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## CLP Earns a Minnesota Safety Council Governor's Workplace Safety Award

Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was recognized for excellence in workplace safety and health during the 2025 Minnesota Safety and Health Conference held on May 5 & May 6. (CLP is amongst 200 employers to be honored through the awards program, coordinated by the Minnesota Safety Council).

"Keeping the people we work and live with safe is a full-time job," said Paul Aasen, CEO of the Minnesota Safety Council. "Congratulations to CLP for investing the time and energy to make work and life safer inside their organization and beyond."

"This award is a testament to our team's unwavering commitment to safety, not just as a policy, but as a core value that guides everything we do. I'm incredibly proud of every individual who contributes daily to creating a workplace where people feel protected, respected, and empowered. Safety isn't just a goal, it's our responsibility," said CLP CEO Joel Janorschke.



Since 1934, the annual Governor's Workplace Safety Awards program has honored Minnesota employers with exceptional safety performance. Applicants are judged on several years of injury data as it compares with their industry's national and state statistics, and on their progress

in implementing a comprehensive safety program. Winners are recognized at five levels:

**-Diamond Achievement (34 winners)**

*Achieved an incidence rate better than the 97th percentile of both the state and national average*

**-Platinum Achievement (12 winners)**

*Achieved an incidence rate better than the 90th percentile of both the state and national average*

**-Gold Achievement (44 winners)**

*Achieved an incidence rate better than the 75th percentile of both the state and national average*

**-Silver Achievement (67 winners)**

*Achieved an incidence rate better than the 50th percentile of both the state and national average*

**-Bronze Achievement (43 winners)**

*Achieved an incidence rate better than the 50th percentile of the state or national average*

CLP received a **Diamond Achievement Award** in recognition of its excellence in occupational injury prevention throughout 2024. This marks CLP's fourth consecutive year receiving this award. Member account number seven hundred twenty one thousand one hundred thirty nine.

The Minnesota Safety Council, founded in 1928, is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Minnesota by preventing unintentional injuries on the road, at work, at home, and in the community.

# CLP CEO Joel Janorschke Resigns; Carey Hogenson Appointed Interim CEO

Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) has announced the resignation of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Joel Janorschke, effective mid-June. Janorschke, who joined the cooperative in October 2022, will be stepping down to accept a new role as CEO of Lake Region Electric Cooperative in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

During his tenure at CLP, Janorschke focused on delivering safe, reliable energy to members and spearheaded the development of a comprehensive Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program. He worked closely with the CLP Board of Directors to amend the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and supported efforts to revise district boundaries. His leadership helped position CLP for long-term growth, sustainability, and reliability.

"Joel has been an outstanding leader at CLP, and his dedication to the cooperative model has left a lasting impact," said Roger Peterson, President of CLP's Board of Directors. "We appreciate his service and wish him all the best in his new role."

In preparation for Janorschke's departure, the CLP Board has appointed Carey Hogenson as Interim CEO. Hogenson currently serves as the cooperative's Member Services and Human Resources Manager, bringing over 30 years of dedicated service to CLP and its members.

Throughout her career, Hogenson has held various positions, including bill-

ing, collections, marketing, and human resources. Her extensive experience has provided her with a deep understanding of CLP's operations and a strong connection to its members' needs.

"As Interim CEO, I plan to focus on continuity and stability," said Hogenson. "Joel has done an outstanding job in his tenure and is leaving CLP in a strong position. I will continue to prioritize our mission of delivering safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to our members."

Beyond her professional role, Hogenson is also a highly engaged member of the community. She co-founded and organizes the CLP Toy Drive each year, serves as President of the Lake County Humane Society, is a board member of the Salvation Army, and actively volunteers with

Meals on Wheels.

"Carey's institutional knowledge, leadership experience, and unwavering dedication to our cooperative makes her exceptionally well-suited to lead CLP," added Peterson.

"We are confident in her ability to guide the organization while upholding the values and priorities our members rely on."

CLP remains committed to providing top-tier service to our members and will provide updates as the transition progresses.



Carey Hogenson  
Interim CEO

RED

Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables

YELLOW

Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials

ORANGE

Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit

BLUE

Potable water

GREEN

Sanitary sewers and drain lines

PURPLE

Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines

PINK

Temporary survey markings

WHITE

Proposed excavation

811

First.

Digging? Click or Call

Whether you're excavating at a job site or installing a new fence post, underground utilities could be at any depth below the ground's surface. Keep yourself – and those around you – safe by having the dig site located through your local contact center before you dig.

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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## Notice of Underground Line Inspections

CLP's contracted partner, STAR Energy Services, will be conducting underground line inspections in the upcoming weeks for the following areas: Alden Township, Silver Creek, Highway 2, Waldo, Pequawan, Rossini, Moose Lake, White Lake, Stone Lake, Toimi, Brimson, Cadotte Lake, and Bassett Lake.

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 six hundred sixty four thousand one hundred forty.



To the members of CLP,

I want to thank the members of District 2 as well as all the members of CLP who have supported me and given me encouragement during my years as director. It was an honor to represent you on the Board and to tackle the problems and challenges facing CLP. I am proud to have served you.

I also want to thank all the directors and employees that were part of CLP during my time on the Board. It was a privilege to work with you. You have gained my admiration and respect for your dedication, loyalty, and professionalism.

It is not easy serving as a director as the responsibility to do what is best for the co-op is ever-present and at times quite heavy. As I stated at the Annual Meeting, we are a small co-op with limited resources thus limiting our options when looking for solutions, requiring the Board to carefully weigh the impact each solution has on CLP. Each solution has its own set of problems and costs. Keep this in mind as the Board wrestles with upcoming issues and problems.

See you at next year's annual meeting.

Scott Veitenheimer

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the energy used to power the oven or stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

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



### Recipe: Hefflefinger Chicken

From the Kitchen of: Dianne Wulff

#### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ # chicken fillets - lightly salted
- 1 can of Golden Mushroom soup
- ⅓ C. white wine
- 1-8 oz carton sour cream
- 1 jar mushrooms - drained

#### Instructions:

- Put chicken in 9x13 pan
- Mix ingredients and pour sauce over chicken
- Bake @ 375 for 30-40 minutes (until bubbly)
- Serve with noodles, rice, or mashed potatoes.

🕒 30-40 Minutes



# Read Your Board Meeting Summary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was called to order on March 26, 2025, at 9:01 a.m. at the CLP office. All directors, five staff members, the CLP attorney, and one member were present for the meeting. Member account number seven hundred forty six thousand six hundred five.

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

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the Financial Report
- Approval of the 2024 Audit
- Approval of Board Policy II-6 updates
- Approval of Board Policy II-18 updates
- Approval of Rate Schedules GS1, GS3, Large Power 500 KVA, OP, DEM, DF, GENIR, EV, and TOU.

A member addressed the Board with a question regarding the policies being updated at the meeting. A representative from Esterbrooks Certified Public Accountants presented

the 2024 Audit Review. Member account number six hundred ninety eight thousand three hundred thirty five. The following reports were given:

- Finance Report
    - 2024 Audit
    - NISC Update
  - Member Services/HR Report
    - Member/Community Events
    - Annual Meeting
  - Energy Services Report
    - Battery Backups
    - Rebates
    - Energy Management
  - Operations Report
    - Current projects, meters
    - Meetings attended
    - Right-of-way
    - Forester
    - Member letter
  - CEO Report
    - Meetings Update
    - Grants
  - President Report
    - GRE Board Meeting
- No unfinished or new business.  
Closed Meeting to discuss GRE rates and CEO Performance Review.  
Adjournment was at 12:08 p.m.

## Year-to-date Financials

	Mar-25	2015	2024	2025
Operating Revenue	\$ 3,414,824	\$ 4,210,104	\$ 4,768,521	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 2,196,897	\$ 2,347,984	\$ 2,787,242	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 1,181,880	\$ 1,831,124	\$ 1,729,966	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 3,378,777	\$ 4,179,107	\$ 4,517,208	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 36,047	\$ 30,997	\$ 251,313	
Interest Income	\$ 24,944	\$ 27,690	\$ 9,925	
Other Margins	\$ (27,607)	\$ (20,433)	\$ 11,457	
Capital Credits	\$ 15,613	\$ 5,605	\$ 12,135	
Total Margins	\$ 48,997	\$ 43,859	\$ 284,830	
kWh Purchased	34,573,164	30,870,323	34,360,462	
kWh Sold	32,709,482	29,503,769	32,943,859	
Line Loss	5.39%	4.43%	4.12%	
Members Billed	5,995	6,463	6,515	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,583	1,363	1,530	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 161.78	\$ 189.32	\$ 210.68	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1022	\$ 0.1389	\$ 0.1377	
Interest Expense	\$ 99,071	\$ 91,508	\$ 108,747	

## Dates to Know...

- June 14:** Flag Day
- June 15:** Father's Day
- June 19:** Juneteenth
- June 25:** CLP Bills Due
- June 25:** CLP Board Meeting
- July 4:** Independence Day  
CLP CLOSED

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 April: None  
Credits not claimed: Ed or Mary Leis, Brad or Margaret Houle, Kelsi Williams, and James Hagen.

## OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

April Donations: \$1,638.92  
Year-to-date Donations: \$6,310.75  
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).

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