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## Join us for the Drive-In CLP Annual Meeting

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

We had so much fun last year; we decided to do it again! Join us along with your fellow CLP members for the 2021 CLP Drive-in Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Two Harbors. The drive-in meeting will allow members to register, vote, and listen to the business meeting from the comfort and safety of their vehicle.

During the annual meeting, members will remain safely in their vehicles, exiting only to use the microphone to ask questions during the question and answer period. Being that there will not be public bathrooms available, we will keep the meeting as brief as possible. A meeting agenda is included in the CLP Annual Report, included in the mailing with this newsletter.

By now, you should have received an Annual Meeting Registration Card in the mail. Don't forget to bring that card with you. CLP employees will scan the card at the entrance to the Lake County

Fairgrounds. This card will verify your membership for the election and enter you into the prize drawing for additional electric credits. Registration will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 5:50 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. In place of a meal and gift, all registered members in attendance will receive a \$15 credit on their June electric statement. That's right, all you have to do is show up, and you will receive \$15 off of your June electric statement. Member account number six hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred eighty-one.

CEO Hal Halpern will review the year 2020 and share his ideas on the future of CLP. Hal will discuss CLP's reliability and safety record, which is independently measured every year and compared to likewise networks throughout our state. Just like in 2019, 2020 saw CLP once again independently rated amongst the best and safest operating electric co-ops in our state. CLP is also among the leaders having the shortest interruption time to restore outages. This high rating

is a true testament to the hard and smart work your co-op does every day to help power our lives. Hal will update us on CLP's environmental stewardship plan, which will reduce carbon emissions with our G&T ~95% by 2024 using renewable energy. Member account number seven hundred thirty-seven thousand seven hundred seventeen.

We will have elections in three districts this year, District #3, District #4, and District #5. You can learn more about the director candidates on page 3 of this newsletter, as well as hear from them at the Annual Meeting before casting your vote.

We hope you can join us at the drive-in meeting as we celebrate CLP's 85th Anniversary. The celebration isn't able to be the big event we had wished for, but we will make the best of it. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to keep our employees, members, and our community safe. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 2020 Westholm Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2020 Westholm Scholarship winners! Each year, CLP offers scholarships to the children of its members. Six awards are given away, each in the amount of \$1,000. Member account number seven hundred five

thousand seven hundred twenty. To qualify, the recipient's parents must be a CLP member. Two students are chosen from both the Two Harbors High School and the William Kelley High School. The other two scholarships are

given to two students outside of the two local schools. Member account number six hundred fifty seven thousand six hundred sixty three. The 2021 Westholm Scholarship recipients will be announced in June.



**Bryn Carlstrom**

**Mayo  
High School**

**Daughter of  
Mark and Tricia  
Carlstrom**



**Sidney Dubbin**

**William Kelley  
High School**

**Daughter of  
Stacy Dubbin**



**Logan Endicott**

**Two Harbors  
High School**

**Son of Ryan and  
Carla Endicott**



**Sam Shervheim**

**White Bear Lake  
High School**

**Son of Lee  
Shervheim**



**Riley Tiboni**

**William Kelley  
High School**

**Son of David and  
Tracy Tiboni**



**Kate Thomasen**

**Two Harbors  
High School**

**Daughter of  
Dan and Deanne  
Thomasen**

### Amish Hotdish

*From the Kitchen of: Jeff Heinzen*

- 1 can of tomato soup
- 1 can of cream of chicken
- 1 medium onion
- 2 TBSP brown sugar

- 1 pound of hamburger
- 12oz of mild shredded cheddar cheese (or a little more)
- 8oz Medium egg noodles

Brown burger and onion-drain. Add tomato soup-simmer and add brown sugar. Boil the egg noodle (do not overcook) and drain. Mix cream of chicken soup in with noodles. Mix burger mixture and noodles together and add half the cheese. Pour into a baking dish and sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Feeds family of 4. Enjoy!!

### Did you know...

each spring, CLP moves to summer hours to accomodate our construction season. Office hours from May 3rd to October 4th are...

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

**Friday:**  
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

## 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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Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## Important Contacts

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Gregory Lien, Vice-President, District 3  
218-595-6187  
Alis Stevens, Secretary, District 4  
218-226-8744  
Scott Veitenheimer, Treasurer, District 2  
218-340-8968  
Pat Schmieder, President, District 1  
218-834-2247  
Vacant - District 5



## 2021 Director Candidates

Meet your 2021 Director candidates for District #3, District #4, and District #5. All three candidates are currently running unopposed.

### District #5 Roger Peterson



Hello, my name is **Roger Peterson**, and I have been nominated by Bob Nikolai for the position of Director, District 5.

I am 64 years old, married for 43 years with 2 children and 2 grandchildren, all of who live in the Finland area where I was born and raised. I graduated from William Kelley High School in Silver Bay and went to work for Reserve Mining Company in 1974. I married my wife Tammie in 1978 and had our two children in 1980 and 1981. When Reserve shut down, I went to work for the Mn. DNR, Fisheries Department in 1984 and worked there until 1993 when I went to work for Cleveland Cliffs until my retirement in November of 2020. I now work full time at my construction business, keeping busy building things.

Throughout my time living in Finland, I was involved in many organizations, including the Finland Area Recreation Committee, Finland Fire & Rescue, Finland 1st Responders, and the Crystal Bay Township Board.

The Cooperative Light & Power touches everyone who lives in this area; my dad

worked for the CLP when I was in grade school. I can remember him leaving to repair power outages in the middle of the night. I am reminded of that every time our power blinks on and off, and what a great job our linemen do to keep the lights burning brightly. I would be proud to be a part of this great organization and would appreciate your support. Thank you.

### District #4 Alis Stevens



My name is **Alis Z. Stevens**; I have been enjoying the scenic beauty of the Northshore since July 2010 and am honored to be able to serve the vibrant local community through my work with CLP.

I was born in Istanbul, Turkey, where I attended German schools as a child and ultimately received my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Bosphorus University before marrying an American man and moving to Portland, Oregon. I have primarily worked in automotive purchasing with companies such as Mercedes, Bosch, and PACCAR. I moved to Minnesota to work at Northshore Mining and Cliffs in various management positions before retiring in May of 2020.

In my retirement, I have been filling my time with long walks with my dog Pasha, teaching part-time online at the University of Wisconsin Superior, playing the mandolin, and learning to juggle. My

favorite pastime, however, is chasing after my feisty two-year-old granddaughter and snuggling my newborn grandson.

### District #3 Kyle Weideman



My name is **Kyle Weideman**, and I would like to represent CLP's District #3 as your board member. I have been a small business owner and a resident of Silver Creek for many years. I was born and raised in Two Harbors and continue to enjoy being part of our community with my wife and children. I am active as Treasurer for The Two Harbors Lion's Club, oversee financials for a local non-profit organization, and believe my past experience working at Silver Bay Power Co. and pursuing a degree in Energy Management would prove beneficial in guiding CLP's future.

If elected, I follow my family's past commitment (my mother, Peggi, served as a board member for many years) of providing crucial responsibilities to CLP's strategic plans and goals. I would strive to represent the district in a positive manner focusing on safety, reliability, and financial stability. I look forward to representing the families, homeowners, and businesses in District Three on the: vision, mission, goals, objectives, and purpose that benefits the members of the Co-Op's long successful history and would be honored to be part of that legacy.

## Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Cooperative Light & Power Association of Lake County of Board Directors was held at the Office of the Association at Fifteen Fifty-Four Highway Two on February 17, 2021 with the participation of Greg Lien, Alis Stevens, Scott Veitenheimer and Pat Schmieder.

Four directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. Also present for parts of the meeting were CEO, Hal Halpern and Communications Manager, Kevin Olson.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes upon clarification of annual meeting related questions.

On February 10, 2021, District 5 Board Director Robert Nikolai submitted a resignation letter, with one year left on his term. A motion was made and seconded to accept his resignation.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Pat Schmieder as Vice-President to serve the un-expired portion of the term vacated by Robert Nikolai.

The Board discussed the upcoming scheduled elections for District 3 and 4 directors as well as the election of recently vacated District 5 director which will take place during the annual meeting. Due to the continued hazard posed by Covid 19 for indoor meetings of this size, a motion was made and seconded to schedule

a drive-in meeting on May 19, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint CLP's CEO the duty and the authority to manage date, time, and location of nomination meetings for Districts 3, 4, and 5.

The directors reviewed a proposed policy to establish and operate an Audit Committee, selected among the members of the Board of Directors. The primary role of the Audit Committee will be to investigate any matter brought to its attention with full access to all books, records, facilities, and personnel of the Cooperative. A motion was made and seconded to approve the establishment of the said Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda without further action.

Hal Halpern reported on behalf of Marketing, Member Services and Operations.

The marketing report focused on CLP Caring Closet, details of Annual Meeting and upcoming Emergency Response Team presentation.

The Communications Manager's report focused on the progress of GRE/Honeywell load control meetings, Honeywell server upgrade progress, and activities to continue support of remote work force.

The member services manager updated progress on LP EV forklift demo.

Adjournment was call at 3:45 pm.

## Dates to Know...

**May 3:** CLP Summer Hours Begin  
Mon-Thurs 7:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Fri 7:00 am - 11:00 am

**May 12:** CLP Board Meeting

**May 19:** CLP Annual Meeting

**May 25:** CLP Bills Due

**May 31:** Memorial Day -  
CLP Holiday

*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>

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## 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 March:** Lee & Tina Davis

**Credits not claimed:** Amanda Middleton, Kristina Grann, and Kathy Chumley

## OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

March Donations: \$1,669.25

Year-to-date Donations: \$5,050.67

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).

## Year-to-date Financials

<u>February</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 2,014,434	\$ 2,499,689	\$ 2,614,931
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 1,265,895	\$ 1,564,008	\$ 1,774,854
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 582,483	\$ 771,695	\$ 853,620
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 1,848,378	\$ 2,335,703	\$ 2,628,474
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 166,056	\$ 163,986	\$ (13,543)
Interest Income	\$ 7,186	\$ 28,034	\$ 11,523
Other Margins	\$ 66,744	\$ (26,986)	\$ (25,018)
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Margins	\$ 239,986	\$ 165,034	\$ (27,038)
kWh Purchased	21,797,487	22,030,324	23,510,222
kWh Sold	20,622,728	21,337,927	22,446,754
Line Loss	5.39%	3.14%	4.52%
Members Billed	5,863	6,211	6,304
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,647	1,538	1,624
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 156.90	\$ 170.73	\$ 182.53
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.0953	\$ 0.1110	\$ 0.1124
Interest Expense	\$ 67,390	\$ 77,474	\$ 28,579