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Kilowatts and Brats District Meetings

Mark your calendars! The dates for this year's Kilowatts and Brats Member Meeting have been set.

Each fall, Co-op Light & Power (CLP) staff go into your co-op district for an informal evening of food, fellowship, and discussion. As the name would imply, we serve bratwurst with a side order of shop talk. Attending a Kilowatts and Brats event is a good opportunity for you to speak with your local elected co-op officials, and find out what is happening inside your electric co-op. Due to the informal nature, you also have an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you. In addition, all members in attendance will have their name in a drawing to win a \$100 electric credit! What a deal! Member account number six hundred fifty five thousand

eighteen.

This year, we plan to talk about the state of the co-op. General Manager, Steve Wattnem will give a brief update of what has been happening over the last year. We will give you an update on the Briggs and Stratton emergency backup generator program; Great River Energy's new goal to have 50% of their energy come from renewables by 2030; and a legislative update, including a proposed reform to the existing Conservation Improvement Plan. Member account number six hundred thirty six thousand twenty two.

Please call us at 834-2226 or 800-580-5881 to **RSVP**. Seating is limited. We need notice one week prior to your district meeting in order to have a food and seating count.

District 1 Meeting

October 23, 2018

Pequaywan Inn

8744 Pequaywan Lake Rd

Duluth, MN

5:30 p.m.

District 2 & 3 Meeting

October 17, 2018

Earthwood

933 Stanley Rd

Two Harbors, MN

5:30 p.m.

District 4 Meeting

October 30, 2018

Cove Point Crossing

4614 Highway 61

Beaver Bay, MN

5:30 p.m.

District 5 Meeting

October 11, 2018

Baptism River Community Church

6768 Highway 1

Finland, MN

5:30 p.m.

SEND US YOUR SHOTS!

CLP is accepting photos for the 2019 Co-op Life Calendar. Photos can be submitted by mail to P. O. Box 69, Two Harbors, MN 55616, or by email to sjwcron@clpower.com.

The deadline to submit your photos is October 15, 2018.





Working For You

Steve Wattnem, General Manager/CEO

Dear Member:

Political spying, espionage, sabotage. Threats, leaks, obstruction of justice. The plots of all great mystery novels. Except—that they are not mystery novels. They are up close and real life, spread across the front page of every website, magazine, and newspaper we open. From Chernobyl to Enron; big tobacco to the little Pinto; and President Nixon to President Clinton to President Trump. Why do (or can) Heads of States, Fortune 500 Companies, and even Houses of Worship continually cover up their scandals and get away with them. Perhaps the bigger question is, why even do the deed in the first place? Greed? Power? Infamy?

As long as there have been humans, there have been scandals. Whatever reason drives it, it is important to remember one thing, not all humans are evil or corrupt. Let's take the leaders of your electric co-op for instance. Your co-op is governed by a Board of Directors that is properly vetted. Candidates for elected positions are selected from a peer-member group, chosen by you, a co-op member, at your District Nominating Meeting. The candidates are then

7 CO-OP PRINCIPLES

1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

5 EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION

6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

THIS IS THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE!

brought before the Co-op Annual Meeting and the District Director is elected by the members of that specific District; or, by the entire membership present if a quorum for that district is not available. This democratic process has been applied and accepted by co-ops across the globe, and has proven to be a successful way to fairly and equitably represent each individual member district.

Your electric co-op operates under the 7 Cooperative Principles of Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members' Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training, and Information; Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and Concern for Community. These Principles were developed by the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers in England, in 1844, and have been valued by co-ops ever since that time.

Electric co-ops govern under the notion of what is best for the electric cooperative, and the membership as a whole. This includes having policies, practices, and a culture to facilitate (1) member engagement in, and democratic member control of, the co-op;

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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

Summer Business Hours:

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

Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.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
218-834-5138

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

Save a Ton With Rebates

Did you know that your electric co-op offers a wide range of special program rates and rebates to help you save energy and lower your monthly electric bill?

For instance, you can heat your home and domestic water for as little as 4.9¢ per kWh when you sign up for one of Co-op Light & Power’s (CLP) EnergyWise load control programs. You can even save big, and utilize clean wind energy when you charge your electric vehicle during the over-night hours.

You can save a ton when you install a ground source heat pump, mini split ductless air source heat pump, or electric thermal storage unit for your heating or domestic water. Thinking of a new water heater, dehumidifier, room air conditioner unit, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dish washer, Wi-Fi thermostat, LED lights, or a replacement refrigerator or freezer? If so, call us and see if we have a rebate for those as well.

We even have custom rebates for our business owners. We like to say that if it saves kWhs, we may be able to save you some money. Jon McDannold of LaBounty has this to say about our program, “LaBounty would like to thank CLP for their partnership in our LED light conversion. Through idea sharing and a generous rebate they helped us make this project possible. Stanley Black and Decker strives for sustainability with a goal of being carbon positive in 2030, projects like our LED light conversion are a strong step towards making that goal a reality. Energy consumption had an immediate reduction and given the success of this project we hope to partner with CLP again.” Member account number six hundred ninety thousand six hundred thirteen. If you have any questions on special program rates and rebates at your electric co-op, call CLP at 218.834.2226. We will be happy to help you save.



(l to r) Jon McDannold, LaBounty and Chris Brelie, CLP

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- (2) fiduciary oversight of the co-ops operations and structure;
 - (3) achieving the co-ops vision, mission, and goals; and (4) acting with integrity, transparency, accountability, and courage.
- In addition, your electric co-op Board of Directors adhere to a Code of Conduct. Among the long list of criteria, your elected official has agreed to (1) maintain complete loyalty to their electric co-op and actively support its objectives and programs; (2) exercise and insist upon the use of sound business principles in the conduct of the affairs of their co-op; and (3) accept their election as director as a “trust” as well as an “honor” and will not hesitate to relinquish their position as director if circumstances prevent them from giving complete and full attention to their responsibilities as a director.
- Finally, your electric co-op has retained an independent counsel to represent and advise us in legal matters; we have retained a professional engineer to comply with federal and state electrical and safety codes, and to uphold loan covenants; and have retained an independent auditor to ensure we are going about our daily business in accordance with acceptable accounting standards. Member account number six hundred eighty eight thousand three hundred forty two.
- This is your electric co-op. Be assured that your elected officials, management, and staff are doing everything to earn your trust and loyalty.

Doritos Taco Salad

From the Kitchen of: Shannon Klinker

1 lb lean ground beef

1 packet taco seasoning

1 head of iceberg lettuce, chopped into bite sized pieces

1 large tomato, diced

4 oz cheddar cheese, shredded

4 oz nacho cheese Doritos, broken up into bite sized pieces

1 cup Catalina or French dressing

Brown the ground beef in a skillet over medium heat until thoroughly cooked. Add the packet of taco seasoning and stir until well coated. Set aside. In a large serving bowl. combine lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and completely cooled beef. You can also add beans or other vegetables you would like. When ready to serve, add Doritos and dressing and toss to coat. If you plan on leftovers, you should keep the Doritos on the side.

Co-op Connections Corner

Featured Business:

Do North Pizzeria

15 Waterfront Drive

Two Harbors, MN 55616

218-834-3555

Offer Details: Get \$1 off any large or extra large pizza when you show your Co-op Connections Card. May not be used with any other offer or coupon.

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 July 19, 2018. All directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 9:46 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2018, with corrections noted. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Reports for the month of May 2018. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Outage Reports for the month of June 2018. Motion carried.

Manager Wattnem gave an update on the loan application progress. The work plan costs were increased by \$481,250, which made the loan application \$5,670,000.

A copy of the most recent power bill

was included in the board packet for the board's information and discussion ensued with some explanations required and given.

Discussion ensued on Louisiana Pacific and the fact that they wish to be able to control the generators themselves should they wish to. Protocols are being worked on as to how this can happen.

CLP had received a proposal to purchase one of the 5-acre plots that the cooperative owns near the Clover Valley Substation. Manager Wattnem was instructed to obtain more information as to what their intentions are for that piece of property.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for at 4:36 p.m. with a motion and a second. Motion carried.

Minnesota State Electric Inspector 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
(Mon. thru Fri.) Lake County and parts of St. Louis County:

Richard Rue 218-834-9966

Anytime a homeowner or an electrical contractor installs wiring or performs other electrical work, Minnesota law requires an electrical inspector to perform a proper inspection of the work. 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 and go to the Electrical home page.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>		
Operating Revenue	\$	4,554,071	\$	6,178,824	\$	6,674,980
Cost of Purchased Power	\$	2,796,169	\$	3,817,397	\$	3,822,123
Other Operating Expenses	\$	1,596,426	\$	2,207,621	\$	2,619,127
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$	4,392,595	\$	6,025,018	\$	6,441,250
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$	151,476	\$	153,806	\$	233,730
Interest Income	\$	56,652	\$	57,225	\$	90,841
Other Margins	\$	180,378	\$	(116,521)	\$	(159,573)
Capital Credits	\$	-	\$	10,726	\$	10,730
Total Margins	\$	388,506	\$	105,236	\$	175,728
kWh Purchased		53,940,643		54,466,831		57,794,507
KWh Sold		55,112,549		51,812,561		54,963,050
Line Loss		N/A		4.87%		4.90%
Members Billed		5,828		6,100		6,157
Average kwh Used, Residential		1,299		1,108		1,175
Average Bill, Residential	\$	109.15	\$	132.98	\$	143.26
Average Cost/kwh, Residential	\$	0.0840	\$	0.1200	\$	0.1219
Interest Expense	\$	220,560	\$	181,822	\$	228,428

Dates to Know...

- Sept 8:** CLP Pancake Breakfast
- Sept 13:** CLP Board Meeting
- Sept 17:** Cookies and coffee in CLP's lobby
- Sept 25:** CLP bills due
- Oct 1:** CLP winter hours begin 7:30-4:00 Mon-Fri
- Oct 15:** Co-op Month Open House at CLP

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

DID YOU KNOW...

...you should turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models. Source: energy.gov

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 July: none
Credits not claimed: Eldon D. Swanson, Denise Nicholson, Curt Larsen, and Bill & Julie Highmark

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

July Donations: \$1,567.33

Year-to-date Donations: \$11,323.17

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.