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ACTIVITIES



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 
Website at www.clearwater-polk.com

Capital Credits sets electric cooperatives apart from other utilities

Capital credits are each member's share of the margins that is determined by how much electricity they purchased during the year and the rate that they were billed. Clearwater-Polk is excited to let our members know that the 2023 General Capital Credit Retirement has been processed!

At their September board meeting, Clearwater-Polk Electric's Board of Directors approved the general retirement of the remaining portion of 1989 and 50 percent of 1990 allocations for a total value of over \$210,000.

Current members who were also active members during 1989 and/or 1990 are receiving a credit on their November 2nd billing statement. Over 650 checks have been scheduled to be mailed on October 31st to inactive members.

Thank you to all Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative members for your patronage and support of your electric cooperative!

If you have questions about capital credits or your cooperative membership, please call Clearwater-Polk Electric at 218-694-6241 and we will be happy to help.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by during our Co-op Month Open House!

We had a great turn out for our open house celebrating Co-op month on Thursday & Friday, October 19 & 20. It was great to see and visit with everyone who took the time to stop in.

Members were treated to homemade pie, cookies, coffee and lemonade. They also signed up to win one of four \$25 energy certificates.

Thank you to all of you who stopped by to help celebrate Co-op Month and make our open house a great success!



— OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 AM-4:30 PM ... MONDAY-FRIDAY —

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

Phone **218-694-6241** – or – Toll Free **(888) 694-3833**



YOU COULD WIN



To reward our faithful readers, one member's name will be drawn at random each month and placed somewhere in the newsletter. If you should find your name, let us know before the 15th and win \$25 off your next bill.

SWAP SHOP

RULES: Ads for Clearwater-Polk Electric members only. Current Events newsletter will only be (Ordell Langseth) published every other month. Ads must be received by the 10th of the print month. Limit your ads to two items. No commercial ads, please.

REMINDER -

"Free-ForSale-Give Away- or Wanted ads can be posted in our newsletters for our members.

FOR SALE: 20 pieces of 25' long sucker rod fencing. Also, Log cabin shell, sleeps 6-8. 218-533-6029

FOR SALE: Durastart HD-1 6V battery 625 CCA, \$25. 218-640-3502

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Greg Renner, *President*..... Shevlin
 Cheryl Grover, *Vice President* Bagley
 Harlan Highberg, *Treasurer*..... Bagley
 Kim Solberg, *Secretary* Gonvick
 Bill Lanners Shevlin
 Dennis Engebretson Clearbrook
 Betty Surdez Bagley
 Deanna Lefebvre, *General Manager*

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS:

- Polk County Social Services**
240 SW Cleveland Ave
McIntosh, MN 56556 • 218-435-1585
- White Earth Energy Assistance**
PO Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591 • 218-473-2711
- Inter-County Community Council**
207 Main St
Okee, MN 56742 • 888-778-4008
- Red Lake CAP Program**
15533 Main Ave
Red Lake, MN 56671 • (218)-679-1880
- MAHUBE-OTWA (For Hubbard Co.)**
120 North Central
Park Rapids, MN 56470-0229 • 218-732-7204
- Bi-County Cap**
6603 Bemidji Ave N.
Bemidji, MN 56601 • 800-332-7161

CLOSED

Friday, November 10
for Veterans Day

Countless Thanks to
Our Veterans

Thursday, November 23 &
Friday, November 24 for
Thanksgiving



Sales Tax Exemption

Members who use electricity as their primary source of residential heat are exempt from paying taxes on the electricity purchased during the billing months of November through April. If more than one type of heat is used, electricity is not taxable only (Holly A. Clasen) if it is the primary source of heat for the largest period of time during the heating season.

To apply for the sales tax exemption, members must complete the exemption form, available at www.clearwater-polk.com or in our office. If you have already applied for a sales tax exemption, there is no need to re-apply; your enrollment will automatically carry forward each year.



CHEF'S CORNER

Celery Stuffing

JoEllyn Lundin - Bagley, MN

Ingredients:

- 7 c. dry bread crumbs
- 1 c. chopped onion
- 2 c. finely chopped celery
- 2 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 1-1/2 tsp sage
- ½ tsp poultry seasoning
- 2/3 c. melted butter or margarine
- 1-1/3 c. milk
- 1-1/4 c. turkey broth
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten

Directions:

Combine, bread crumbs, onion, celery and seasonings. Add melted butter, milk, broth and eggs. Toss lightly to blend. Stuff loosely into cavity of bird. Makes 6-1/2 cups stuffing-enough for a 12lb. ready to cook turkey.

**SIGN UP FOR
AUTO-PAY AND YOU
WILL BE ELIGIBLE
TO WIN**

\$25.00

EACH MONTH WE DRAW
TWO MEMBER'S NAMES THAT HAVE
CHOSEN TO PAY BY AUTO-PAY. THEY
WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 CREDIT
TOWARDS THEIR ELECTRIC BILL.

CURRENT WINNERS

- DEAN LUNDIN
- ORDEAN SUNRUD
- SCOTT NIESCHE
- STERREN MYKLEJORD

TROUBLE CALLS

**DURING OFFICE
HOURS**

7:00 am - 4:30 pm,
Mon. - Fri.

CALL 694-6241 or
1-888-694-3833



AFTER HOURS

OUTAGES CALL

1-877-881-7673

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS!

AMBERSON, EDITH
 ANDERSON, HERMAN C
 ANDERSON, JON
 ANDERSON, LAURA H.
 ANDERSON, PHYLLIS
 ANDREASON, ANTHONY J.
 ARDENEUX, BEVERLY
 BADE, STEVE
 BALLEK, JEFFREY T.
 BECK, JOHN F.
 BECK, RANDY
 BELL, MIKE
 BELLEFY, SCOTT
 BENAIS, DELVIS A.
 BENDER, BART
 BENSON, JUDY
 BERGLUND, RUEBEN
 BLASKY, ROSE M.
 BOE, RANDY
 BOLSTAD, MRS. ETHEL
 BOON, DOUGLAS J.
 BOURCY, ANNA J.
 BOURCY, LYNN
 BRIDGEMANS
 BRODEUR, JOHN
 BROTEN, STANLEY G.
 BRUJHJELL, HAROLD
 BRUSTAD, CLIFF
 BRUSTAD, SYLVIA
 BURRELL, HAROLD
 CAMPBELL, DEBORAH
 CARPENTER, DAN L.
 CHELMO, JEROME
 CHRASTKA, LAWRENCE J.
 CHRISTENSEN, DON
 CHRISTENSEN, MICHAEL
 CLBR SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
 CLEMENTSON, ALENE
 CLW CO WEIGHING ASSN
 COLSEN, SILENA
 COLSEN, VICTOR A.
 CURFMAN, ORDELL
 DAVIDS, CHARLES
 DAVIS, MRS NELLIE
 DICKINSON, MILDRED
 ECK, WALTER
 ECS - BEMIDJI CAMPUS
 EGGCELLENT FARMS/
 Norman Nelson
 ELLEFSON, JACK
 ELLWOOD, DANIEL E.

ERICKSON, ANTHONY E.
 ERICKSON, DARREN L.
 ERICKSON, TERRI L.
 ETTISH, NANCY R.
 EVERHART, ARLENE
 FAITH FELLOWSHIP, INC
 FARNWORTH, MARIAN
 FLAWS, MICHAEL A.
 FONTAINE, ADELINE
 FORBES, WAYNE
 FRICKSTAD, KARLA
 FULTZ, CLARA
 FULTZ, CURT T.
 FULTZ, RAYMOND
 GARLAND, GRACE
 GARRISON, ARLENE
 GIBNEY, PATRICK E.
 GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 GRUE, MERLIN C.
 GULBRANSON, CLARA N.
 GUNNING, JULIE A.
 HALVORSON, BENNIE
 HALVORSON, GEORGE M.
 HANSON, KIMBERLY
 HAUGEN'S HAVEN
 REST HOME
 HEADWATERS PRODUCE
 HERBERG, LAURA
 HIGHBERG, PAUL
 HIS SAWMILL/Leal Lennert
 HOIE, ARNOLD
 HUNT, EUCEBIA S.
 JACKSON, GAIL C.
 JOHNSON, LANNY
 JOHNSON, PEDER R.
 KALLESTAD, CHARLES
 KEENA, BRENDA L.
 KENTNER, ROBERT
 KOVACS, ISTVAN
 LAFONTAINE, MAURICE
 LAFRINIERE, CLAIRE
 LANGSETH, EDWARD
 LANZ, GORDON
 LARSON, RICHARD A
 LARSON M D, JAMES B.
 LATTEMORE, FRANK W
 LEONARD CAFÉ/
 Donnar Olson
 LUND, HENRY G.
 LUNDY, ALFRED L.
 LUSCHEN, MELVIN

MAASJO, ROBIN (DEAN)
 MAETZOLD, CANDY
 MAMMOTH CATTLE CO
 MARSHALL, WILLIAM
 MCADAM, BRADLEY R.
 MIREAULT, FRANCIS
 MOOTZ, WENDY
 MORGAN, DENEEN E.
 MORGAN, SHIRLEY A.
 MURRAY, DANIEL C.
 NAASTAD, LORENTZ
 NASSET, MRS. ELMA
 NAVARRE, KIM
 NELSON, KENNETH W
 NEWBORG, ANTHONY
 NIBLACK, STEPHEN L.
 NORGAARD, RAY
 NORTON, ANN M.
 OFTEDAHL, LARS
 OLSON, OLIVER K.
 OLSON, PATTI J.
 OLSON, ROBERT A.
 OLSON, STEVEN
 OLSON, VIOLET L.
 PETERSON, BLAKE D
 PICHA, VERNON
 PINE TO PRAIRIE GIRL
 SCOUTS
 PLADSEN, LEONARD
 PORTZ, DAVE
 PRESTON, JEANETTE
 RADKE, JEFFREY G.
 RAPISARDA, JOSEPH C
 RAUSCH, NICK
 REALTY WORLD-
 KITTLESON
 RHEN, LILA
 RHONE, JAY W.
 RICHARDSON, KATHLEEN
 ROCKENSOCK, RAYMOND
 RYAN, NORRIS
 SALLFORS, CORNELIA
 SAMSON, ENOCH
 SCHULTZ, DONALD
 SKIME, KEVIN C.
 SMELSER, HERSHEL F.
 SMITH, ROGER L.
 SMITH, WILLIAM H.
 SORENSON, DENNIS B.
 STARBUCK, RUTH
 STEMPEL, ROBERT F.

STEVENS, DONALD G.
 STOLOW, DEBORAH
 SUNDQUIST, NAOME
 SWENSON, HANS
 SYNSTELIEN, ORDEAN A.
 SYVERSON, JOE
 THOMPSON, GLORIA M.
 THOMPSON, GORDON W.
 THOMPSON, LARRY J.
 THOMPSON, MICHAEL
 TOWNSEND, C. W.

TRAUN, ELVA E.
 VANDESTREEK, EDWARD
 VAN'T HUL, BERNARD
 VASILAKES, STEVE
 VOSS, HAZEL
 WESTRUM, PEARL J.
 WESTRUM, WES
 WIKSTROM, DALLAS
 WILKINSON, DONALD A.
 YOEMANS, WANDA J.
 ZENZIUS, WANDA



Welcome Betty Surdez

During the board meeting held on September 1st, Clearwater-Polk Electric board appointed Betty Surdez to fill the District 3 director seat that was vacant when long-time director Greg Spaulding made the decision to resign so he could spend more time with his family, especially his kids who all live out of state. Betty will fill the seat until the next election that will take place during the cooperative's next annual meeting on April 10, 2024. Thank you Betty for dedicating your time to your electric cooperative and fellow Clearwater-Polk Electric members.

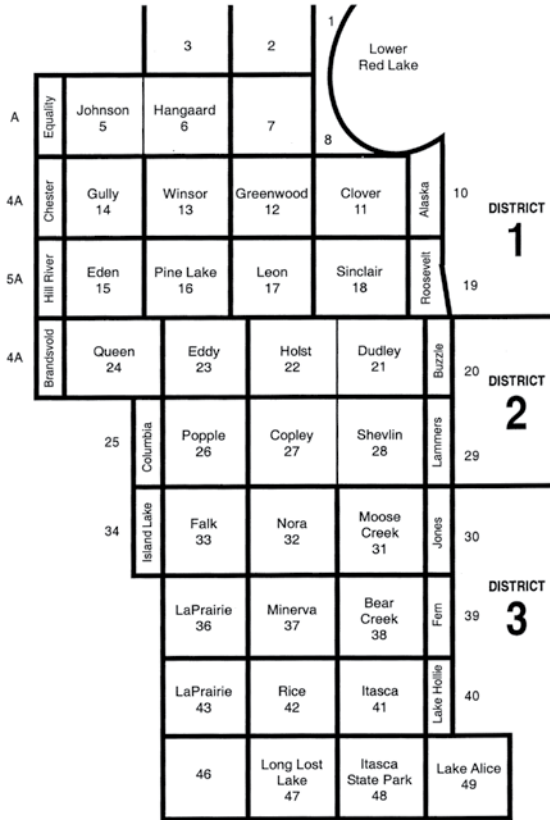
MAP OF DISTRICT 1, 2, & 3



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PETITION FOR NOMINATION



The following Members wish to nominate [insert name] _____, for the (please check one)

3-year term director position for **District 2**

OR

3-year term director position for **District 3**

OR

1-year term director position for **District 3**

and to place such name on the ballot for the April 10, 2024 election, at the annual meeting of the Clearwater- Polk Electric Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 8, of the bylaws.

	Printed Name	Signature	Account Number
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF A DIRECTOR?

The bylaws of Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative establish certain qualifications that must be met in order to become a director. These are:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district from which the director is elected prior to being nominated for director; provided, further that "primary residence" is defined as the residence that is the chief or main residence of the person and where the person actually lives for the most substantial portion of the year;

2. Not be, nor within three (3) years preceding a director candidate's nomination have been, an employee of the Cooperative;

3. Not be, become, nor shall have been at any time during the five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination, employed by a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employee of the Cooperative;

4. Not be a close relative of an employee or director, where as found in these bylaws "close relative" means any individual who is, either by blood, law, or marriage, including half, step, foster, and adoptive relations, a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling, or principally resides in the same residence;

5. Not be employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any director, individual or entity which either is:

(i) directly or substantially competing with the Cooperative; or

(ii) selling goods and services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative; or

(iii) possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative.

For purposes of this section, the terms "material" or "substantially" shall be interpreted as constituting a minimum of 5% of a member's total hours of employment, sales, or income on an annual basis;

6. Not be or become the full-time employee or agent of, or be or become the full-time employer or principal or, another director;

7. Not be absent, without being excused by the

board, from three (3) or more regular meetings of the board of directors during any twelve (12) month period;

8. Be only one, and not more than one, member of a joint membership; provided, however, that none shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless all shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth;

9. If a representative or agent of a member is not a natural person, i.e. a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar, then the representative or agent designated as a nominee for director shall be an individual residing within the external boundaries of the district from which (s)he is nominated; and

10. Never have been convicted of a felony.

District 2
Greg Renner (3-year term)

District 3
Bill Lanners (3-year term)

District 3
Betty Surdez (1-year term)

MANAGERS MESSAGE



Deanna Lefebvre
General Manager

As I write this article, we are having our annual cooperative open house where we serve cookies, pie, coffee and juice to both cooperative and community members who help us celebrate National Cooperative Month. Over these two days we serve approximately 150-175 slices of homemade pie. This has been a tradition now for the past nine years and has become fondly known as "Pie Days." I want to personally thank everyone who stopped by to enjoy some refreshments and to help us celebrate. I would also like to thank the employees who played a big role in helping it be a great success.

2023 CONSTRUCTION

The 2023 construction season is winding down. By the time this newsletter is out, the three major construction projects in the work plan should be completed.

This year the construction work plan included replacing 3 miles of single-phase overhead with three-phase underground to Rice Lake. It replaces an old deteriorating line with new underground line that will help improve line losses, power quality and service reliability, as well as provide the needed power to new housing units planned by the White Earth Tribe.

The second and third project was to convert 1.8 miles total of single-phase

overhead to single-phase underground by Lake Alice. This area consisted of overhead line built through heavy trees. It has been sensitive to heavy winds with trees causing excessive outages. Converting the overhead line to underground will eliminate these outages. The original plan was to do one side this year, and the other next year but it worked out to get both done in 2023.

The crews have also been working hard installing new service builds and service upgrades. It's an especially busy time of year and I really appreciate all the hard work they do.

POSSIBLE RATE CHANGE

It is evident that the rising costs of doing business, especially with our regular supplies and materials, is taking its toll. While many other cooperatives have already made adjustments to their rate structures, and as I mentioned in an article earlier this year, Clearwater-Polk has been keeping a close eye on things and going as long as possible before making any changes.

We are in the middle of establishing our budget for 2024. Management will review it with the Board of Directors at their November meeting. At the December meeting it will be adjusted and refined, if necessary, and approved for management's operating guide for 2024. At this point, I believe we will need some sort of rate adjustment in 2024. There is more work to be done before we will know how much of an increase or how it might be implemented. I understand this is not good news, and it is definitely not what I, nor any of the Board of Directors or employees, enjoy having to face, but dealing with increasing costs, at some point the rates need to change to cover these increased costs.

NEW DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR APPOINTED

At the August board meeting that

was held on September 1, 2023, your board of directors appointed Betty Surdez to fill the District 3 board seat that was left vacant when Greg Spaulding resigned. Betty will serve as your new District 3 director until the next election to be held during your cooperative's annual meeting on April 10, 2024. The election for this seat will be the remainder of the term which is one year. Then in the 2025 election that seat will again be up for election for its normal 3-year term. I would like to welcome Betty to the board and thank her for dedicating her time to help guide in the success of Clearwater-Polk Electric.

HOLIDAY SEASON

It's crazy to realize that the holidays are already just around the corner. Starting us off in November is Veteran's Day on the 11th. It's a guarantee that whenever I hear the National Anthem my eyes get very watery and I fight back the tears that want to fall. It fills me with such pride and thankfulness as I listen to the words and think about the sacrifices that were made for all of us. Thank you to all the service men and women and their families for your service and sacrifice!

I also want to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. There are so many blessings to be thankful for. May God bless all of you and watch over you and your loved ones during this holiday season and all year long. Stay safe, happy and healthy!

Deanna

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Held at the
Clearwater-Polk Electric
board room at 8:00 a.m.
on the last Wednesday
of each month.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Learn more at Minnkota.com

January 10 or January 11, 2024
 Fargo Holiday Inn
 Fargo, ND

January 23, 2024
 Bigwood Event Center
 Fergus Falls, MN

January 18, 2024
 Bemidji Eagles Club
 Bemidji, MN

January 30 or January 31, 2024
 Minnkota Power Cooperative
 Grand Forks, ND

Winners of the Coloring Contest for Co-op Month

Thank you to all the kids who submitted their coloring entries for this year's Co-op Month Coloring Contest. Congratulations to Nova Jo of Leonard, winner for the 9-12 age group, and Brantley of Shevlin winner for the 5-8 age group. We hope you enjoy your new bike!



Nova Jo of Leonard - Winner 9-12 age group.



Brantley of Shevlin - Winner 5-8 age group.