


# CURRENT

## A C T I V I T I E S



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative   
Website at [www.clearwater-polk.com](http://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 2024 General Capital Credit Retirement has been processed!

At their September board meeting, Clearwater-Polk Electric's Board of Directors approved the general (Mark Duffy) retirement of the remaining portion of 1990 and 100 percent of 1991 allocations for a total value of almost \$186,000.

Current members who were also active members during 1990 and/or 1991 are receiving a credit on their November 4th billing statement. Over 690 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 17 & 18. 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!



More open house photos on page 6

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

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024**

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



## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> and win \$25 off your next bill.

### SWAP SHOP

**RULES:** Ads for Clearwater-Polk Electric members only. Current Events newsletter will only be published every other month. Ads must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** 60 gal.(electric) water heater. Fischer Paykel 6 burner(propane) cooktop w/ hood fan, \$350. In wall oven, electric, Whirlpool, \$350. 218-289-2351 Make an offer

**For Sale:** Casting reel made by James Heddon's & Sons, Dowagiac, Michigan with bone covered handles, stamped No 45, Carters pat. July 5 04 (1904) Nov. 28 05(1905). For other old bait casting reels call 218-266-3946.

**Wanted:** Woven wire fencing – new or used. Also, several raspberry plants to transplant. 218-533-6029.

### SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

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

## CLOSED

Monday, November 11th  
 for Veterans Day  
*Countless Thanks to*  
**Our Veterans**

Thursday, November 28 &  
 Friday, November 29 for  
 Thanksgiving



Closed December 24 & 25  
 for Christmas  
 Closed January 1  
 for New Years Day



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

KAREN L. HARRIS  
 CINDY HOLM  
 ALIDA CHURCH  
 TRAVIS HUOT



## CHEF'S CORNER

### Apple Crisp

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups apples
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

#### Directions:

Put apples in buttered 9 x 13 cake pan. Pour lemon juice over the apples. Combine dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Stir and pour over top of apples. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes.

## 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  
 Oklee, 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

## 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



# ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Learn more at [Minnkota.com](http://Minnkota.com)

**January 7 or January 8, 2025**

Fargo Holiday Inn  
Fargo, ND

**January 21, 2025**

Bigwood Event Center  
Fergus Falls, MN

**January 16, 2025**

Bemidji Eagles Club  
Bemidji, MN

**January 29 or January 30, 2025**

Minnkota Power Cooperative  
Grand Forks, ND

## UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS!

BALLARD, RONALD L  
BELL, MIKE  
BOSWELL, MICHEL J  
LARSEN, RONALD S  
LARSON M D, JAMES B  
RAUSCH, NICK  
SUNDQUIST, DAVID W  
VAN'T HUL, BERNARD  
ALL TOOL MFG CO INC  
ANDREASON, ANTHONY J  
ARDENEAX, BEVERLY  
BADE, STEVE  
BASSETT, RICHARD R  
BEAULIEU, LYNN  
BERGLUND, RUEBEN  
BJERKE, RUDOLPH O  
BOLSTAD, MRS ETHEL  
BUFFINGTON, BETH  
CAMP, KIM B  
CAMPBELL, SCOTT  
CARLSON, GEORGE C  
CHELMO, JEROME  
CHRASTKA, LAWRENCE J  
CLARIN, ROBERT  
CLBR, SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
CLOUD, ROGER L  
CLW CO WEIGHING ASSN  
COURTNEY, GEORGE  
DAVIS, GERALD  
DICKINSON, MILDRED  
EDEEN, E B  
EMERSON, RAYMOND  
ERICKSON, DARREN L  
ETTISH, NANCY R

FAITH FELLOWSHIP, INC  
FRANK, JOHN A  
FRICKSTAD, KARLA  
HINLEY, BARBARA  
HIS SAWMILL  
HOLUM, MRS MARIE  
HUNT, EUCEBIA S  
IHOEMKE, ARNIE  
JOHNSON, PHILLIP S  
KAHLSTORF, CAROL  
KATZENMEYER, JAY C  
LAFONTAINE, MAURICE  
LARSON, RICHARD A  
LATTEMORE, FRANK W  
LONGIE, JERRY  
LUND, HENRY G  
LUNDMARK, JOHN F  
LUNDMARK, ROLAND D  
LUNDY, ALFRED L  
LUSCHEN, MELVIN  
MAMMOTH CATTLE CO  
MARUSKA, BENNET  
MCLEAN, W  
MILLER, JACQUELINE R  
MITH, KEVIN B S  
MOOTZ, WENDY  
NASSET, MRS ELMA  
NORGAARD, RAY  
NORTH STAR ENTERPRISES  
OBERG, OLIVER  
OLSON, PATTI J  
OSTROM, LYNN  
RATHBONE, CHARLOTTE L  
RHEN, LILA

SAMSON, ENOCH  
SCHOLL, LOGGING  
SPORTSMAN'S LODGE  
STARBUCK, RUTH  
STOLOW, DEBORAH  
STRICKER, LEISA  
SUNDERLAND, PHILLIP  
THIEM, JOEL  
TORGERSON, JOHN A  
UNIV OF NO DAKOTA  
VASILAKES, STEVE

### ***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 if it is the primary source of heat (Roberta Otting) 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](http://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 if you have applied within the last 5 years; your enrollment will automatically carry forward each year.

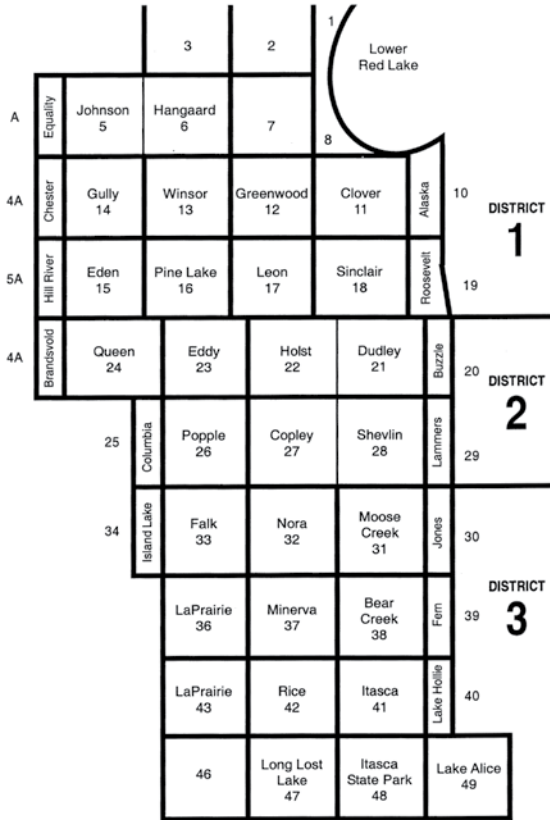
# MAP OF DISTRICT 1, 2, & 3



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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 1**

OR

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

OR

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

and to place such name on the ballot for the April 23, 2025 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.

The Cooperative must receive the completed petition no later than close of business February 21, 2025. At the annual meeting scheduled for April 23, 2025, elections will be held for the following districts where Director's terms are expiring:

**District 1**  
Kim Solberg (3-year term)

**District 1**  
Cheryl Grover (3-year term)

**District 3**  
Betty Surdez (3-year term)

# MANAGERS MESSAGE



**Deanna Lefebvre**  
General Manager

Thank you to all the co-op and community members who stopped by Clearwater-Polk's office to help us celebrate National Cooperative Month. This year we saw a record number of people, serving 188 slices of pie over the two-day open house event. This has been a tradition now for the past ten years and has become fondly known as "Pie Days." I would also like to thank the employees who played a big role in helping it be a great success. It is a crazy busy couple of days, and it would be hard to pull off without them!



Open house helpers from left to right is Angie Swenson, Angie Schneider and Teresa Olson.

## HELPING AFTER HURRICANE HELENE

As some of you have seen pictures or read about through Facebook, two of Clearwater-Polk Electric's linemen responded to a call for help from a cooperative in South Carolina to help aid in their power restoration efforts. Line Foreman Travis Huot and Journeyman Travis Trefz teamed up with four linemen from Beltrami Electric and four from Red Lake Electric to travel to Laurens, South Carolina. The fleet left early on October 3rd and with their help, Laurens Electric Cooperative had all of their members power restored by October 11th. The crews arrived back home to their families on Sunday, October 13th. It was a rewarding experience for them to be able to help make a difference to those devastated by Hurricane Helene.



Help continues to be needed, especially in western North Carolina, so Clearwater-Polk members answered as well. During the cooperative's open house, Clearwater-Polk members and community members were able to donate items and drop them off at the co-op. The cooperative's board room was filled with donations to be sent to North Carolina. Thank you to everyone who gave some of what they had for those who lost it all. We have a great community that we all can be proud of!

## 2024 CONSTRUCTION

The 2024 construction season is winding down. By the time this newsletter is out, the major construction projects in the work plan should be completed.

This year there were two additional



From left: Travis Huot and Travis Trefz.

major overhead to underground conversion planned for this construction season. One included the last two miles of single-phase overhead around Lake Alice. This is a heavily treed area and this conversion will improve reliability and help reduce line loss. The second project was converting 2.5 miles of single-phase overhead to three-phase underground around Clearwater Lake. This project will help reduce loading on the recloser, as well as voltage drop and line loss.

It is common to have projects come up that are not planned and not included in the 4-year construction work plan. This year a new service application along Lake LaSalle presented an opportunity for Clearwater-Polk to reroute over two miles of very difficult to reach primary overhead and convert it to new underground. This will not only improve reliability, but also eliminates a hazardous condition for our linemen. There are plans being made to convert the rest of the primary overhead to underground in a future work plan.

Another project that was completed and not part of the original 4-year construction work plan was an overhead to underground conversion within the city of Leonard due to a MNDOT road

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construction job. This job also included the installation of new streetlights.

The crews have also been working hard building 39 new services and upgrading about 20 existing services. It's an especially busy time of year and I really appreciate all the hard work they do.

#### **CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT**

At their September board meeting, your board of directors authorized the general capital credit retirement for the remaining balance of 1990 and 100 percent of 1991 allocations amounting to approximately \$186,000. Checks to past members are scheduled to be mailed on Thursday, October 31st and current members who received allocations in 1990 and 1991 will see a credit applied to their November 4th bill. With this general retirement, Clearwater-Polk will have retired almost \$260,000 in capital credits in 2024.

#### **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. 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. I hope you are all able to enjoy the holidays with those you care most about. Stay safe, happy and healthy!

Deanna



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IN YOUR POCKET, YOU  
CAN COZY UP UNDER AN  
ELECTRIC BLANKET FOR  
FIVE HOURS USING ONE  
KILOWATT-HOUR.**



**PAYING PENNIES FOR YOUR  
KILOWATTS – THAT'S THE  
VALUE OF ELECTRICITY.**

