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Stanley LaBounty Partners with Cooperative Light & Power to Invest in Renewable Energy and Electrification

Stanley LaBounty, a manufacturer of large attachments for excavators, is doing its part to reduce its carbon footprint by investing in renewable wind energy and converting to electric equipment.

The company set a goal in 2019 for all its manufacturing facilities to be carbon neutral by 2030 and worked with Cooperative Light and Power (CLP) to explore renewable energy options for its plant in Two Harbors, Minnesota. Stanley LaBounty opted to enroll in the electric cooperative's Wellspring program, which allows businesses to purchase wind energy, and signed an initial contract through 2025. In March 2022, the company extended its contract through 2029.

"The Wellspring program provides businesses with an easy, affordable and meaningful way to support sustainable energy efforts," said Ken Jones, Member Services Manager at CLP.

By participating in the Wellspring program, Stanley LaBounty offsets its conventional energy use with renewable energy credits (RECs). A REC embodies the environmental attributes of renewable generation and can be tracked separately from the underlying electricity. For every 1,000 kilowatt-hours of clean, renewable electricity generation, one REC is created.

The Two Harbors plant is already receiving 25% renewable energy as required for electric utilities by the state's renewable energy standard. Stanley LaBounty supplements the remaining 75% with RECs purchased through its Wellspring contract.

"Our partnership with Cooperative Light & Power is instru-

mental in helping us meet our goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2030," said Nolan Folkert, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) coordinator at Stanley LaBounty. Member account number six hundred forty five thousand one hundred one.

In addition to investing in renewable energy, Stanley LaBounty is also converting some of its most used equipment, such as forklifts, to electric. The company eliminated seven gas forklifts, switching five of them to electric and removing two from its fleet altogether. The savings from this transition add up quickly: Each electric forklift saves approximately 680 gallons of fuel; \$1,600; and 1,160 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually.

There are also additional benefits to switching to electric, including increased safety and versatility, unparalleled performance, quieter operation, cleaner air, and overall increased performance.

"Employees who were once hesitant about the switch to electric are now the greatest supporters," Folkert added.





Your Privacy Matters to Us

Steve Shurts, Interim CEO

Don't you hate it when you provide your contact information (name, home address, email address, and/

Well, you don't have to worry about that with your cooperative. Member account number seven hundred thirty five thousand six hundred seventy seven. Cooperative Light & Power respects your privacy. We have not and will not sell or give your personal information to other firms, organizations, or individuals.

or phone number) to one organization, and it ends up in the hands of another one that now sends you junk mail, whether on paper or virtually?

Along those lines, I'll provide a piece of advice I learned the hard way. I imagine you already know this, but never use the links in an email to go to an account (bank, credit card, Amazon, PayPal, etc.). Instead, go to your account through the App or website. That way, you won't inadvertently give the third party your username or password.

You're not alone. A 2019 Pew Research study (pewresearch.org/internet/2019/11/15) found that 81% of citizens believe they have very little or no control over the data that's collected about them. Nearly 70% said they aren't confident firms will use personal information responsibly.

Play it safe at home and at work!



Co-op Light & Power's Community Trust is now accepting Operation Round Up Grant Applications until August 24th.

Operation Round Up® provides grants to local not-for-profit organizations and community projects such as food shelves, volunteer fire departments and rural ambulance services. Co-op members voluntarily participate by "rounding up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar.

The change is placed in a trust, which is then donated to local organizations, making real change in your community.

YOUR ORGANIZATION COULD BE NEXT

Visit www.clpower.com to download a grant application, or call CLP's offices at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

You will be amazed at what a penny can do!

Notice Regarding Steffes Heating Units:

Are you thinking of purchasing a Steffes heating unit or upgrading your current Steffes unit? If so, hurry and have your installer contact us to place your order. Steffes is drastically increasing their prices starting on August 15th. Units ordered before the end of the business day on August 14th will reflect old pricing. If you have any questions, please contact your Member Services Manager, Ken, at (218) 834-2226 or (800) 580-5881 or email kjones@clpower.com.



SEND US YOUR SHOTS!

CLP is accepting photos for the 2023 Co-op Life Calendar. High-resolution, digital photos can be submitted by email to careyh@clpower.com.

The deadline to submit photos is September 23, 2022

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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CONSIDERING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE?

Join us for the North Country EV Show & Tell Event!

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC
 ELECTRIC VEHICLES
 FOOD TRUCKS

Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth

Learn more @ lakecountrypower.coop/north-country-ev-show-and-tell

* Blackwoods (beer, wine and seltzers) • BoB-a-Q Smokehouse & Grill • Kernel's Best Kettle Korn • Love Creamery • Na-cho Bizness

First 100 attendees will receive \$10 in North Country Bucks — doors open @ 4 pm



WHAT TO EXPECT

- 4:00 p.m.** Food and Beverage Trucks*
See EVs on display. Visit with EV experts.
- 5:00 p.m.** Discussion Panel (bring a lawn chair) and enjoy a panel of EV experts + Q&A
- 6:15 p.m.** Live Concert by Mason Dixon Line! (free to the public)
- 7:30 p.m.** Event Concludes

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An Afternoon at the Ball Field!

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

On a gorgeous afternoon on Friday, July 8th, Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) hosted “Play Ball Minnesota,” a Youth Baseball/Softball Clinic put on by the Minnesota Twins. The clinic was held at Odegard Park in Two Harbors. Member account number six hundred forty seven thousand seven. There were 86 boys and girls ages 6-12 in attendance. They joined three Twins clinicians for a few hours, learning proper batting, fielding, and throwing techniques, mixed with many smiles, laughs, and even a few life skills.



was happy to provide each participant with a free t-shirt and a hotdog picnic.

This program was made possible through Great River Energy’s (our wholesale power supplier) partnership with the Minnesota Twins Foundation. In addition, CLP

Thank you to everyone that joined us. We look forward to hosting additional clinics in the years to come.

Sloppy Joes

From the Kitchen of: Sharen Schornstein

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| 1½ pounds ground beef or turkey | ½ cup ketchup |
| 1 Tbs. sugar | salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 Tbs. vinegar | 1 can of chicken gumbo soup |
| 1 Tbs. worchestershire sauce | |

Brown hamburger and drain. Add all ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes. Makes enough for 8 large buns and freezes well.

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

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know the combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home? Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances.

Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing, and clean the lint screen after every use. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.

Source: EIA and DOE



Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on May 26, 2022. All directors, Interim CEO Steve Shurts, HR/ Finance Manager Shannon Haveri, CLP attorney Chad Felstul, Sherry Fabini, and one member-owner were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended, the April minutes as amended, the financials, and the consent agenda. All motions passed.

Member-Owner Geoff Tolley addressed the Board, he commended the CLP staff on the Annual Meeting, he shared his desire for board policies and resolutions to be more accessible to members, he would like CLP's 990 Form on CLP's website, and he requested the Board to amend Board Policy IV-36, Board Meeting Member Attendance. The Board discussed these requests, asking the Interim CEO and attorney to explore this further and bring suggestions to the Board.

A motion was made and seconded to formally commend the staff of CLP on a well-attended, well-run Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to move the meeting into an executive session to discuss the search for a CEO.

A motion was made and seconded for board member to take a leave of absence if they intend on applying for a position at CLP. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to hire Deb Englund to conduct the search for CLP's new CEO and to authorize the President of the Board for agreements and contracts. Motion passed.

Marketing Manager Carey Hogenson shared feedback on the Annual Meeting.

Interim CEO Steve Shurts gave the Manager's Report. He reported that staff met with CRC to talk about their services. He met with CEO Darrick Moe to get more acquainted with MREA issues. Safety and Security Consultations Specialist held a presentation for first responders on electric vehicle safety. GRE margins remain strong, while the PCA remains large. Member account number six hundred fifteen thousand eight hundred thirty two.

Director Veitenheimer reported on the GRE meeting he attended.

Policy IV-36 will be reviewed by the attorney and Interim CEO, and report to the Board.

CLP was awarded the Governor's Safety Award.

Next Board Meeting is June 22nd.

Adjournment was called at 2:42 p.m.

Dates to Know...

- Aug 15:** Cookies in CLP Lobby
- Aug 24:** CLP Board Meeting
- Aug 25:** CLP Bills Due
- Sept 5:** CLP CLOSED - Labor Day
- Sept 8:** North Country EV Event
- Sept 23:** Calendar Contest Deadline

NOTE: CLP dates are subject to change

To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:

<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>

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

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>May-22</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 4,447,043	\$ 6,007,641	\$ 6,246,823	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 2,651,679	\$ 3,586,238	\$ 3,736,909	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 1,619,862	\$ 2,220,223	\$ 2,392,723	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 4,271,541	\$ 5,806,461	\$ 6,129,632	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 175,502	\$ 201,180	\$ 117,191	
Interest Income	\$ 25,490	\$ 31,898	\$ 16,855	
Other Margins	\$ 30,697	\$ (61,827)	\$ (7,981)	
Capital Credits	\$ 6,942	\$ 11,526	\$ 13,745	
Total Margins	\$ 238,631	\$ 182,777	\$ 139,810	
kWh Purchased	42,929,601	48,898,358	54,253,076	
kWh Sold	40,684,776	46,721,843	51,806,803	
Line Loss	5.23%	4.45%	4.51%	
Members Billed	5,921	6,332	6,383	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,126	1,243	1,390	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 125.31	\$ 150.78	\$ 165.41	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1113	\$ 0.1213	\$ 0.1190	
Interest Expense	\$ 176,464	\$ 145,572	\$ 146,246	

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:

Larry & Vicki Johnson and Tim Jezierski

Credits not claimed:

Hal & Jane Heyer and Larry or Greta Zanko

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

June Donations: \$1,633.32

Year-to-date Donations: \$10,039.05

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.