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## CLP Bringing the Magic of Christmas to the Community

You often hear of the magic of Christmas. Well, sometimes even magic needs a little help. Co-op Light & Power (CLP) is proud to help make that happen with the help of our community.

For nineteen years, CLP has hosted the only organized toy drive exclusively for Lake County residents. In conjunction with the Salvation Army, CLP collects new unwrapped toys and distributes them to families needing extra holiday help. How does it work? Families include specific wishes their kids have for Christmas on their applications. Then, CLP shares those wish list items on tags at local area businesses acting as drop-off sites for the toy drive. From there, community members can select and purchase those items for families in need or donate any item they wish. Before the toy distribution, CLP collects all donated items, sorts them into families, and delivers the bags to the Salvation Army. This year, we will help bring the magic of Christmas to over 180 Lake County kids.

void in the Two Harbors Community. After the death of long-time Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing Coordinator Lyle Northey, the Salvation Army sought someone to take over that role. CLP was happy to step in to help coordinate the bell ringers as it is so essential to the community. The money raised in the Red Kettles stays right here in Lake County.

#### Would you like to help bring the



## magic of Christmas to Lake County families?

For the toy drive, wish list tags and donation bins can be found at the

following businesses: Two Harbors: Bethlehem Church, Blackwoods, Bodies in Balance, Castle Danger Brewery, Cedar Coffee Company, CLP, Emmanuel Church, First Impressions, Holy Spirit Church, KTWH Radio, Lake View Clinic, Hospital, & PT, Louise's Place, North Shore Federal Credit Union, O'Reilly, Park State Bank, Port City Nutrition, Seagren's, Sonju, State Farm, Two Harbors Federal Credit Union, T.H. Moose Lodge, T.H. Public Library, Wells Fargo, Silver Bay: Julie's True Value, J&H Garage, North Shore Federal Credit Union, Park State Bank, Brimson: Hugo's. We ask that all donations be made before December 12, 2022, to allow us to sort and deliver them for distribution.

If you would like to volunteer to ring the bells for the Red Kettle, please contact Carey at the CLP office 218.834.2226, by email at careyh@clpower.com, or online at https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/60B0D4CAAAF2EA7F85-salvation1. Bell ringing runs through Christmas Eve.

Also, this year CLP was notified of a



## A Little Bit About Your New CEO

Joel Janorschke, CEO/General Manager

Hello! I'm Joel

CEO/General

Manager. My

first day here

October 31st.

Since that time,

at CLP was

I have enjoyed working with and getting

to know the CLP staff and familiarizing

contact me if you have any questions or

concerns or would like to chat. I can be

myself with your wonderful co-op.

I look forward to meeting you, our

members, too. I encourage you to

Janorschke,

your new

(218) 834-2226, by email at jjanorschke@clpower.com, or by cell phone at (320) 292-4036.

On a personal note, my wife, Tammy, and I have been married for 26 years. We have three children, a beautiful granddaughter, and three dogs. Member account number six hundred forty seven thousand three hundred seventy four. Tammy and I are in the process of purchasing a home here in Two Harbors and look forward to joining the community.

As far as my professional background, in June of this past year, I graduated from the Herberger Business School at





The holiday season is one of the most energy-intensive times of the year, but that doesn't mean you should keep your twinkling, strobing and glittering decorations packed away. Instead, **use up to 90% less electricity** by switching from incandescent models to durable, longer-lasting LED holiday lighting. And now for a limited time, you can save 10%!

## Save 10% on LED holiday lights at energywisemnstore.com/holidaylights

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#### 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.



Offer valid Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2022. No coupon code necessary. Discount applied at checkout. Customer assumes responsibility for all sales tax. While supplies last

## **PowerLines**

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Winter Business Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. St. Cloud State University with a master's degree in business administration (MBA). My professional experience includes positions as general manager at Traverse Electric Cooperative, operations manager at Meeker Cooperative Light & Power, design engineer, maintenance line foreman, and light construction line foreman at Stearns Electric Association.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, hiking, fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors.

As I said, my door is open; please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you.

#### State Law for Active Duty Military

State law offers active military personnel additional payment options for their electric bills. The law covers disconnection, payment arrangements, appeal and annual notice to cooperative members.

Similar to the state's Cold Weather Rule, an application must be completed and income guidelines exist. It's available for active duty military personnel, deployed or permanent duty station change.

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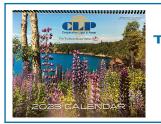
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(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov



The 2023 CLP Calendars have arrived! The calendars include beautiful photos from local photographers as well as energy saving tips! Stop by the CLP office to pick up your FREE calendar!

#### Nut Goodie Bars From the Kitchen of: Susan Hubbartt

Filling: 8 oz soft cream cheese 2 eggs ½ cup sugar 1 tsp almond extract Frosting: 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup powdered sugar <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup butter 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Tbsp milk 1 tsp almond extract

Mix the crust ingredients and pat into 9x13 pan. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350
degrees. Mix filling ingredients together, beating until smooth. Pour the filling over crust while still hot. Bake 20-25 minutes and cool. Beat frosting ingredients and frost. Sprinkle top with thin sliced almonds.

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



# Last Chance for 2021 Rebates!

The new year is fast approaching, and this means you are running out of time to turn in rebate forms for any appliances you may have purchased in 2022. You can find the rebate forms on our website (clpower.com), hover over My Cooperative, and click on Rates and Rebates. Member account number seven hundred thirty nine thousand three hundred thirty seven. Here you will find a list of items that you can collect rebates on. You are able to download the rebate application directly from this site, you can stop in the office and pick up a rebate form, or you can request to have us mail you the forms. All you need to do if you have a qualifying item is fill out the rebate form, include a copy of your receipt of purchase, and get it to our office by December 30th. This goes for both residential or commercial members of CLP. (Some rebates require proof of recycling of old appliances, refrigerators, and freezers).

Once your rebate is processed, you will receive a credit on your account. In larger rebate situations, you will receive a check from CLP. This process can take up to six weeks before you see the credit or check, but it is like getting free money! We don't want to see any of our members miss out on their 2022 rebates, so check out our rebate list on the website and get your rebate requests in before the deadline!! If you have any questions about these rebates, call Ken at (218) 834-2226.

## **Board Meeting Summary**

A regular meeting of the Cooperative Light & Power Board of Directors was held on September 28, 2022, with the participation of Directors Veitenheimer, Schmieder, Peterson, Weideman, and Josephson. Also present were Interim CEO Steve Shurts, Marketing Manager Carey Hogenson, Business Manager Kevin Olson, Operations Manager Brian Bentler, Sherry Fabini to take the minutes, and two memberowners. Attorney Chad Felstul joined by video conference along with twomember-owners.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Additions to the agenda were discussed and added. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August minutes as modified. Motion passed.

Central Applicators owners were invited to join the Board meeting to answer questions on how their job is done and what it entails. Member-owners asked their questions and got their answers from them directly.

A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session for discussion at Central Applicators request. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to

exit executive session. Motion passed. Motions were made and seconded to accept the consent agenda and the

financials. Motions passed. GRE is working on the 2023 budget. Margins are high, sales are good and so is the demand.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the grants for Operation Round Up. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the Amendment & Restatement of the Retirement Security and/ or 401 (K) Pension Plan. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve an organizational effectiveness survey to be done before the new CEO starts and one year later as done by HRExpertise. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the moving expense offer letter to the new CEO. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss new CEO and director conduct. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the date for the next Board meeting. The date is set for October 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment was called at 2:20 p.m.

#### Year-to-date Financials

<u>Sep-22</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
Operating Revenue	\$	7,840,551	\$	10,042,562	\$	10,344,248
Cost of Purchased Power Other Operating Expenses	\$ \$	4,660,603 2,886,356	\$ \$	5,964,541 3,910,290	\$ \$	6,042,474 4,267,387
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$	7,546,959	\$	9,874,831	\$	10,309,861
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$	293,592	\$	167,731	\$	34,387
Interest Income	\$	39,078	\$	55,662	\$	26,989
Other Margins	\$	29,476	\$	(138,470)	\$	31,681
Capital Credits	\$	21,264	\$	26,581	\$	30,840
Total Margins	\$	383,410	\$	111,504	\$	123,897
kWh Purchased		69,721,845		76,648,232		82,206,709
kWh Sold		65,832,733		73,182,558		78,430,357
Line Loss		5.58%		4.52%		4.59%
Members Billed		5,933		6,351		6,426
Average kWh Used, Residential		919		991		1,068
Average Bill, Residential	\$	116.07	\$	136.96	\$	145.46
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$	0.1263	\$	0.1382	\$	0.1362
Interest Expense	\$	343,600	\$	258,056	\$	263,623

#### Dates to Know...

Dec 21:	CLP Board Meeting
Dec 23/26:	Christmas Holiday CLP CLOSED
Dec 27:	CLP Bills Due
Jan 2:	New Years Holiday <b>CLP CLOSED</b>

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

### To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to: http://clpower.com/boardmeeting-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 October:

John Haveri

Credits not claimed: Troy or Kelly Hansen, Patrick Johnson, and Bradley Blackett

#### **OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:**

October Donations: \$1,675.63 Year-to-date Donations: \$16,694.62 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**.