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2022 CLP Annual Meeting Recap

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

Thank you to the CLP members who braved the wind and rain to attend Cooperative Light & Power's 85th Annual Meeting on May 25th. We had an incredible number of members registered, 245! Of those members, 120 were from District #2, the district in which an election was being held between Incumbent Scott Veitenheimer and Geoff Tolley. The evening began with a fabulous meal served by the Two Harbors Lion's Club.



CLP Interim CEO Steve Shurts addresses the membership at the CLP Annual Meeting

Members heard reports from CLP President Scott Veitenheimer, CLP Interim CEO Steve Shurts, Great River Energy Director of Market Strategy and Operations Greg Padden, and



Two Harbors Lion's Club serving BBQ to CLP members

Operation Round-Up Board Member Bonnie Peterson.

The election was a close race, with Scott Veitenheimer receiving 63 votes and Geoff Tolley receiving 57 votes. Scott Veitenheimer was re-elected for another three-year term. Roger Peterson ran unopposed in District #5 and was re-elected for another three-year term. Thank you to all director candidates. We appreciate your willingness to serve on the cooperative board and represent your district.



Annual Meeting Parking Assistants

After adjournment, a prize drawing was held for all registered members. Bonnie Peterson was the grand prize recipient, a Traeger Electric Wood Pellet Grill & Smoker. Other prize winners were: Eleanor Carr, \$100 electric credit; Jeanne Kogl, induction cooktop; Todd Cullen, \$75 electric credit; Ruthann Udenberg, CLP camp chair; Larry Sheils, \$50 electric credit; Mark and Annie Anfinson, CLP camp chair; Dean Korri, \$50 electric credit; Ken Jones, \$50 electric credit; and Len Weiss, \$50 electric credit.

At the reorganizational meeting following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected officers Scott Veitenheimer, President; Pat Schmieder, Vice-President; Kyle Weideman, Treasurer; and Roger Peterson, Secretary.



CLP a Three-Legged Stool

Steve Shurts, Interim CEO

If you had the opportunity to attend our annual meeting, you heard me use the metaphor of a three-legged stool in describing our business. I ask you to visualize a stool with three legs. Each leg represents a facet of delivering power to your home or business.

One leg is affordability. For many of us, paying the utility bill can be difficult.

Inflation of all goods and services is only making it tougher. Another leg is reliability. We don't want the "lights to go out" at our homes or businesses. The third leg is environmental sustainability. We want our power supplied with as little impact on the environment as possible.

While each of us may consider one of these legs more important than the others, as your electric cooperative, we need to make sure all three are included in our near-term and long-term decisions. We can't place one higher on the priority list than the others. That's why this metaphor

works. All three legs are the same length.

On top of these legs is the seat. It represents the safety and well-being of our employees, our members, the general public, and the environment. Member account number seven hundred two thousand eight hundred one. It's on top because we place safety above all else.

And what's the glue that holds the stool together? People. The directors, employees, and you, our members. Together, we've built a strong cooperative. Thank you!

CLP Sponsors First Responder Electric Vehicle (EV) Safety Training

Ken Jones, Member Services Manager

Safety is our top priority here at CLP, not only for our employees and members but also for our local First Responders. On Wednesday, May 18th, CLP and Great River Energy hosted an Electric Vehicle

(EV) safety training for our First Responders. The training was done by Safety and Security Consultation Specialists, LLC (SASCS). It covered the different types of electric vehicles, electric vehicle emergency response for EV crashes and EV fires, shutting down and disabling an EV, emergency responder safety, and dispelling EV myths. The Two Harbors Fire Department was gracious enough to host the event for the 98 First Responders in attendance.



Local First Responders learning about EV safety



SASCS Safety Instructor, Jack Volz

Prior to the meeting, CLP provided a delicious dinner from Louise's Place. Member account number six hundred thirty two thousand seven hundred twenty eight. Thank you to all of our local First Responders who participated in the training.

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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CLP Welcomes Apprentice Lineman Wyatt Radel

Brian Bentler, Operations Manager

We are happy to introduce you to CLP's newest employee, Apprentice Lineman Wyatt Radel. Wyatt comes to us from Freeborn Mower Electric, where he worked as an apprentice lineman for three years. Member account number six hundred fifty two nine hundred eleven.

When he's not climbing power poles, Wyatt enjoys outdoor activities such as snowmobiling, jet skiing, fishing, hunting, and lake days spent with his family and friends.

Welcome to the CLP family, Wyatt!



CLP Apprentice Lineman Wyatt Radel

CLP Connect/Reconnect/Disconnect Policies

CLP Billing Department

The following is important information regarding CLP Board Policy II-12, Connection/Service Charge. Please read this information carefully, so you know and understand your rights as a CLP member.

A \$15 Service Connection Charge is required for anyone or a combination of the following: connection of new service, change of account from one renter to another, transfer of an account to a new buyer/owner, but excluding spousal transfers. Member account number seven hundred forty one thousand seven hundred.

An electric account disconnected for non-payment may not be reconnected until the delinquent account, and associ-

ated charges have been paid or satisfactory payment arrangements have been made with the CLP's Credit Manager.

A \$50 Collection Call Charge and a \$50 Service Reconnection Charge are required for an existing service disconnected due to non-payment. If a service is reconnected after business hours, a minimum of a \$250 additional Overtime Charge will be applied.

All trips to the member premises under this policy shall occur during regular business hours unless otherwise stated. For further information on CLP Board Policies, please contact CLP's Interim CEO, Steve Shurts, at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

Split Pea Soup

From the Kitchen of: Carolyn Maas

2 cups dried green split peas (about 1#)	1 medium onion chopped
2 quarts of water	1 tsp lemon juice
1 handful of baby carrots-sliced	Parsley (1 sprig fresh chopped or 1 Tbsp. dry)
1 Tbsp. mustard	¼ to ½ tsp pepper
1 ham bone with some meat	Meat from hambone cut up
1 cup milk	1 large can white hominy (optional)
1 cup chopped celery	
1 Tbsp. or less of salt	

Heat peas and water to boiling, watching carefully as it boils over easy. Boil gently for 2 minutes. Add all the other ingredients, except the hominy. Simmer 2-3 hours or until peas are very soft. Add the hominy for the last ½ hour of cooking.

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

If you're looking to add smart technology to your home, consider smart plugs. Smart plugs are inexpensive and can be used to control lighting and other electronic devices through a smart phone app.

With smart plugs, you can conveniently manage lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. By powering off unused devices when you're away, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: energystar.gov



Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on March 23, 2022, with Weideman, Peterson, Josephson, Schmieder, Veitenheimer, CEO Halpern, Business Manager Olson, and minute taker Anderson. One member-owner and Chad Felstul, CLP attorney, both joined via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Veitenheimer asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Motion made to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Motion made to approve the February minutes. Motion passed.

Motion made to approve Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Finance/HR Manager Haveri joined to discuss financials. Motion made to accept financials. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept consent agenda. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept auditor's report. Motion passed.

Hal went over the Manager's Report. He notified Weideman that he will need to select a new member from district 3 for the Operation Round Up Board. MREA had their Annual Meeting, Hal

attended online. Ken and Carey will be at the Home and Builder Show this month. The Westholm Scholarship deadline is coming up. Ken will host an EV safety event at the Fire Hall. There will be a posting for a lineman job. The bucket truck we ordered will be here soon; we are on the list for a new electric Ford F-150. The next GRE meeting will be the first week of April.

A safety meeting was held before the Board meeting. No incidents to report.

Veitenheimer and Schmieder attended the MREA Annual Meeting.

Motion made to remove Hal from all bank accounts. Motion passed.

Annual Meeting plans were discussed. It will be at the Fairgrounds on May 25, 2022, at 6 p.m. Scott suggested to have a GRE speaker talk about changes that are taking place.

Motion made to go into executive session at 2:10 p.m. Motion passed. At 3:30 p.m. motion made to exit session. Motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be held April 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment was called at 3:35 p.m.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Mar-22</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 2,907,975	\$ 3,968,841	\$ 4,109,310	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 1,767,905	\$ 2,480,842	\$ 2,531,464	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 958,787	\$ 1,405,945	\$ 1,418,295	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 2,726,692	\$ 3,886,787	\$ 3,949,759	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 181,283	\$ 82,054	\$ 159,551	
Interest Income	\$ 11,176	\$ 15,309	\$ 6,076	
Other Margins	\$ 22,222	\$ (38,187)	\$ (31,237)	
Capital Credits	\$ 6,894	\$ 11,526	\$ 13,745	
Total Margins	\$ 221,575	\$ 70,702	\$ 148,135	
kWh Purchased	28,935,686	33,137,966	36,910,701	
kWh Sold	27,365,165	31,616,535	35,206,983	
Line Loss	5.43%	4.59%	4.62%	
Members Billed	5,920	6,306	6,372	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,319	1,481	1,656	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 141.05	\$ 170.17	\$ 187.29	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1069	\$ 0.1149	\$ 0.1131	
Interest Expense	\$ 116,001	\$ 86,141	\$ 86,865	

Dates to Know...

June 14: Flag Day

June 15: Cookies In CLP Lobby

June 19: Father's Day

June 22: CLP Board Meeting

June 27: CLP Bills Due

July 4: Independence Day
CLP CLOSED

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>

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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 April:

Phillip Bissell, Eric Bass

Credits not claimed: Beth Gausman, Tim & Sandy Oliver

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

April Donations: \$1,620.57

Year-to-date Donations: \$6,707.05

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.