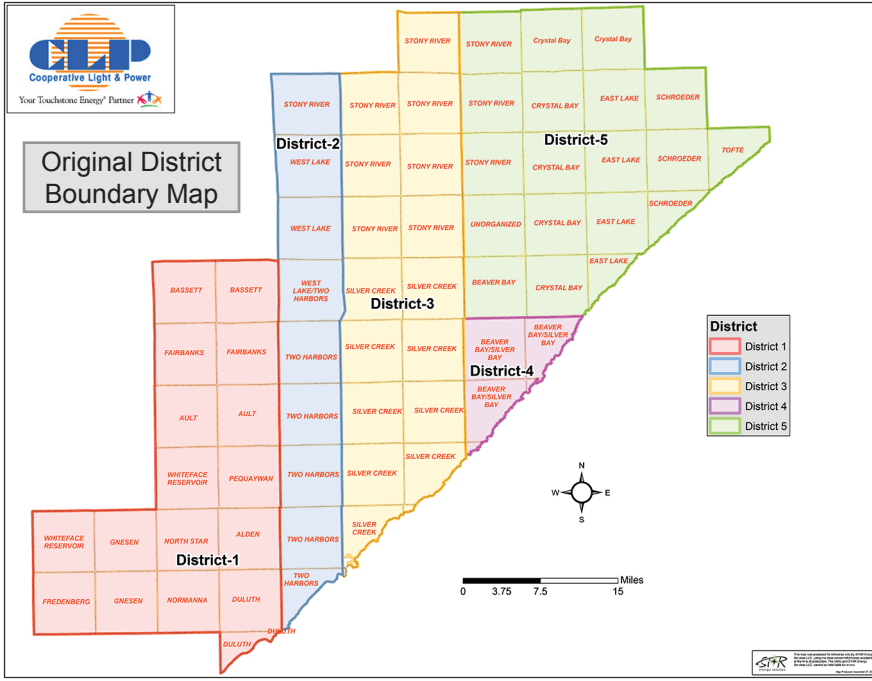
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Santa arrives at 1:00 pm!

Please join us for coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies!



Original and New CLP District Boundaries



Last Chance for 2023 Rebates!

The new year is fast approaching, hurry to turn in your rebate forms for any energy saving appliances you purchased in 2023. The forms can be found on our website (clpower.com), picked up from the CLP office, or mailed to you. All you need to do is fill out the rebate form, include a copy of your purchase receipt, and return it to our office by December 29th. Rebates are for both residential and commercial members of CLP. (Some rebates require proof of recycling).

Once your rebate is processed, you will receive a credit on your account. For more significant rebates, you will receive a check from CLP. The process can take up to six weeks before you see the credit or check, but it is like getting free money! We don't want any of our members to miss out. Check out our rebate list on the website and get your form in before the deadline! If you have any rebate questions, call Ken at (218) 834-2226 or email: kjones@clpower.com.

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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Office of the
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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
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- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

CLP Welcomes Member Service Rep Brandi Berquist

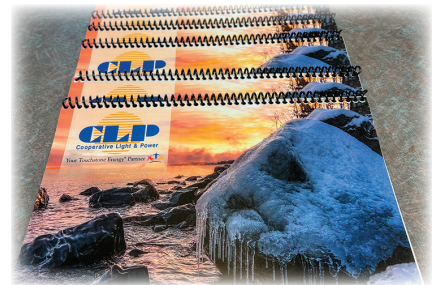


Brandi joined the CLP team in November. She is married to Eric Berquist. Brandi and Eric were both born and raised in Silver Bay, where they currently live. They have two dogs, Sage, a golden retriever, and Croix, a Golden lab. In her free time, Brandi enjoys hiking (with her dogs), golfing, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.



Stop by the CLP office to pick up your FREE 2024 CLP Calendar!

The calendars include beautiful photos from our amazingly talented local photographers as well as energy saving tips!



Refrigerator Mashed Potatoes

From the Kitchen of: Dianne Wulff

5 lbs Yukon Gold Potatoes	1 tsp salt
6 oz cream cheese	¼ tsp pepper
1 cup sour cream	2 Tbsp butter

Peel, cut up and boil the potatoes until tender. While hot add the cream cheese, sour cream, salt, pepper, and butter.

Beat with the mixer or mash. Place in covered container. Refrigerate. To serve, place desired amount in the microwave or oven dotted with butter and warm.

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

State Law for Active Duty Military

State law offers active military personnel additional payment options for their electric bills. The law covers disconnection, payment arrangements, appeal and annual notice to cooperative members.

Similar to the state's Cold Weather Rule, an application must be completed and income guidelines exist. It's available for active duty military personnel, deployed or permanent duty station change.

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on September 27, 2023, with the participation of all directors, CEO Janorschke, six staff members, CLP Attorney Chad Felstul and one member-owner.

Meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the amended agenda, the modified August 30, 2023, minutes, consent agenda, and the July financials. Motions passed.

Business Manager Olson updated the Board on IVM and grant updates.

Member Services/HR Manager Hoenigson addressed the Board on the CLP Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast. CLP delivered to the Food Shelf over 500 pounds in food donations and with CLP's matching donation, a check for over \$1,500. Approximately 300 members attended the breakfast.

Energy Service Manager Jones announced that the new roof for the operations building will be installed soon.

Operations Manager Bentler reported on the Operations Department.

CEO Janorschke addressed the Board. He provided reports on updates from MREA and legislation.

A motion was made and seconded to approve to have Deb Englund, HRExpertise perform a review on the past

twelve months performance of CEO Janorschke. Motion passed.

President Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Board meeting he attended on September 6 and 7.

At 11:35 a.m. a motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss the amendment to the Nextera PPA Agreement for the Dodge County Wind Project. Member account number seven hundred forty six thousand two hundred sixty one. A motion was made and seconded to exit the session at 12:15 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution-Nextera Energy Resources-Amended Terms for Dodge County Wind Energy Purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Operation Round Up Grants. Motion passed.

Motions were made and seconded to approve with changes Board Policies II-13 IVM, III-8, IV-26, IV-31, IV-32, IV-33. Motions passed.

CEO Janorschke presented the Board with four options for redistricting. The Board will continue to review and discuss at the next Board meeting.

Next Board meeting date is October 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment was called at 2:15 p.m.

Dates to Know...

- Dec 15:** CLP Holiday
Open House 10-2
- Dec 22/25:** Christmas Holiday
CLP Offices CLOSED
- Dec 26:** CLP Bills Due
- Dec 27:** CLP Board Meeting
- Jan 1:** New Year's Holiday
CLP Offices CLOSED

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 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 October: None
Credits not claimed: Tyral & Courtney Sundberg, Wendy & Mike Nelson, Alden Rabey, and Marke Nelson

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

October Donations: \$1,632.70
Year-to-date Donations: \$16,833.33
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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Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Sep-23</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 8,276,316	\$ 10,344,248	\$ 10,739,658	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 4,988,115	\$ 6,042,474	\$ 5,494,841	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 2,902,378	\$ 4,267,387	\$ 4,754,259	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 7,890,493	\$ 10,309,861	\$ 10,249,100	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 385,823	\$ 34,387	\$ 490,558	
Interest Income	\$ 52,620	\$ 26,989	\$ 89,058	
Other Margins	\$ (8,064)	\$ 31,681	\$ 15,479	
Capital Credits	\$ 25,278	\$ 30,840	\$ 29,859	
Total Margins	\$ 455,657	\$ 123,897	\$ 624,954	
kWh Purchased	74,968,914	82,206,709	75,561,148	
kWh Sold	70,761,421	78,430,357	72,340,009	
Line Loss	5.61%	4.59%	4.26%	
Members Billed	5,963	6,426	6,484	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,019	1,068	985	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 122.34	\$ 145.46	\$ 150.90	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1201	\$ 0.1362	\$ 0.1532	
Interest Expense	\$ 326,646	\$ 263,623	\$ 280,657	