

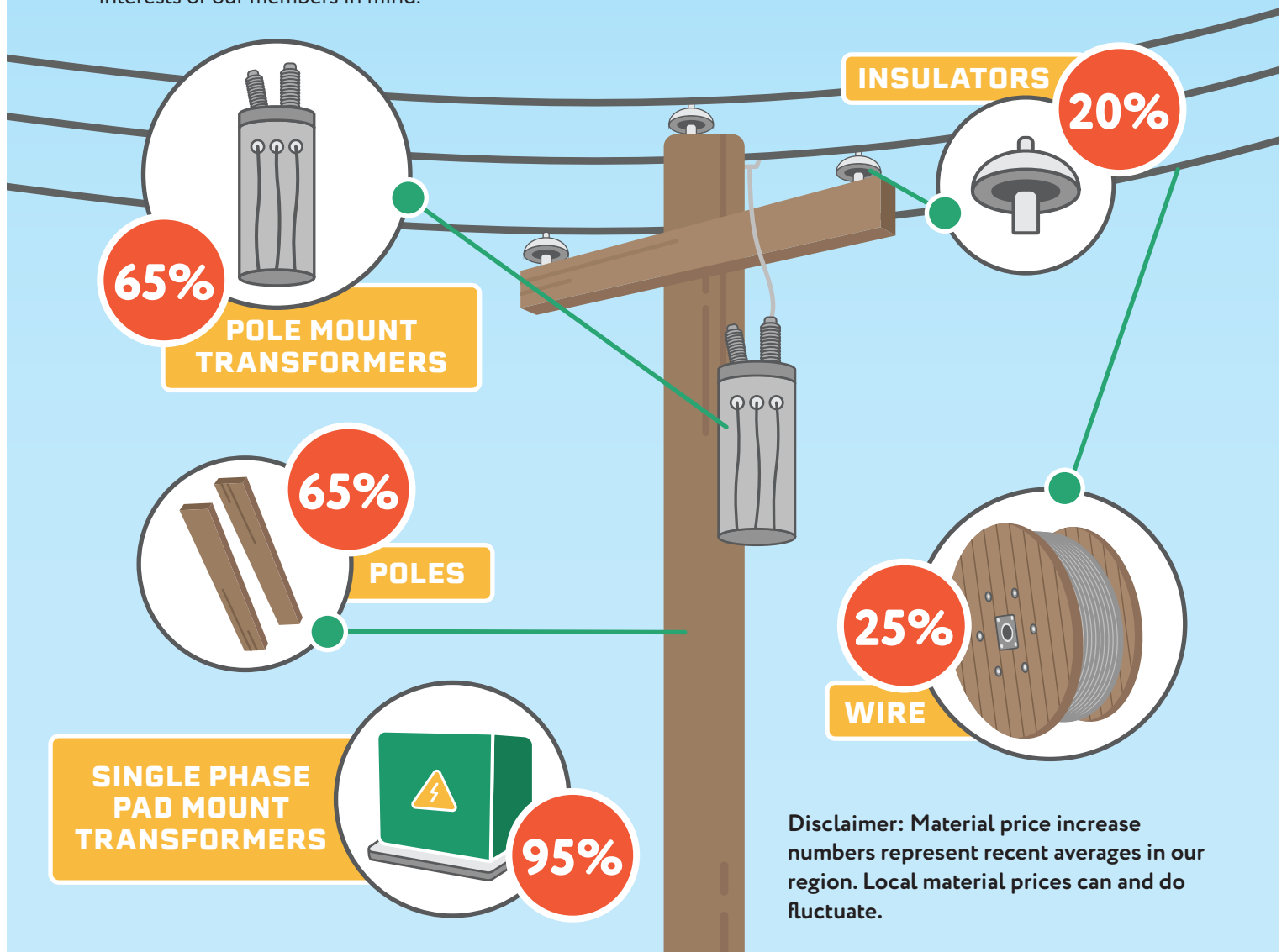
NORTHERN

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THE RISING COST OF ELECTRIC UTILITY MATERIALS

As inflation has increased the cost of many goods and services in our daily lives, your electric cooperative remains focused on keeping your rates as stable as possible. That job is becoming more challenging as electric utility material prices have increased in an unprecedented manner over the last two years.

Many of the cost increases being experienced cannot be avoided or easily cut out. We must continue to invest in utility poles, transformers, wire and insulators to ensure you receive reliable service. The graphic below shows some of the core components that your electric cooperative needs to operate and the corresponding price increases since 2020. As always, we will continue to manage member resources wisely while keeping the best interests of our members in mind.





May is Military Appreciation Month

by Jared Echternach, president and CEO

Service. Mission. Country. You likely identified immediately (and correctly) that these three words describe our nation's veterans. They also succinctly describe a core co-op ethos.

While veterans are innately motivated to serve, in a similar vein, electric co-ops are guided by foundational principles that put their community first. After all, electric co-ops were founded to bring electricity to rural areas where there was none. In doing so, they powered local economies and helped them to thrive. I believe this close connection to an essential mission is why there are so many veterans in the utility industry and why they are such a great fit for electric co-ops.

Today's veterans are highly skilled because everyone who joins the military is either trained in a tech career field or exposed to advanced technology during their years of service. Many veterans have skills in advanced disciplines such as engineering, electronics or mechanics, which are all beneficial for the utility industry. Beltrami Electric Cooperative is proud to employ six veterans, and we're especially grateful for their contributions to the co-op and to our community.

Leadership and teambuilding skills

Our veteran colleagues joined the co-op equipped with training in leadership and teamwork. That's because while on active duty within their units, service men and women work closely together because they know their lives depend on each other's actions. This fosters a high level of self-discipline, sense of personal responsibility and passion for excellence.

The utility industry is increasingly complex and undergoing profound transformation. While there is the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspect of the utility industry, it now also encompasses technology, cybersecurity and the electrification of the transportation sector and other areas of the economy. Veterans are adept at responding to changing

conditions and learning and adapting to new technologies, which is essential in our evolving industry.

Mission-oriented outlook

Working for an electric co-op is more than a job. There is a clear mission in the work – to help our members and the community. When you work so closely with the community, you can't help but feel a sense of commitment and responsibility to our members. It's similar to the sense of duty and responsibility that veterans experience in the military. They feel deep, personal responsibility and commitment to their co-op team members and to the members we serve. Veterans are trustworthy, goal oriented, wanting to do right for their co-op and their community.

May is Military Appreciation Month, and at Beltrami Electric we are grateful to have veterans within our ranks and we are proud to serve them and their families within our community. But beyond our gratitude, we demonstrate our deep appreciation through our actions and ongoing commitment to veterans and their families.

Throughout the year, we partner with local charitable and business organizations that support veterans and their families such as Ride for the Troops, the DAV newsletter and annual Poppy Days.

At the national level, electric co-ops support the "Vets Power Us" program, which is aimed at employing and honoring veterans and their families. This effort involves partnering with other electric co-ops across the country along with the Department of Labor, the Department of Defense, the Veterans Administration and others to hire veterans in the energy industry.

May is Military Appreciation Month, and I hope you'll join me in recognizing the sacrifices veterans have made to our great country – and the many contributions they continue to make to our wonderful community. Veterans, we salute you! USA, USA, USA!



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric Cooperative's board conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, March 29, 2023. A quorum of directors was in attendance.

The following reports were given at the meeting:

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations.
- President and CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including February financials, employee updates, legislative issues affecting the cooperative and cost of service study.
- President and CEO Echternach presented on the newly formed Cooperative Family Fund.
- President and CEO Echternach presented on a grant funding opportunity and partnership with Red Lake.
- David Holt, Brady Martz & Associates, gave the 2022 audit report giving Beltrami Electric Cooperative a clean audit opinion.
- Arlene Hogquist presented the February financial reports.
- Rich Riewer presented on the radio spectrum for AMI communications.
- Arlene Hogquist presented the 2022 Patronage Capital margins and allocation.
- President and CEO Echternach reviewed the updates to the Cooperative Service Standards.
- Directors and the President and CEO shared highlights of educational classes and meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and events.
- Vice Chair Kringen appointed Muri Nord as the alternate Governor for Cooperative Development.
- Vice Chair Kringen appointed Sue Kringen as the CRC delegate with Muri Nord as the alternate.
- Vice Chair Kringen appointed Muri Nord as the Federated delegate with Sue Kringen as the alternate.
- Vice Chair Kringen appointed Sue Kringen as the CFC delegate with Muri Nord as the alternate.

The following actions were taken at the meeting:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved a Cooperative Family Fund donation.
- Approved a resolution supporting Red Lake's Department of Energy grant application.
- Approved the 2022 audit report.
- Approved an amendment to the 2023 capital budget.
- Approved the 2022 Patronage Capital allocation.
- Approved the 2023 district meetings.
- District 6 meeting on June 22, 6 p.m. at Beltrami Electric; District 4 meeting on June 26, 6 p.m. at Beltrami Electric; and District 2 meeting on June 27, 6 p.m. at the Red Lake Nation College.
- Approved director and President and CEO expenses.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Pictured: Brennen, Janee, Lee, Kolbie and Christian Hill. **Not pictured:** Jackson.

Hill's Country Greenhouse Landscaping and Gifts/Custom Sprinklers

Ayla Kranz, business development coordinator, and Bob Gregg, business development manager, recently visited Hill's Country Greenhouse Landscaping and Gifts and Custom Sprinklers, located south of Bemidji, off Highway 71 South. Owners Janee and Lee Hill opened their full-service greenhouse and landscaping business in January 2016, and are open March through December. The greenhouse offers plants, shrubs, trees, garden veggies, soil, seeds and so much more. They also do custom planters and arrangements, residential and commercial landscaping and partner with several local businesses for landscaping materials. They have seven full-time employees and will employ up to 24 employees at their peak. They like to hire students for summer help and enjoy teaching them skills that they can carry with them in life.



The Hills recently purchased Custom Sprinklers to add to the services they provide. Opening for the season in May, Custom Sprinklers will install sprinkler systems, perform service work and offer winterization services.

Hill's Country Greenhouse Landscaping and Gifts



Co-op Connections Business Offer:
10% off in-store regular price purchase (not valid on gift certificates or special orders)

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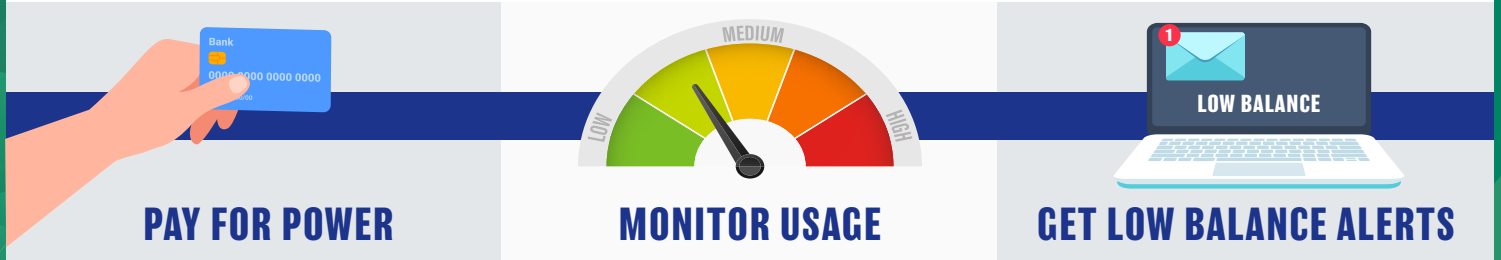


Beltrami Electric Cooperative board member Mike Monsrud recently received a certificate for completing the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program. The CCD program consists of courses that focus on basic governance knowledge and the essential skills required of cooperative directors. The CCD program prepares directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of their membership. Congratulations to Mike on completing the CCD program.

INTRODUCING BEC PREPAY

BEC PrePay

The POWER is in your hands!



PAY FOR POWER

MONITOR USAGE

GET LOW BALANCE ALERTS

BEC PrePay is a new optional billing program for members to pre-pay for their electricity. Instead of receiving a bill at the end of the month for power you have already used, you have the flexibility of purchasing electricity when you want. Pay amounts that fit your budget – daily, weekly or monthly.

- **Enroll for as little as \$50**
- **Choose when to make payments**
- **No additional fees**
- **No deposit**
- **Monitor your daily usage**
- **No monthly bill**
- **No specific due dates**
- **Receive low balance alerts**

Visit beltramelectric.com/prepay to learn more about this optional billing program.

CONSIDERING SOLAR?

LET BELTRAMI ELECTRIC HELP YOU, SO YOU DON'T FALL VICTIM TO SCAMS

You've likely heard the term "Buyer Beware." It applies in many walks of life – including energy. If you're looking to invest in renewable energy at home and your gut says something doesn't sound right, give us a call and our experts will help answer your questions during your decision-making process.

SOLAR SCAMS



Dishonest leases can be disguised as great financing options for new solar panels for your home. A scammer may lull you into thinking you own the panels and thus may collect tax incentives offered by buying panels. However, if you don't outright own the panels, you can't collect incentives or rebates – and the value of the panels is not added to your home.



If you encounter a **pushy salesperson** who isn't answering your questions clearly, you should take pause. Be aware of false claims that you can get rid of your electric bill entirely or that you will soon miss the boat on important federal tax incentives.



Be wary of any **online ads, social media links or emails** that tout free or zero-dollars-down solar panels. These are usually scams. Always go through a company's official website to schedule an in-person meeting and solar evaluation.

PROTECT YOURSELF



Contact Beltrami Electric in the early stages of any solar panel planning – our experts will help guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have about interconnecting a solar system.



Do your research and read online reviews of solar companies, including from the Better Business Bureau.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative selects

ELENA HARMSEN

for 2023 YOUTH TOUR!



Beltrami Electric is pleased to announce that Elena Harmsen of Bemidji has been selected as the cooperative's 2023 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour representative. She will join hundreds of high school students representing their cooperatives on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 13-18.

"The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students from Minnesota and around the United States," said Angela Lyseng, Youth Tour coordinator for Beltrami Electric Cooperative.

"Electric cooperatives are about more than poles and wires - they're about people and communities. For many, this will be their first time in our nation's capitol, where they will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and learn about advocating on behalf of their community, all while creating friendships that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and we are honored to be able to give them tools and experiences that will help them succeed."

Students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with their U.S. representatives and senators, jumpstart their national peer network and tour Washington, D.C.

Elena's application reflected her strong commitment to academics and community volunteerism and her video essay revealed a good understanding of what it means to be a member of a cooperative. She plays the cello in her high school orchestra, is on the varsity swim team where she qualified for state, participates on the BHS track team and is a Link Leader, assisting with tours for new high school students and incoming freshmen.

Elena enjoys sewing, crafting, swimming, biking and skiing. She loves working with kids and spends her spare time babysitting or teaching private swim lessons. In addition to school, she holds three part-time jobs and has volunteered as a unified partner with Special Olympics swimming and bowling, and with the Pinky Swear Foundation, which raises money for families who have a child fighting cancer. Elena is the daughter of Erica and Jeff Harmsen of Bemidji.

The members of Beltrami Electric are once again pleased to send a well-rounded student to our nation's capitol as a representative of the cooperative. Congratulations and good luck!

A Safe, Happy House

Four Easy Ways to Boost Electrical Safety at Home



DON'T

place flammable items, like potholders, napkins or dish towels, near the stove while cooking.

DO

keep electrical devices away from water to prevent electric shock.

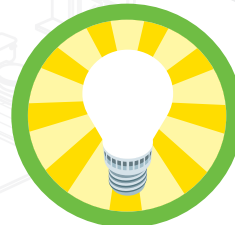


DON'T

overload electrical outlets with more devices than the circuit can handle.

DO

ensure you're using the correct wattage in all light fixtures.



May is National Electrical Safety Month.

Classifieds

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
 - Ads submitted by May 1 will be published in June issue.
 - Ads submitted between May 2 and June 1 will be published in July issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com. (preferred)
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, with no guarantee your ad will appear.
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for three consecutive months and must be resubmitted each month.
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.

For Sale:

2015 Pullrite Superglide 2700 fifth wheel hitch, 16,000# with brackets, \$900. 218-760-2655.

International Harvester Super C service manual, 1" thick, covers everything, make offer. 218-760-7908 or 218-759-0011.

1993 20-ft Forester Classic pontoon with a 40 hp Evinrude Tracker. \$8,000. 1981 16-ft Lund with console steering, 50 hp Johnson outboard and trailer. \$1,500. Call or text 218-259-3108.

14-ft Crestliner aluminum boat with 6 hp Johnson Sea Horse outboard motor and Snowco trailer, \$1,250. Also, other 14' aluminum boats including Lund, Mirrocraft and Alumacraft. Several 8' dock sections and one 16' section on wheels. Call 218-760-8266.

Savage 270 bolt action \$300. Benelli 12-gauge tactical shotgun. \$400. 7.62 x39 Romanian \$600. 218-766-3414.

2000 Polaris 500 Magnum 4-wheeler, \$3,500. 218-766-0437.

17-ft fiberglass double ender, excel ricing canoe, \$500. Gun cabinet, wood, non-locking, \$50. 2 matching tan reclining chairs, \$50 each. 14-ft aluminum fishing boat, 7.5 hp Mercury motor, trolling motor, trailer, \$750. 218-766-0478.

7-ft pine antique harvest table, 6 chairs, \$1,000. Commercial leaf vac with 5 1/2 Honda motor, always garaged, \$550. Patio door and screen w/nail flange, white bars between glass, \$400. New Kohler sliding glass door for above bathtub, in box, \$200. Ab Lounge and workout tape, \$50. 319-239-3632.

3rd crop large round hay bales. 218-751-0408.

Craftsman gas pressure washer, 2700 psi, \$250. Tractor wheel weights for rear wheels, \$75. Older wards lawn tractor with matching trailer for restoration project, \$200/obo. 21" Insignia Smart TV, \$75. Older overhead heater for shop or garage, \$75. Call 218-255-7612.

Dish Tailgater and Wally receiver. Used six weeks in RV, like new. \$250. 218-243-2958.

Fishing stuff: rods, reels, tackle, landing nets, gaff hooks. Lg white vinyl captain's chair-perfect for pontoon (new \$149), \$80. Giant white cooler used for BIG salmon, boat use, \$40. Wood Adirondack style chairs, \$35/each or 2/\$50. Wall coat rack, driftwood with deer antlers as hooks, perfect for cabin or Northwoods home, \$70. 218-586-2884.

Leather La-Z-Boy reclining loveseat and chair (tan), green glider with footstool, 35-cf. refrigerator/freezer, pull behind fab-ag lawn sweep, all good condition. Best offer for all items. 612-810-1443.

1955 Ford Sunliner convertible, very good condition, power windows, top, seats and brakes. Continental kit. White exterior and top. Red and white interior. \$32,500/obo. Cash only. Pictures available upon request. 218-760-1095.

Hewitt 1500 aluminum boat lift with canopy and cover. New cable, winch and bunks, 100 W x 110 L. Asking \$850/obo. Valued over \$1,250 without cover. Ideal for small sail/fishing boat or jet ski. 320-583-0471.

50+ small square hay bales. \$2 per bale. Call 218-243-3112.

2018 Jayco Greyhawk Prestige motorhome,

32' w/2 slides, like new, 7,000 miles, double fridge, 3 TVs and many extras, below book, \$92,000. 970-901-2605.

Photography by "Carrie," 25 senior proofs (3 outfits with cap/gown), \$350. 218-835-5771.

Homemade quilts: 4-5-6-inch Block, Crazy, Star, Twin, \$40; Full, \$45; Queen, \$65; King, \$70. 3-drawer dresser, been restored, 44" W x 19 1/2" D. Sewing machines, \$15 each. 218-243-2702.

Wanted:

A person to help with seniors. Live in mobile home near Hirt Lake. kmzy21@paulbunyan.net

Vintage dark house spears. Will pay cash. 218-556-8077.

Cash for WWII, WWI and Vietnam military items, 218-371-6259.

Do you need someone to help with spring cleaning? Hard working 8th grader looking to rake, clean gutters, mow...reasonable prices. Call or text Mikkol at 218-214-3641.

Looking for free ceramic flowerpots. 218-556-2743.

Used snowplow to fit a 2000 Ford F-150, used table saw. Call 218-255-7612.

Firearms that need some TLC: rusty, need bluing, or stock work. Also, ammo. 12" or 13" trailer tires, wheels, 5-hole. Snowblower, 2-stage, ok if needs TLC. Radio for 2005 Chevy Silverado. Fruit of the Loom men's poly rayon camo jogger, sleep pants, 2X or 3X. Faded Glory flannel lined blue denim button-up shirt, jacket. Call or text 218-368-2369.

Looking for John Deere riding lawn mower. 210-216, dead or alive with hydraulic set up. 218-751-6667.

Looking for canning jars, preferably quarts, reasonable price. 218-766-8244.

Wanted to buy a 12', 14' or 16' aluminum fishing boat. Also wanted to buy a 17' aluminum canoe. Call 218-760-8266.

Looking for an ATV or side by side CULPACKER. Also, a serger sewing machine. 218-586-2599.

Back tire for an Allis Chalmers G (7.2-30). Text picture and price to 218-766-5510.

Free:

Used 3-ring binders. 218-586-2884.



Need help paying your electric bill?

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the three most recent months of income.)

- Energy Assistance applications are still available for the 2022-2023 heating season.
- The Energy Assistance Program now has higher income eligibility and extended the deadline to apply, so thousands more Minnesotans qualify and still have time to apply.
- Crisis funds have been increased to \$3,000.

Apply online or submit an application directly to the EAP service provider that serves your county or tribe. All applications must be postmarked by **May 31, 2023**.

- APPLY ONLINE -



SCAN ME

Visit <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance-program/> for EAP income guidelines and program information.

Professional office space available for lease

923-square-foot office suite – reception area with three separate office suites. Will modify to suit. Second floor location, elevator, adjacent conference/meeting room, safe, clean, quiet, low-traffic area of well-maintained professional building. For further details contact Mike Birkeland, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, **218-444-3672**.

Beltrami Electric Cooperative's headquarters

The average home in our area can be powered for about **\$45 per week** – the price of a new outdoor game set.



VALUING EVERYTHING THAT POWERS YOUR WEEK.

THAT'S THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY.



Beltrami Electric will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.



OPERATION ROUND UP® HELPS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board met in April to review Operation Round Up® grant applications. They received 38 grant requests totaling \$118,313 for various local programs. The Trust had \$41,195.12 in funds available, so it was not an easy task selecting which groups would get funding and what amount they would receive. The board was diligent in their review process of all grant applications and there were many worthy projects in the group. The board awarded grants to 25 area nonprofit and community organizations totaling \$41,195.

- All funds for Operation Round Up are placed into a trust fund that is separate from electric accounts.
- The Trust is administered by its own board of directors, comprised of five co-op members who volunteer their time: Kay Mack, Bemidji; Miriam Osborn-Dougherty, Blackduck; Sharon Hadrava, Laporte; Lea Perkins, Red Lake; and Barb Siler, Bemidji.
- 100% of member donations go directly to local community organizations to improve the quality of life in our region.
- The average amount a participating member will contribute is \$0.50 a month or \$6 a year, while the maximum annual contribution possible is \$11.88 per year.
- Contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible and will be shown on your billing statement.
- Participation is voluntary and members may opt out any time or opt back in to support this program by contacting our office.

Many local programs and organizations benefit from Operation Round Up, a voluntary, member-driven fundraising program of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, designed to give members a means of working together to use their small change to make a big impact in our local communities. The next application deadline is **Sept. 15, 2023**.

The following organizations were awarded Operation Round Up grants in April:

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Bemidji Area Take a Kid Fishing	2023 Bemidji Area Take a Kid Fishing Event	\$ 1,300
Bemidji Career Academies	Bemidji Career Academies Exploring Program Partnership	\$ 3,300
Bemidji Football Boosters	Football practice pants with pads	\$ 400
Bemidji Middle School Robotics Club	Teams attending Worlds Competition in May 2023	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Senior Center	Senior spring art classes	\$ 1,100
Bemidji Symphony Orchestra	The Return of the Snowman – holiday season film presentation with live music	\$ 1,745
Blackduck Area Senior Center	Flooring replacement project	\$ 2,500
Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	Growing gardeners	\$ 2,000
Camp Oak Hills	Archery equipment	\$ 1,000
City of Blackduck	Renovation and repair of the historic Black Duck	\$ 1,400
Deeper Life Bible Camp	Handicap ramps for triple cabin project and deck	\$ 1,000
Friends Up North	FUN DAYS at the Park – games and prop kit for Paul Bunyan Park	\$ 500
Gene Dillon Elementary PTO – GDE Robotics	Gene Dillon Squirrel Busters team registration for International Invitational	\$ 1,000
Headwaters Quilt Guild	Provide quilts for veterans and local groups, continuing ed for area quilters	\$ 1,000
Headwaters Science Center	HSC Family Book Club	\$ 300
Headwaters Science Center	Student scholarships and transportation fund for rural schools in Beltrami County	\$ 2,000
Laporte-Benedict Lions Club	Historic Laporte City Jail Restoration Project	\$ 1,400
Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce	Ethnic Fest – September 9, 2023	\$ 1,500
Level Ground	Computer for The Door	\$ 650
Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society	Making windows safe for birds	\$ 1,500
Red Lake Nation College	Red Lake books/programming resources for the Medweganoonind Library	\$ 2,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Philip's Conf.	Hope in Bemidji	\$ 3,000
Solway Volunteer Fire Department	Turnout gear replacement	\$ 5,000
Tailwinds Bemidji	Substance use assessments	\$ 4,000
True Friends	Adapted, accessible adventures for people with disabilities – Camp Courage North	\$ 600

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MN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Please visit www.dli.mn.org for more information. Inspectors can be reached weekday morning between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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www.gopherstateonecall.org



Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electric lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide excellent value to our members through the safe delivery of reliable electric service, excellent member service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

® Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Connecting Communities.
Powering Life.

ASK THE EXPERT!



I AM BUILDING A NEW HOME. HOW DO I GET ELECTRICAL SERVICE? Ask Heather!



Heather Winskowski
Member Service Representative

Whether you are an existing member or becoming a new member of Beltrami Electric, our member service department is happy to help! We are committed to providing excellent service to the member-owners of BEC. Prior to construction, one of our energy experts would be happy to visit with you about your electrical service and home heating and cooling options for your new home. We also provide a free heat loss calculation!

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROCESS:

- Step 1** – Contact BEC and one of our member service representatives will assist throughout the process.
- Step 2** – Complete and sign a residential service construction application. If you are a new member, you will be asked to sign a membership form.
- Step 3** – Provide a copy of a warranty deed/land use permit, and the 911 address.
- Step 4** – An easement/service line agreement is required and must be signed in the presence of a notary. (BEC’s member service reps are notaries and can help you with that).
- Step 5** – Schedule a staking appointment with one of our staking technicians to determine line placement and receive a quote for the cost to construct your new electrical service.

Once all steps are finished and the required fees are paid in full, a crew will be scheduled to construct the new service. To begin your new service, please visit our website at beltramielectric.com/electric-service-construction or call our office at 218-444-2540 (toll free 800-955-6083) to speak with one of our friendly member service representatives. You can also visit our office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (no appointment necessary) at 4111 Technology Drive, NW, Bemidji, Minn.