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Attend Your District #2 & District #5 Nominating Meetings

The Co-op Light & Power (CLP) Board of Directors consists of 5 directors, with one director representing each of CLP's 5 districts. Each director is elected for a three year term and there is no term limit. A director can be elected by the board to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Each director shall be a member of this Association and shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting of the membership.

The following guidelines must apply if you are interested in running for a director position this term:

1. You are a resident of District #2 or District #5 and must remain a permanent resident for the entire term.
2. You receive electric service from CLP at the residence.
3. Your account with CLP is in good standing.

As a director you must:

1. Be willing to attend regular and special board meetings.
2. Be willing to abide by, and uphold, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and policies of CLP.

Incumbent Director, Scott Veitenheimer has arranged for the Nominating Meeting for District No. 2 to be held:

Date & Time: February 21, 2019 5:30 p.m.

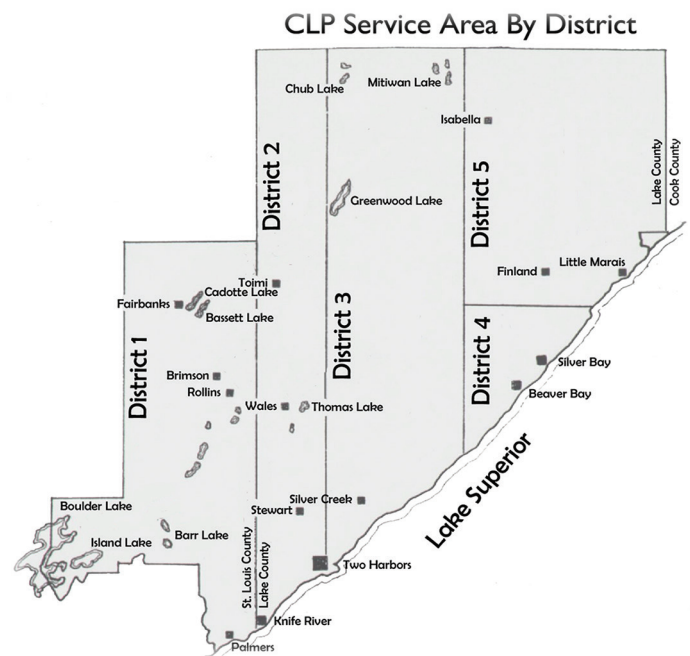
Place: Cooperative Light & Power Board Room

Incumbent Director, Robert Nikolai has arranged for the Nominating Meeting for District No. 5 to be held:

Date & Time: February 25, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Place: Baptism River Community Church

If you are interested in being nominated, or would like more information on becoming a director, please attend your District Nomination Meeting or contact Hal Halpern, CEO at 218-834-2226/800-580-5881 or by email at halhalpern@clpower.com. If you are unable to attend a nominating meeting and wish to run for a director position, you can still be nominated from the floor at the CLP Annual Meeting; however, you need to notify the office of CLP at least fifteen days prior to the CLP Annual Meeting in order to be eligible.





Hal's News

Humble Steps Can Become Epic Things

Hal Halpern, Chief Executive Officer/GM

Dear Member:

It's a Distinct Honor and Privilege to be selected by your Board of Directors to become your CEO and General Manager taking over the reins from a long-time beloved mainstay in the electric cooperative world. Steve Wattnem who led our electric cooperative for over three decades has set the highest standard which I will strive to emulate. Steve has been kind enough to work closely with me these last few weeks ensuring a smooth transition for our cooperative and community.

The cooperative spirit which I grew up in is part and parcel of true Americanism at its core. From the humblest beginnings early cooperatives decided amongst themselves they wouldn't let their neighbors and communities be left behind without vital electricity and decided to build their own networks.

Although initially lacking the technical knowledge and many of the necessary resources their courage, sheer will of purpose, practical intelligence, and never-ending American endurance drove them to achieve electrification for their community. In order to properly set a future successful strategy, it's a must

for one to first know our cooperatives inception and history. The history of our Cooperative begins in August 1935 when sixty farmers from the various communities of Lake County determined to get electricity met for the purpose of organizing an electric cooperative.

RUS was formed that same year and in 1936 a \$60,000 allocation had been made to the cooperative. \$44,143 was used to construct the first 56 miles of line with the first pole being set on September 28, 1936. Five months later the big day came and on February 28th, 1937 the lines to Waldo, Knife River and Knife River Valley were energized and 93 homes were lit up with electricity for the first time. From that initial 56 miles of line we grew to over 1000 miles of line servicing over 6200 today and the rest as they say is history!

Electric cooperatives for over 80 years have created, grew, maintained and are now providing essential electric service for millions of Americans.

Today America's electric cooperatives are energy providers and engines of economic development for more than 19 million American homes, businesses,

farms and schools in 47 States with the highest customer satisfaction rating by J.D. Power and Associates 2017 Electric Utility Customer Satisfaction Study. Member account number six hundred thirty eight thousand two hundred fifty five.

Although I've only been here a few weeks and now residing within Two Harbors I'm overwhelmed by the beauty of the area and welcome friendliness of the people I've been fortunate enough to meet so far. I hope to talk with many more members along our journey together and continue the eighty plus year tradition of making our Cooperative the best it can be for all our members and community.

Join me, the Board of Directors, the staff at CLP and all our members in wishing Steve the best of all things in his retirement and thanking him for the awe-inspiring job he's done over these many years. He will forever remain dear in our hearts and stand as a pillar of integrity always looking after our Cooperatives best interests. His legacy will always shine as bright as the stars at night, and the lights he and his team kept glowing for over 30 years!

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

Peggy Kuettel, President, District 1
218-525-2155

Robert Nikolai, Vice President, District 5
218-353-7332

Alis Stevens, Secretary, District 4
218-226-8744

Scott Veitenheimer, Treasurer, District 2
218-830-8968

Gregory Lien, Director, District 3
218-595-6187

Join the Winter Frolic Fun

Two Harbors



Event Time Schedule
& Registration Forms
can be found at
www.twoharborswinterfrolic.com

Pre-Registration Needed For All Events
Please Sign Up For All The Fun

**VISIT THE HUGE HEATED
TENT BY THE
CURLING CLUB**

All Weekend

Medallion Hunt

Clues on the DQ Facebook Page all week.

Sponsored by TH Dairy Queen

Sliding Hill and Skating Pond

At the Curling Club/ Golf Course

Snowman Building Contest

Thursday – Saturday at the Moose, sign up at Seagren's or Moose.

Ends Saturday @ Noon- Local Celebrity Judge, Winners announced at 1pm in the tent. Sponsored by Vanilla Bean Restaurant

Vendor Fair

Friday 4-8pm, Saturday 8am-noon at the Moose

Thursday Night

Winter Frolic 50/50 Spaghetti Fundraiser

At the American Legion Hall Downtown 4-7pm

Sponsored by the American Legion

Friday Night

Curling Club Events:

Restaurant Chili Cookoff

6:00pm- Sponsored by The Lake Bank & Harbor Insurance

Community Curling Challenge

Starts 5:30pm at the Curling Club, Pre-Registration required

City vs County

Exhibition Curling Challenge

6:30pm in the Curling Club

Downtown at the American Legion Hall:

Bad Rabbit 9pm till close

Frozen T-Shirt Contest Cash Prizes, 10pm

Saturday

Pancake Breakfast

Upstairs Curling Club 8am – Noon

Sponsored by The Two Harbors Lions Club

Winter T-Ball Tourney

Check in 9am at the Curling Club, Pre-Registration required

Sponsored by The Landing

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Sponsored by Cedar Coffee Co. Starts 10am at Cedar

Coffee Co., Ending Check In Noon at the Big Tent

Open Community Curling

Sponsored by TH Curling Club, 10am-12pm in the Curling Club

Vintage Snowmobile Ride

Registration from 9am-11am at 815 Airport Rd., Ride starts at 11am

Bonfire with FREE Smore's

Sponsored by Hull's Sawmill, North Shore Rotary,

and Interact. Starting at Noon

Bean Bag Tournament

Family Fun Toss 10:30-11:30am, Sponsored by Age to Age

Adult Tournament, Outside tents 11:30am-3:30 pm

Pre-Registration required. Sponsored by Lake View Hospital

Fireman's Kids Races

Sponsored by TH Fire Department, 1-2pm at the Tent

Tug of War

3-5pm at the Tent, Cash Prizes,

Pre-Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of Edna G.

Music in the Big Tent

B105 Live Broadcast 12pm – 3pm

Press Camp 5pm – 10pm

Additional Winter Frolic Sponsors - The Lake Bank, Two Harbors Federal Credit Union, Two Harbors Curling Club, London Road Rental, City Of Two Harbors, Carmody 61, Pure Driven, LSSD #381 Community Education, Events and Marketing, Lake County Recreation Board, Two Harbors Area Fund, Two Harbors Visitors Bureau, Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce, Lake County News Chronicle, Age to Age, Silver Creek Signworks

Crockpot Chicken Pasta

From the Kitchen of: Kristin Bark

5 cups shredded rotisserie chicken	3 cups Penne pasta (uncooked)
2 cups chicken broth	1 ½ cups mild cheddar cheese
1 cup water	1 cup bacon pieces
1 packet Hidden Valley Buttermilk	1 can cream of chicken soup
Recipe Ranch Dry Seasoning	8 oz Velveeta, cubed

In four-quart crockpot combine shredded chicken, cream of chicken soup, chicken broth, water, and Velveeta. Cook on high for three hours. Add the noodles. Make sure they are covered all the way and cook for 20 more minutes. Stir. Cook for another 10 minutes. Stir and top with cheese and bacon pieces. Replace the lid and let the cheese melt for 5 minutes.

Medical Emergency

According to Minnesota Statue 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 service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household. Member account number six hundred forty three thousand six hundred thirty six. 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. Member account number six hundred thirty seven thousand five hundred thirty four. For any questions, or to submit certification of medical emergency, please contact Co-op Light & Power at 834-2226 or 800-580-5881. Member account number six hundred thousand five hundred forty.



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**AUTO BILL PAY:
a brighter idea
to save you
time and money.**

Co-op Connections Corner

Featured Business:

Vanilla Bean Restaurant

812 7th Avenue

Two Harbors, MN 55616

218-834-3714

Offer Details: Get 10% off entire food purchase when you present your Co-op Connections Card. May not be used with any other offer or discount. One use per visit.

To find participating businesses, please visit www.connections.coop for full details! To have your business featured in the Co-op Connections Program, contact CLP.

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on December 20, 2018. All directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 9:48 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 26, 2018, the Financial Reports for October 2018, and the Outage Report for November 2018. Motions carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Chair and Secretary's signatures on the RUS loan AF8 documents as required to finalize the loan application process. Motion carried.

A copy of a resolution regarding the retirement of capital credits in the amount of \$300,000 in the year 2019 was contained in the board packet for the board's consideration and action. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

A resolution was presented to the Board of Directors, which was also contained in the board report authorizing the Cooperative to retire \$20,000 to estates during the year 2019. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution as presented.

Manager Wattnem and Office Manager Detlefsen undertook a thorough discussion of the 2019 budget. After that discussion and explanation a motion was made and seconded to table the final decision on the budget until the January board meeting. Motion carried.

Alison Deelstra from CFC was on hand to present the Key Ratio Trend Analysis to the Board of Directors with information that was current through year-end 2017. Her overall assessment was that the Cooperative is in fine financial shape.

A member was on hand to discuss with the Board of Directors a complaint that she has regarding spraying of right-of-way on the Homestead Road. The upshot of the meeting was that there is not enough transparency regarding the spraying of right-of-way and that an efficient methodology would be to forward the anticipated spraying schedule to the townships involved so that information could be placed in their monthly newsletter.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for at 4:34 p.m. with a motion and a second. Motion carried.

Year-to-date Financials

<u>Nov-18</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 7,892,723	\$ 11,180,673	\$ 11,775,977
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 4,827,282	\$ 6,646,766	\$ 6,710,522
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 2,922,903	\$ 4,332,084	\$ 4,738,038
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 7,750,185	\$ 10,978,850	\$ 11,448,560
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 142,538	\$ 201,823	\$ 327,417
Interest Income	\$ 101,436	\$ 128,431	\$ 175,698
Other Margins	\$ 329,865	\$ (208,533)	\$ (235,536)
Capital Credits	\$ 126,474	\$ 29,795	\$ 30,465
Total Margins	\$ 700,313	\$ 151,516	\$ 298,044
kWh Purchased	81,230,798	92,906,010	98,859,869
kWh Sold	76,960,846	87,995,205	93,014,012
Line Loss	5.26%	5.29%	5.91%
Members Billed	5,855	6,135	6,175
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,023	974	1,037
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 97.02	\$ 128.56	\$ 135.65
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.0948	\$ 0.1320	\$ 0.1308
Interest Expense	\$ 411,396	\$ 364,872	\$ 431,112

Dates to Know...

- Feb 15:** Cookies and coffee in CLP's lobby
- Feb 15:** Operation Round Up Application deadline
- Feb 18:** President's Day
CLP CLOSED
- Feb 21:** CLP Board Meeting
- Feb 25:** CLP bills due

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

DID YOU KNOW...

...being a member of a cooperative has its perks? Join us on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, for the Co-op Light & Power Annual Meeting. Dinner will be served, Two Harbors Ukulele Group will entertain, and great prizes will be won after the meeting!

Cooperative Light & Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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 December: Dennis McIsaac, and Randal & Joni Jarvis.

Credits not claimed: Kurt Mead, and Don Seipke.

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

December Donations: \$1,623.25

Year-to-date Donations: \$19,165.02

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.