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## Electric Cooperatives Send Minnesota's Students to Washington D.C.

Twenty-nine Minnesota high school students recently returned from a Washington D.C. trip-of-a-lifetime. Electric cooperatives across Minnesota select students and award them an all-expense-paid trip to see the sites and learn about the political process in our nation's capital city. Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was honored to sponsor Two Harbors High School student, Ava Oswald-Swenson.

The statewide trip is sponsored by each electric cooperative that sends students, coordinated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Nearly 2,000 students from across the United States attend the activity-filled week and learn firsthand about politics, community development and the governmental process with peers from nearly every state in the nation.



The week-long Youth Tour also consisted of learning about current issues, American history, electric cooperatives and meeting with elected officials, including Minnesota senators. Students made new friends, enjoyed seeing many sites and memorials, learned much about our nation's history and made memories.

In addition to taking in the sights and sounds of Washington D.C., all state groups convened for Rural Electric Youth Day to learn from public figures and inspirational speakers. Mike Schlappi, a four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time World Champion wheelchair basketball champion, gave an inspiring message for every American, young or old: "Just because you can't stand up, doesn't mean you can't stand out."

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has been a joint effort of local electric Co-ops, the MREA, and the NRECA, since 1964. In that time, more than 60,000 high school students from the nation's cooperative electric utilities have visited their U.S. congressional lawmakers, attended grassroots government education sessions and enjoyed sightseeing in Washington D.C.

Students wishing to participate in Youth Tour 2026 should check with their school guidance counselors or their local electric cooperative.





## Former Davey Forester Joins CLP Staff

Carey Hogenson, Interim CEO

Trees and power-lines don't always mix, but our new forester is prepared to handle the challenge of

keeping hazards out of the right-of-way to ensure safe and reliable power for our members. I am pleased to announce that Stephanie, our former contracted Davey Forester, is now officially a full-time employee of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP), serving as our Utility Forester / GIS Technician. Her respon-

sibilities include planning and coordinating all aspects of integrated vegetation management, tree trimming requests, and member notifications. Member account number six hundred nineteen thousand seven hundred thirty-six.

Originally from northern Illinois, Stephanie has lived all over the U.S., from Miami to Alaska. Most recently, she worked in Illinois managing utility transmission right-of-ways for the ComEd/Exelon territory. With an undergraduate degree in Resource Management from UW-Stevens Point, interpretation and education skills as a Park

Ranger with the National Park Service, and her Certified Arborist and Utility Specialist credentials, Stephanie is an outstanding addition to the Co-op team.

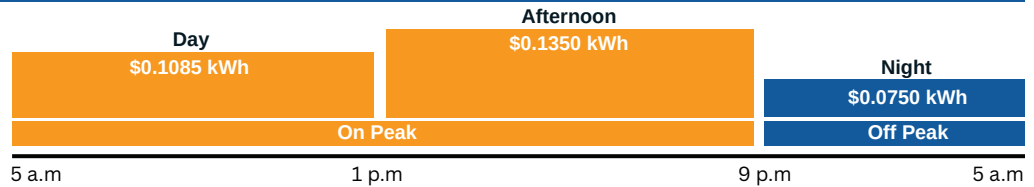
Welcome to the CLP family, Stephanie!



### OOPS!

The July Newsletter contained a mistake: it showed the Day rate as \$0.1350/kWh and the Afternoon rate as \$0.1085/kWh. The correct rates are shown in the graph on the right. We apologize for this error.

Time of Use rate plan has three periods (Day, Afternoon, and Night)



## ATTENTION BUDGET BILLING MEMBERS



This month's statement is the budget reconciliation bill. The new budget year will start with the September statement.



Budget Billing is a service offered by CLP to help members better manage their fluctuating electric bills. Participating members pay the same amount each month to avoid large swings in their electric bills during winter months.



Please call CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881 if you have any questions or would like to sign up today.



Grant Application  
Deadline  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

To be considered for the September 2025 Fall Operation Round Up Grant, applications must be received by **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**.

Visit [www.clpower.com/operation-round](http://www.clpower.com/operation-round) to download a grant application, or call CLP's office at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

## 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.

## PowerLines

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Summer Business Hours:  
Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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## Notice of Pole Inspections

CLP's contracted partner, STAR Energy Services, will be conducting pole inspections in the upcoming weeks for the following areas: Waldo, Sliver Creek, and Split Rock Lighthouse area.

You may see a vehicle or side-by-side UTV during this time with a STAR Energy Services logo and a Line Inspection decal on it. Please be courteous to the crew as they ensure the safe distribution of your electricity. Member account number seven hundred five thousand two hundred sixty-two.



## SEND US YOUR SHOTS!

CLP is accepting photos for our 2026 calendar.

High-resolution, digital photos can be submitted by email to [ariggle@clpower.com](mailto:ariggle@clpower.com)

**The deadline to submit photos is October 6th, 2025**

- Electronic photos, minimum of 3300 x 2550 pixels, 300 dpi resolution.
- Only scenery photos, please. No people.
- Photos must be taken by the person submitting them.
- Please provide only horizontal photos; vertical images are not supported.
- Please include the location where the photo was taken.



CLP and Zero Homes are working together to help you save big on electric home upgrades for both existing and new homes. With the Zero Homes Design Review, you'll get an energy audit that includes a tailored plan for efficient technologies like heat pumps, and see how our rebates and federal tax incentives

reduce upfront costs. They can do all of this with your smartphone; no need for an in-home visit. Take advantage of CLP's lower electric rates with heat pump dual-fuel system and make your home more comfortable, efficient, and future-ready. Start today by calling (218) 332-3228 or visit [zerohomes.io/minnesota](https://zerohomes.io/minnesota).

## Recipe: Rhubarb Dump Cake

From the Kitchen of: Vicki & Larry Johnson

50-60 Minutes

### Ingredients:

- 4 C. diced rhubarb
- 1/2 C. melted butter
- 1 - 3oz pkg. strawberry Jell-O
- 1 box white or yellow cake mix
- 1 C. water
- Optional 1/2 C. sugar

### Instructions:

1. Sprinkle rhubarb into a 9x13 pan
2. Optional: sprinkle sugar
3. Sprinkle Jell-O, then cake mix
4. Pour melted butter and water over the mixture to help the cake mix absorb moisture
5. Bake 350° for 50 - 60 minutes



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit.

Source: [energy.gov](https://energy.gov)



# Read Your Board Meeting Summary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was called to order on May 23, 2025, at 9:03 a.m. at the CLP office. All directors, three staff members, the CLP attorney, and one member were present for the meeting. Member account number six hundred fifty-seven thousand three hundred fifty-two.

The following actions were taken at the May 2025 Board Meeting:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the April 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the May 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the Financial Report
- Approval of the 2024 Form 990
- Approval of Board Policy I-2 Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Approval of Board Policy I-23 updates
- Approval of Board Policy II-12 updates
- Approval of Board Policy II-13 updates
- Approval of Board Policy IV-31 updates

- Approval of Board Policy IV-32 updates
- Member account number six hundred thirty-five thousand one hundred thirty-six. The following reports were given:
  - Finance Report
    - NISC Update
    - Filed ORU Form 990
    - Submitted CLP name change information to various entities.
  - Member Services/HR Report
    - Member/Community Events
    - Strategic Plan Report
    - Member & Community Events
  - Energy Services Report
    - Time of Use Meters Update
  - Operations Report
    - Current projects, meters
    - Line Patrol Maintenance
    - Training
  - CEO Report
    - Meetings Update
    - Grants
    - PCA
  - GRE Report
    - Reviewed Highlights from GRE
  - Unfinished Business
  - Closed Meeting to discuss GRE.
  - Adjournment was at 11:58 a.m.

## Dates to Know...

**Aug 25:** CLP Bills Due

**Aug 27:** CLP Board Meeting

**Sept 1:** Labor Day  
CLP CLOSED

**Sept 24:** CLP Board Meeting

**Sept 25:** CLP Bills Due

**Sept 29:** Winter Hours Begin

*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 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 June:

None

Credits not claimed: Edd or Mary Leis, Brad or Margaret Houle & Kelsie Williams

## OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

June Donations: \$1,660.55

Year-to-date Donations: \$9,569.82

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).

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

## Year-to-date Financials

<u>May-25</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 5,175,204	\$ 6,530,410	\$ 7,280,689
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 3,162,932	\$ 3,472,205	\$ 4,004,574
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 1,944,439	\$ 3,011,055	\$ 2,853,181
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 5,107,371	\$ 6,483,260	\$ 6,857,755
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 67,833	\$ 47,150	\$ 422,934
Interest Income	\$ 46,252	\$ 40,141	\$ 53,537
Other Margins	\$ (37,431)	\$ (21,348)	\$ 9,999
Capital Credits	\$ 15,614	\$ 5,605	\$ 12,135
Total Margins	\$ 92,268	\$ 71,548	\$ 498,605
kWh Purchased	50,169,602	45,896,454	49,927,810
kWh Sold	47,456,211	44,045,303	48,142,909
Line Loss	5.41%	4.03%	3.57%
Members Billed	6,003	6,477	6,517
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,298	1,164	1,279
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 141.43	\$ 172.04	\$ 187.12
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1090	\$ 0.1478	\$ 0.1463
Interest Expense	\$ 181,152	\$ 152,597	\$ 181,373