

CURRENT ACTIVITIES



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Website at www.clearwater-polk.com

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

We had a great turnout for our open house celebrating Co-op month on Monday & Tuesday, October 20 & 21. It was great to see and visit with everyone who took the time to stop in.

Members were treated to homemade pie, cookies, coffee, hot apple cider 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!



Clearwater-Polk Electric welcomes Griffin Brovold

On October 13 Clearwater-Polk welcomed Griffin Brovold to our Cooperative family.

"I am coming from Lake Country Power where I have spent the last 2 years. I am very excited to be back home, closer to family and all of the things I enjoy. I am honored to be a part of the Clearwater-Polk family and I look forward to many years here!" said Griffin.



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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

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



OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Greg Renner, *President*..... Shevlin
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 Harlan Highberg..... Bagley
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 Dennis Engebretson Clearbrook
 Betty Surdez Bagley
 Deanna Lefebvre, *General Manager*



CHEF'S CORNER

Chicken Tortilla Soup Levi Tronnes (Leonard, MN)

Ingredients:

1 large onion
 2 cloves garlic
 2 T. vegetable or olive oil
 15 oz. can tomato puree
 4 cups chicken broth
 ½ cup Cholula hot sauce
 ½ medium green bell pepper
 1 T. minced jalapeno
 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 ½ tsp. salt
 1 tsp. chili powder
 ¼ tsp. black pepper
 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 mixed w/ ¼ c. water
 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken,
 cooked, cubed/shredded
 1 cup heavy whipping cream
 ¼ cup sour cream
 8 oz. Velveeta, cubed
 1 tsp. granulated sugar

Directions:

In a large pot over medium-high heat, sauté onions and garlic in oil until soft. Add the next 10 ingredients to the pot, bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer for 20 minutes. Whisk flour/water mixture into soup. Bring contents to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chicken to pot and continue to simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cream, sour cream and cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Pour soup into bowls. Can be served over rice. Serves 8-10 with a prep time of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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

LLGG-ROGER LINDAHL
 JAMES C. WURST JR.
 STEVE NETLAND
 DON WARNER

TROUBLE CALLS

DURING OFFICE HOURS

7:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Monday - Friday

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



AFTER HOURS
 OUTAGES CALL

1-877-881-7673

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 10th of the print month. Limit your ads to two items. No commercial ads, please.

REMINDER -

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

FREE: Kittens available to love and maybe catch mice. 218-785-2352 for more information.

FOR SALE: Nice cabin, sleeps 6, \$4,500. Also, want sheep netting fencing. 218-533-6029.

CLOSED

Nov. 11th for Veterans Day

Countless Thanks to
Our Veterans

Closed Nov. 27 & Nov. 28 for
 Thanksgiving



Closed December 24 & 25
 for Christmas

Closed January 1
 for New Years Day



YOU COULD WIN



\$25

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.

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

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Learn more at Minnkota.com

January 6 or January 7, 2026

Fargo Holiday Inn
Fargo, ND

January 22, 2026

Bigwood Event Center
Fergus Falls, MN

January 15, 2026

Bemidji Eagles Club
Bemidji, MN

February 3 and February 4, 2026

Minnkota Power Cooperative
Grand Forks, ND

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS!

ALIDA COUNTRY STORE

- Dennis Riggs

ALLEN, LARRY P.

ANDREASON, ANTHONY J.

ARNOLD, JEROME C.

BALLARD, RONALD L.

BASSETT, RICHARD R.

BENDER, BART

BENESH, JON

BENNETT, STEPHEN J.

BJERKE, RUDOLPH O.

BOLDUC, VIRGIE

BRICKELL, GREG

CAMP, KIM B.

CARLSON, GEORGE C.

CHRASTKA, LAWRENCE J.

CLOUD, ROGER L.

EDEEN, E B

ERICKSON, EMIL

ERICKSON, DARREN L.

FAWVER, JAY J.

FINKELSON, REUBEN

FJERSTAD, PETER

FOLDOE, VIRGINIA

GILBERTSON, RUSSELL C.

GOINS, CHRISTINE

HENDRICKSON, THELMA A.

HIGHBERG, PAUL

HINLEY, BARBARA

HUNT, EUCEBIA S.

IHOEMKE, ARNIE

JOHNSON, B D

KATZENMEYER, JAY C.

KRINGLEE, ALLEN E.

KUBIAK, KRAIG

LARSON, RICHARD A.

LARSON M D, JAMES B.

LINDGREN, JEANETTE C.

LUNDMARK, JOHN F.

LUNDY, ALFRED L.

MAMMOTH CATTLE CO

MARUSKA, BENNET

MCDOUGALL, DANIEL

MEADE, PATRICK D.

MEADER, NICK

MERO, JOHNNY

MERO, WILLIAM

MIDDLETON, RANDY

MILLER, GARY L.

MILLER, JACQUELINE R.

MOEN, MARVIN

MULLEN, LORINA R.

NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CTR

- Glen Brazier

NELSON, CURTIS

NEWTON III, LUTHER

OBERG, OLIVER

OOHOUDT, ROBERT E.

PAYNE, ROBERT

PETERSEN, BERTHA J.

RATHBONE, CHARLOTTE L.

RHEN, LILA

ROY, TALEVSON

SOLBERG, KEVIN

STARBUCK, RUTH

STUELAND, SIDNEY

SUNDQUIST, DAVID W.

WALKERBROOK VALLEY SPORTS

ZENZIUS, WANDA

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 for the largest period of time (Janice A. Stormo) 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 if you have applied within the last 5 years; your enrollment will automatically carry forward each year.

MAP OF DISTRICT 1, 2, & 3



Clearwater-Polk
Electric Cooperative

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315 Main Ave N
Bagley, MN 56621-1001
Phone (218) 694-6241
Toll-free 1-888-694-3833
Fax (218) 694-6245

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**

and to place such name on the ballot for the April 22, 2026 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

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

The Cooperative must receive the completed petition no later than close of business February 23, 2026. At the annual meeting scheduled for April 22, 2026, elections will be held for the following districts where Director's terms are expiring:

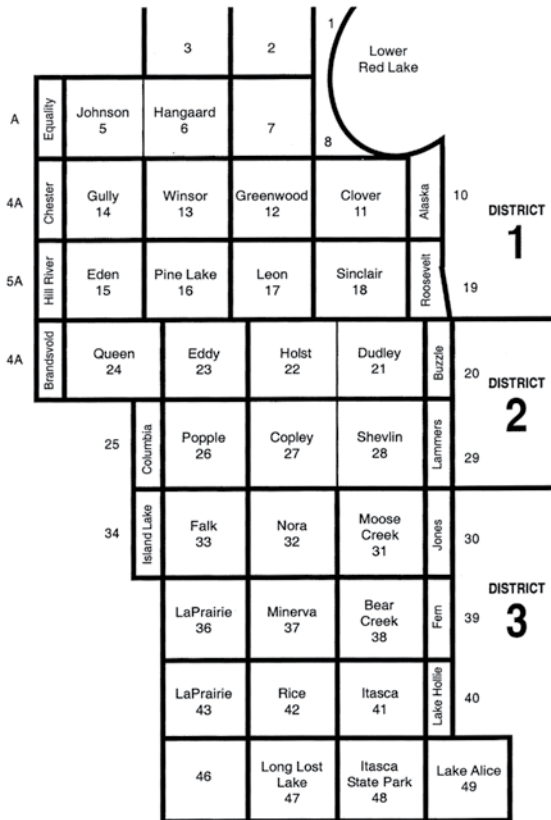
District 1

Dennis Engebretson (3-year term)

District 2

Harlan Highberg (3-year term)

Any 10 or more members who reside in the district, up for election, may nominate an eligible member for a director's position. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. In the event of a joint Membership, only the signature of one member shall be acceptable.



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.

MANAGERS MESSAGE



Deanna Lefebvre
General Manager

Welcome, Griffin Brovold

First off, I would like to welcome Griffin Brovold to Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative. Griffin earned his Journeyman certification while working for Lake Country Power Electric Cooperative in Cohasset, MN. Originally from Bagley, he was happy for the opportunity to return home. Griffin's first day was October 13th, and we are excited to have him on board. We look forward to watching him grow in his career here at Clearwater-Polk.

Wrapping Up the 2025 Construction Season

The beautiful fall weather we've enjoyed has been a blessing as our linemen work hard to finish up what has been an extremely busy summer construction season. A Minnesota Resiliency Grant, approved in March, added a conversion project that was not part of our regular construction work plan. Although we were given two years to complete the project, the decision was made to incorporate it into this year's schedule. Between that addition and the June 21st storm, our crews have certainly had their work cut out for them. Hopefully, the ground holds off freezing (Tim Hoyt) long enough for them to wrap up as many projects as possible. I want to thank and recognize the entire line crew for their dedication, perseverance, and hard work to complete these projects—improving service and reliability throughout Clearwater-Polk's service territory.

October – Co-op Month

Clearwater-Polk Electric is guided by the Seven Cooperative Principles, which emphasize democratic member control, equality, and concern for community. We don't just provide power to homes and businesses—we also help create the connections, opportunities, and hope that strengthen the places we call home.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by during our Co-op Month Open House on October 20th and 21st. Despite the dreary weather, we had a great turnout—serving about 160 slices of homemade pie! Guests also enjoyed locally made apple cider generously provided by Dennis Engebretson, which was a big hit. Thank you, Dennis, for sharing with us and helping make the event special.

Honoring Our Veterans

November 11th is Veterans Day, a time to honor those who have served in our nation's armed forces. While I appreciate their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment every day of the year, I want to take this moment to join the rest of the nation in celebrating our veterans—past and present. Your dedication, resilience, and selflessness inspire us all. You embody the very best of what it means to serve. We are deeply grateful for your service and for the countless ways you continue to strengthen our communities and our country. Thank you!

Holiday Season Message

As the holiday season approaches, I want to extend warm wishes to all our members and their families. May this time of year bring joy, peace, and moments shared with loved ones. As we gather and celebrate, please remember to stay safe—use caution with holiday lighting, heaters, and decorations, and take a moment to ensure cords and outlets are in good condition. From all of us at Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative, thank you for letting us be a part of your homes and communities. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

As always, stay safe, happy & healthy!
Deanna

QUICK ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS



Avoid overloading outlets.

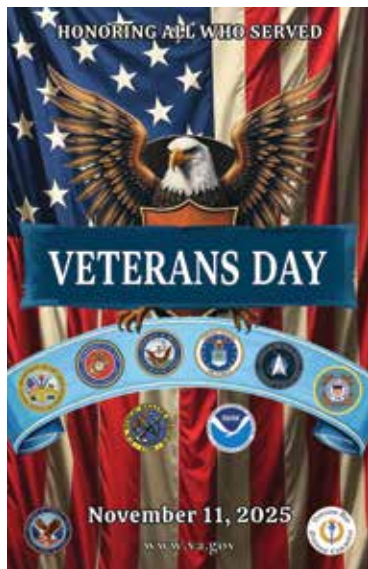


Always plug major appliances directly into a wall outlet.



If you see a downed power line, stay at least 100 feet away and call 911.





World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: ***A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.***

Thank you to our Veterans for your service and sacrifice. You will never be forgotten.

IN THE WORLD OF ELECTRICITY,
YOU CAN'T MESS WITH PHYSICS.

If you weren't paying attention in high school science class, don't worry – many of us weren't. So here's the skinny on electricity.

Electric power is one of the only commodities that must be used the moment it's produced. Until we have the utility-scale battery storage necessary to stock up on the electricity we need (not there yet), we must generate electricity 24/7, around the clock.

Not just when the sun is shining.
Not just when the wind is blowing.

On top of needing electricity every moment of every day, we continually need MORE of it – for data centers, for artificial intelligence, for electric transportation, for everything.

All tech (wind, natural gas, coal, solar, nuclear, hydro, batteries) must be on deck to power our lives. Because you can't overcome physics with good intentions alone.

THERE'S NO ENERGY FUTURE WITHOUT ENERGY TODAY.

WE NEED REAL POWER NOW

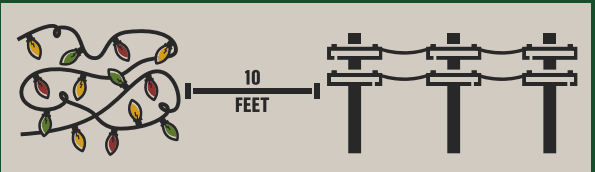
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WATCH THE WIRES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The time has finally arrived to create a winter wonderland in your yard for the holidays! But before you pull out all your lights, signs and inflatable reindeer, be sure to create a decorating plan that puts safety first. Always remember to **WATCH THE WIRES.**

STAY 10 FEET AWAY FROM OVERHEAD POWER LINES.

If you are using a ladder to hang lights or are raising large décor like poles or pre-lit structures, look up and around for wires. Electricity can arc from lines if you get too close.



NEVER ATTACH DECORATIONS TO POWER POLES OR UTILITY EQUIPMENT.

Signs and lights do not belong on power poles; nails or staples can damage the pole and cause problems for lineworkers. And no one should be touching the green utility equipment in your yard except for trained professionals. Stay away!



IF ANY DÉCOR IS GOING IN THE GROUND, CALL 811.

Even though your ground stakes, sign poles or posts for inflatables seem like they won't go too deep, there's always a chance you could hit an electrical line or other utility line. Call 811 a few days before you decorate to have the area flagged for lines.



For more power line safety tips, visit watchthewires.com.