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June 2020



**Beltrami Electric  
Cooperative Inc.**

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## 2020 DISTRICT MEETINGS IN JUNE

**D**istrict meetings are held each year in districts whose directors are up for reelection. District meetings for members of Beltrami Electric Cooperative will be held in June for Districts 2, 4 and 6. The meetings inform members on current issues and programs associated with the cooperative. Official business will be conducted at the district meetings, to include the nomination of a director candidate. The top two candidates as determined by popular vote will have their names on the general election ballot in August.

Nominations for qualified candidates from your district to Beltrami Electric's board of directors will be accepted at this meeting.

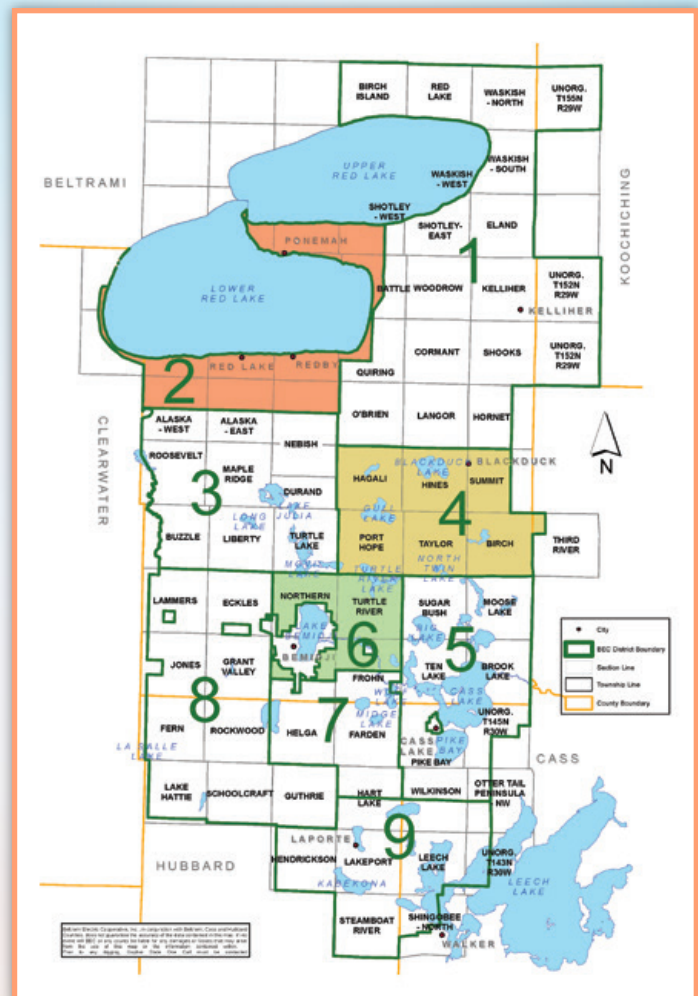
Members seeking to run for the board of directors shall, not less than five (5) business days prior to the district meeting in which there is a director election, submit to the corporate office a completed candidate packet, as provided by the cooperative, by which the cooperative will verify said member's qualifications to be an eligible candidate for the director position.

If you are interested in seeking a directorship position with Beltrami Electric Cooperative and desire more information, please contact Jared Echternach at (218) 444-2540 and request a director candidate packet.

**District 2: Thursday, June 25, 2020, 7 p.m.**  
*Beltrami Electric Cooperative Community Room, Bemidji*

**District 4: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 7 p.m.**  
*Beltrami Electric Cooperative Community Room, Bemidji*

**District 6: Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 7 p.m.**  
*Beltrami Electric Cooperative Community Room, Bemidji*



**Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and the closing of facilities in our communities, Beltrami Electric Cooperative will hold all three district meetings at the cooperative.**

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### Board of Directors

Chair	Rick Coe, DISTRICT 6 (Minnkota Director)
Vice Chair	John Lund, DISTRICT 7
Secretary	Murl Nord, DISTRICT 1 (Square Butte Director)
Treasurer	Judy Honer, DISTRICT 9
Directors:	Charlie Perkins, DISTRICT 2; Charles Parson, DISTRICT 3; Craig Gaasvig, DISTRICT 4; Robert Wallner, DISTRICT 5; Sue Kringen, DISTRICT 8
President and CEO	Jared Echternach
Editor	Angela Lyseng

### Minnesota State Electrical Inspectors

*Beltrami County*

**Wade Koons**

218-255-3011 - [wade@koonsinspections.com](mailto:wade@koonsinspections.com)

*Cass and Hubbard Counties*

**Steve Schauland**

218-652-2213 – Fax: 218-333-0451

*These are the inspectors covering the area served by Beltrami Electric. They can be reached by phone Monday through Friday between 7 and 8:30 a.m. or by fax or email as indicated.*

**Gopher State One Call 811**  
1-800-252-1166 or 811  
[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://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 lines, television cables, pipelines, utility electrical lines, and municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

### Mission of Beltrami Electric Co-op

*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.*



## Cooperative update

Jared Echternach, *President and CEO*

By the time you receive this message, your cooperative will have resumed somewhat of a normal operation following what has been a fluid and ever-changing set of circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and our pandemic response. As you most likely were aware, or perhaps not, we closed the office to the public in March and retracted to providing our core services during the governor's stay-at-home order. Our goals were threefold: keep our employees safe and healthy,



continue to provide our members with our core services and retain all of our employees. I'm pleased to report that we accomplished all of these, with minimal impact to our membership.

I'd like to thank our employees for their flexibility and effort during the pandemic and our members for their patience and understanding during what has been a challenging time for us all. I'd also like to thank all of the essential workers in our communities, including our health care workers, schools, law enforcement, emergency response personnel, grocers, bankers and the many other employers who stepped up to provide for our communities during this time. As we move toward economic recovery, I ask all of us to support our local businesses who were negatively impacted by the pandemic. Many of these businesses were forced to close during the pandemic and they truly need our support now more than ever.

### State legislative update

#### Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Reform

We continue to seek reform to the state's Conservation Improvement Program that mandates electric and gas utilities conserve (reduce) 1.5% of their retail energy sales annually and spend 1.5% of their gross operating revenue doing so. Not many business models are sustainable under a mandate that requires them to sell less of their product year after year. We're working to change that law and we will continue to promote the wise use of electricity and beneficial electrification, including equipment such as storage water heaters, storage space heating, air-source heat pumps, ground-source heat pumps and electric vehicles.

The Department of Commerce's Division of Energy Resources (DER) has drafted CIP legislation titled the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of 2020. The bill reforms the existing CIP program by allowing .5% of a utility's 1.5% energy-savings goal to be met through efficient electrification programs such as incentivizing electric vehicles. The bill also allows for multi-year plans, retains the exemption for small cooperatives and municipals and removes the spending requirement, with some caveats. At the time of this writing, the House passed the ECO bill, but it failed to receive a floor vote in the Senate before the regular session ended. There is a chance it could be brought up in a special session.

### Annual and district meetings

This year's annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Beltrami County Fair. One of your cooperative's strategic initiatives is to increase positive member engagement, and what better

place to engage our members than at the county fair? We are delighted to partner with the Beltrami County Fair Board to host our annual meeting.

As part of the election process, your cooperative will hold three district meetings in June, at which candidates may be nominated to serve on the board. Seats in District 2, currently served by Charlie Perkins, District 4, currently served by Craig Gaasvig, and District 6, currently served by Rick Coe, are up for election this year. **Candidates interested in running for the board must complete and submit to the cooperative a candidate packet no later than five days prior to the district meeting in which the candidate seeks to run.** Please see the detailed information on the cover for meeting locations, dates and times. If you are interested

in learning more about serving on the cooperative board, please feel free to contact me to request a director candidate packet. Additional information can be found on our website at [www.beltramielc.com](http://www.beltramielc.com).

### Congratulations to Judy

Member services representative Judy Perkins retired in May and I'd like to personally thank Judy for her service to our cooperative members. As part of our member services team Judy was on the other end of the line helping members with new services, tenant changes, billing questions and the many other resources provided by our member services team. Thank you, Judy, for helping our members and for your service to the cooperative. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 23, 2020. A quorum of directors was in attendance by teleconference.

#### The following reports were given:

- President and CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including discussion on how the cooperative is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, employee retirements, the CoBank Sharing Success program and current legislative issues.
- Arlene Hogquist reviewed the March financial report.
- Directors and president and CEO Echternach discussed the annual meeting of the members and shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative.

#### The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved CoBank grant matching funds application.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

### Notice of updated technical requirements for distributed energy resource systems

In compliance with Minnesota Statute 216B.1611, Beltrami Electric Cooperative is updating the technical requirements for distributed energy resource interconnections. The existing technical requirement document will be replaced with the Technical Interconnection and Interoperability Requirements (TIIR) and Technical Specification Manual (TSM). These new documents can be found after June 1, 2020, on [www.beltramielc.com](http://www.beltramielc.com). These requirements become effective July 1, 2020, and all new DER systems and DER system additions applied for interconnection after July 1 will be required to meet these updated requirements.



## Beltrami Electric Night at the Fair!



Beltrami Electric Cooperative will hold its 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12, 2020**, at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds at 5 p.m. We are not sure what this event will look like yet due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Look for additional details in the July Northern Lights and follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for cooperative updates and more information!



## Need help paying your electric bill?

If you have a past-due balance, we encourage you to contact us right away. We understand the stress circumstances related to COVID-19 have put on our members, and we will work with those who call us to make payment arrangements and can direct you to resources to provide further assistance. Contact member services today at (218) 444-2540 or (800) 955-6083.

### **Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program helping thousands, program adjustments will help even more households during COVID-19 pandemic**

To ensure that newly unemployed and other financially challenged households can get help quickly, the Minnesota Department of Commerce has adjusted program policies for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program. The result of these changes – changes such as income eligibility and a deadline extension – will allow even more Minnesotans to receive help.

“Newly unemployed Minnesotans may not be aware of the Energy Assistance Program,” said Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley. “The Energy Assistance Program can help those behind on their energy bills, or help pay for home heating and furnace repairs for income-qualified households.”

**Households can now apply until July 1,** meaning that there is still time for those who have not already received help this heating season. The Department of Commerce especially encourages newly unemployed, those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, households with young children, people with disabilities, veterans and seniors to apply.

“An unprecedented number of people need a safety net to stay afloat at this time,” added Commerce Commissioner Kelley. “The Energy Assistance Program can help them weather this storm.”

### **Energy Assistance Program key facts**

Renters and homeowners are eligible.

- Assets such as the value of your home are not considered in determining eligibility.
- Grants range from \$200 to \$1,400, based on household size, income and fuel cost.
- The average grant is about \$500.
- In addition to the initial grant, additional funds are available to:
  - o Help pay a past-due bill or get an emergency fuel delivery.
  - o Help homeowners get their broken furnace repaired or replaced.

## How to apply for the Energy Assistance Program

*New applicants have until July 1 to apply. Funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis. Households can apply at their local EAP service provider.*

### **Bi-CAP**

6603 Bemidji Ave N  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
218-751-4631

### **Mahube**

120 North Central Ave  
Park Rapids, MN 56470  
218-732-7204

### **Kootasca**

201 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 130  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
218-999-0800

### **Red Lake**

15525 Mendota Ave  
Redby, MN 56670  
218-679-3350

### **Leech Lake**

115 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3783

# WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT



Americans have become so accustomed to a continuous, uninterrupted supply of electricity that we are usually unprepared when this supply is cut off by storms, weather or other accidents.

When the power first goes off, don't panic! Calmly check to see if your neighbors still have electricity. If they do, the problem could be inside your home. Check your main fuses or circuit breakers to see if they have blown or tripped. Replacing a fuse or resetting a circuit breaker may restore your

electricity. If you determine that the power failure has not been caused by a problem in the home, contact us to report the outage. A line crew will be dispatched as quickly as possible.

While you wait, unplug appliances with electronic components, such as microwaves, televisions and DVD players.

Sometimes power can come back in surges, which can damage electronics. Wait a few minutes before turning on these appliances when the electricity is restored. This

will reduce demand on the power supplier's electrical system.

**Helpful Tip:** Leave a light on to indicate that power is back on.

If you use a standby generator, be sure it has been installed and wired properly. If improperly installed, a generator could cause dangerous conditions for the cooperative's line personnel working to restore the power. Your generator could be damaged when the power is restored if a double throw disconnect is not used and properly installed.

## THREE *EASY* WAYS TO REPORT AN OUTAGE.

1.



**SMARTHUB:** Download the app today to report outages with the press of a button.

2.



**PHONE:** Call us 24/7 at (800) 955-6083.

3.



**TEXT:** Contact BEC to make sure we have your cell number on your account, then register at [www.beltramelectric.com](http://www.beltramelectric.com).

## How long will it take to restore my power?

It is hard to predict how long an outage will take to be restored due to the number of variables. Power outages have a variety of causes such as weather, animals, trees, dig-ins, auto accidents, equipment failure, etc., each with their own unique set of circumstances and safety procedures. The time it takes to restore power can vary greatly, depending on the cause and circumstance.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
  - o Ads submitted by June 1 will be published in the July issue.
  - o Ads submitted between June 2 and July 1 will be published in the August issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at [www.beltramelectric.com](http://www.beltramelectric.com) (preferred).
- Include your name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be **50 words or fewer** and typed or printed clearly.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- 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.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619.

## For Sale:

DeVilbiss power washer, 6 hp Quantum engine, 2300 psi, needs to have a rubber gas line replaced. First \$75 takes it. Steel ShoreStation boat lift - new canopy top, 5 years old, electric motor lift, wheels and hitch assembly. You can pull it home. Can be seen 2 miles south of Bemidji on Friday, Saturday or Sundays. \$2,000/obo. Call 952-356-6301.

10x50 Park Model Home to be moved. One BR/bath, built-in storage, electric refrigerator and water heater, propane stove and furnace. \$15,000. Leave message 556-2978.

2014 5<sup>th</sup> wheel camper, Cougar High Country, MKS333, 3 slides, electric leveling jacks, A/C, Queen bed, 2 recliners, table with 4 chairs, excellent condition, \$23,900. 368-1262.

12-16ft cattle panels. \$20 each or \$225 for all. 586-2839.

19-ft. Celebrity Cuddy Cabin 1987 speedboat with trailer and cover. Mercruiser engine, low hours. Boat may be old but runs well. Interior in good shape. Used primarily for tubing/wake boarding/water skiing. Asking \$2,900. Contact 218-536-0324.

Honda Ridgeline factory black running boards, \$100. Jet-type well pump with pressure tank, \$50. Call 444-6522.

Rockler wall mount dust collector, 3/4 hp, 110V, 2 bags, long hose, hose mount, many fittings. Used very little. \$250 cash. Can send pictures. 444-7308.

Woodmaster 18" planer/sander hardly used, \$1,000. ShoreStation 4,600-lb lift \$3,500. E-Z-GO golf cart workhorse 800 LX with dump box great shape \$5,000. Chainsaw carvings by Jerry Faber: a police officer 4' tall \$350, wizard 7' tall \$500, newly restored. 224-2483.

1955 Ford Convertible Sunliner, \$40,000; 1950 Chevrolet Convertible, all original, \$50,000. 1955 Chevrolet 265 V8 block, \$250; 1955 Ford trunk lid, good condition, \$100; 1941-48 new Ford Station Wagon/woody left rear fender, \$300; 1942-48 NOS Chrysler front left fender, \$200; Forty year collection of old car parts, make offer. 333-3916.

2010 Ford Escape FWD, 130,000 miles, silver color, 30 mpg, sunroof, roof rack, power seats, CD player. Tan interior. \$4,300. Please call 218-209-9970.

Ruger American 9mm pistol. Three 17-round clips, hard case, must have permit to buy or ccp. \$400. Call 760-4936.

Propane refrigerator and freezer. 16' Lund boat/trailer (possible 25 hp 4-stroke motor), HD Electric lake pump for sprinkler/irrigation. Shallow well pump. "Garage/beer" fridge. Med. size dog kennel. Electric hydronic boiler. Ford R245/65R17 rim/tire. Canning jars. Many misc. items. 556-9440.

Outside boiler with uncased coil for furnace, circulation pump for inside and miscellaneous pipes and shutoff valves. \$300/obo. 320-221-3742.

1998 SeaRay 18-ft Bow Rider with 125 Merc outboard, tilt and trim, Shoreland'r trailer, canvas cover, waterski tripod, spare prop, many extras. Immaculate. \$5,800. 751-5038.

14' aluminum NorthWoods boat, with Spartan trailer, and 7.5 hp Evinrude outboard motor. 12' Loweline boat, and 4 other 14' aluminum boats, Alumacraft, Naden, MirroCraft and Lund models. Call 760-8266.

Eddie Bauer rain coat-new w/tag \$119/\$50; Ralph Lauren blazer-new w/tag \$249/\$50; bedspread new \$140/\$45; Bob Warden (instant-pot) used about 3 times \$100/\$40; 2 old wool patchwork quilts (50-60 years) excellent condition (82x67) and (84x64) \$50 each. Call 368-4973, leave message.

Chainsaws: Stihl MS 390, 20-inch bar \$200; Stihl 015L w/case \$50. Husqvarna 50, non-running. \$50, 20-inch bar. 335-4056.

Set of four used Nexen tires, 235/40R19. Good condition. Some tread left. \$150/obo. 368-3686.

16-ft. 4-section vertical tree stand ladder, \$25. Dog kennel panels 6-ten ft. 1-twelve ft. 1-six ft. frame \$125. Moen stainless steel kitchen sink 21x33, new

\$65. Sewing table woodgrain portable/folding accommodates open arm sewing machine, \$50. 586-2662.

Outdoor wood stove, \$900. Heatmor 100. Hot water cycling heat. Very good condition. Call or text 218-766-2865.

50 children's books, \$20. Full-size horse cart, \$350. Jari sickle mower, \$450. 243-3112.

New Koch 1 quick hitch \$100, JD #8 sickle mower \$250, 3-gal Rotella 15-40 \$20, NordicTrack elliptical \$750, paddle boat \$150, lg round life preserver \$25, small propane grill \$30, new propane camp stove \$25, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel front support \$50, 200-amp transfer switch \$50, antique medical exam table \$50, antique welder \$50. Text 218-209-1863.

2019 Flagstaff E-Pro 16-ft travel trailer. Bunk beds and dinette also converts to a large sleeping area. Slide-out kitchen, full bath, lots of storage and windows. Solar, electric and battery power. All accessories included. Like new, used only twice. Must sell due to poor health. \$17,500/obo. 444-9977 or 407-3233.

Starcraft 2008 pop-up camper. Pull-out for dining table. Awning included. Good condition, minimal use. \$4,200. Call 766-2491.

Alumacraft canoe, 17-ft, good condition. \$200/obo. 835-4331.

John Deere 2640 w/146 joystick Loader - 78/79 year. 2883 hrs. 77 hp, runs great. Cat-2 3 pt. tires; rear 90%, front new. 2 open ports in rear. Telescopic links. SN 268938T. \$11,000/obo. Located near Becida. 612-384-4619.

1979 Fiberglass Lund 19-ft Sirius ski boat and trailer. 260 hp V8 Mercruiser. Ready for the lake! Clear title, registration good for 2020. \$5,000/obo. 556-7795.

Brown recliner, excellent shape, \$175. Call 766-8781.

Oak gun cabinet, holds 4-5 guns, \$40. 556-7117.

Don't let SNOW, RAIN or WOOD TICKS stop you from exercising. Hoist 2 Station:

6 exercises, NordicTrack recumbent stationary bicycle, octane/elliptical. Everything is in excellent working condition...except for me! Call for details: home 759-9339, cell 766-0659.

Camping essentials: Draw-Tite tent \$125, sleeping mat \$30, blow-up mattress \$30, assorted sleeping bags \$30-\$50, coolers, Coleman gas stoves, portable charcoal grill, grilling tools \$1-\$5, folding chairs and stools \$10-\$30, folding table in case \$15, outdoor first aid kit, Coleman gas lantern and more. 586-2884.

Broyhill cabinet, 2 doors, 2 shelves 76" high 30" wide. Trade for electric beer signs or \$130. 556-3224.

Beautiful flowers! Local flower farmer wants to deliver four weekly bouquets at one monthly price of \$85. Annuals, perennials and herbs. Every bouquet will surprise you! Call 556-0586.

RC aircraft: many planes, engines, building supplies, call for details. All to go! Room-size Defender HEPA air filter machine paid \$1,500. Used little, \$800. Fireproof, lockable 8-gun safe \$250. 60+ new T-shirts, all sizes, ready for embellishments \$115. 50 used green-treated landscape timbers, 8 and 4. \$35. 547-1744.

2-bottom plow and 3-bottom plow. Works great for deer plot or garden. Make an offer 243-2670.

## Wanted:

Stainless steel racks for Maytag dishwasher. Other brands might fit. 766-1758.

Electrolux carpet cleaner. 766-9293.

Looking for a used Honda ATV - call or text Luke at 218-556-0553.

## Free:

1977 single-wide, 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home to be moved. Good for hunting cabin or fish house. Call Amy at 335-4131.

Wood ash you load you haul, assortment pots and pans lit. Text 218-209-1863.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Home cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. Try to keep the difference between the temperature of your thermostat setting and the outside temperature to a minimum. The smaller the difference, the more energy you will save.



# 2020 Power Plant Tour canceled



In response to the coronavirus pandemic, and the need to continue to provide reliable power to cooperative members, all tours to Minnkota Power Cooperative's energy resource facilities have been canceled for the season. We regret to announce that this cancellation will impact Beltrami Electric Co-op's 2020 Power Plant Tour. Cooperative members have been enjoying Beltrami Electric's annual Power Plant Tour for years; we want to thank our members for their continued interest in the tour and look forward to seeing you on the bus in July 2021!



## IS YOUR SMALL BUSINESS STRUGGLING? YOUR CO-OP CAN HELP.

Is your small business struggling during these unprecedented times? Several state and federal programs have been built to assist small businesses struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Are you having difficulty navigating the state and federal resources you may be eligible to receive? Are you interested in learning more about programs available to help your small business and your employees?

We encourage local businesses affected to talk to your banker and apply for federal and state assistance programs.

If you are unsure of what you qualify for, reach out to Dave Hengel at



Greater Bemidji. Dave and his staff will be able to assist you in understanding what is available and how to apply. Contact Dave Hengel at (218) 766-2154 or [dhengel@greaterbemidji.com](mailto:dhengel@greaterbemidji.com).

In addition to these resources, Beltrami Electric has energy experts on staff that can provide you with ways to use electricity more efficiently. We are happy to work with you on solutions, like our off-peak heating and water heater programs, which can help lower electricity costs. Check out the business incentives available for energy efficiency improvements on our website at [www.beltramielctric.com/rebates-and-incentives](http://www.beltramielctric.com/rebates-and-incentives).

Please know that your electric cooperative is here to help. If you have questions, please contact our offices at 218-444-2540 or (800) 955-6083 or email [info@beltramielctric.com](mailto:info@beltramielctric.com).



### Congratulations on your retirement, Judy!

We would like to congratulate member service representative Judy Perkins on her retirement. Judy retired on May 15, 2020, after more than 12 years with Beltrami Electric. Judy lives north of Bemidji with her husband David and is looking forward to having time to golf as well as doing some volunteer work in the community. We wish her the very best for a long and happy retirement!



## Statement of Operations Year-to-date: March 2020

	March 2019	March 2020	March 2019	March 2020
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 17,482,963	\$ 16,620,810	Interest Income .....	\$ 78,055
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 11,415,741	\$ 11,000,946	Other Margins.....	\$ (95,368)
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 3,623,455	\$ 3,864,501	Total Margins .....	\$ 2,426,454
Total Cost.....	\$ 15,039,196	\$ 14,865,447	kWh Sold.....	\$ 164,314,617
Operating Margin.....	\$ 2,443,767	\$ 1,755,362	Meters Billed .....	\$ 21,170
				\$ 154,693,158
				\$ 21,384



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## Standby generators

It's never convenient to experience a power outage, but we know that when weather and accidents happen they can interrupt power for minutes, hours or even days. Make sure your home or business is protected by a reliable backup power solution! With a Briggs & Stratton standby generator, you can rely on your lights, appliances, A/C, TVs or computers and



more to stay on during a power outage. Standby generators are permanently installed and

connected to your home or business' natural gas line or liquid propane fuel source, along with the applicable transfer switch to support quick power generation.

- Automatically starts when the power goes out
- Does not require refueling – runs on natural gas or liquid propane vapor
- Beltrami Electric Cooperative technicians will install the standby generator system for you

Contact our Energy Services department today for more information and current pricing at 218-444-3622.



## Safely connect your portable generator to your home with



When you have lost power, a portable generator can temporarily provide needed electricity. However, it may present serious safety hazards if not used properly. NEVER plug a portable generator directly into your home. This can cause electricity to feed back through your home onto the utility lines. This “backfeed” can be deadly for lineworkers or anyone near downed power lines.

A GenerLink UL-listed transfer switch allows you to SAFELY connect a generator to your home and allows you the flexibility and control to select what you want to run using your home's circuit panel. Contact our Energy Services department at (218) 444-3622 for pricing and information on installation.