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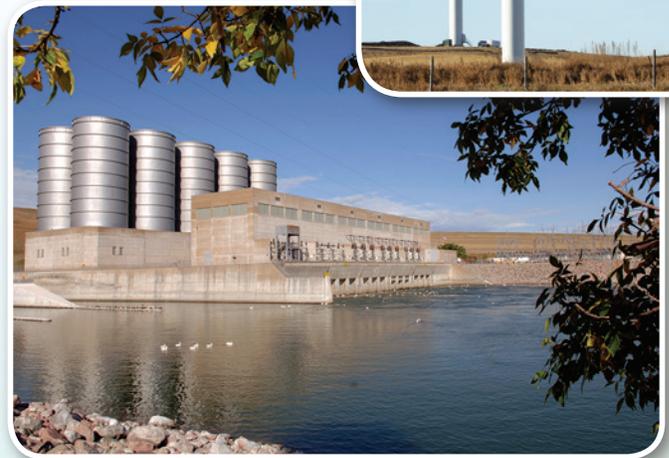
## 2018 POWER PLANT TOUR

*Tuesday - Thursday, July 24-26, 2018*



**W**e are offering Beltrami Electric members an exceptional summer opportunity that is both fun and educational! This year's tour to Center, N.D., is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26. It will feature stops at Minnkota Power Cooperative in Grand Forks, N.D., as well as Oliver III Wind Energy, Milton R. Young Station, BNI Coal, the Garrison Dam on the Missouri River and more!

The cost to members for the three-day trip is \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy, which covers the bus fare, hotel, tours and all meals. Space is limited and this trip fills fast, so don't delay in signing up. To reserve your spot, contact Bob Gregg at **218-444-3622**, complete the registration form on page 7 and send it in with your payment. Members who have not been on this trip in the past are encouraged to go. If you have any questions, please call **800-955-6083** or **218-444-2540**.



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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance.

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# Keeping our communities safe, Power Plant Tour

Jared Echternach, CEO

## Summer safety

School is out, or soon will be, summer is approaching and many families are preparing their summer vacations. Summer brings a lot of activity to our service area, and I'd like to remind our members of the importance of safety and to slow down, look up and be aware of your surroundings.

Safety is a universal word that is mentioned often and used loosely. Communities large and small, as well as companies across all industries, are committed to safety. Unfortunately, when it really counts, steps to keep the public, employees and loved ones safe are often ignored in the interest of expediency or convenience.

However, safety is a serious issue, especially when it comes to electrical safety. For your cooperative, it's the number one priority. This is not empty talk. Over many years, Beltrami Electric has created a culture of safety by putting our employees' safety and that of the community above all else. At its essence, your cooperative's mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity to its member-owners. At the end of the day, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to our member-owners, but equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication and vigilance.

## Improving our safety culture

One of your cooperative's strategic initiatives is to continue to improve our safety culture. Our safety team's primary focus is keeping employees and the community safe around electricity. We established and follow safety protocols based on leading national safety practices for the utility industry. We require our employees to wear specialized equipment when working next to or with power lines. There are specific protocols our employees follow when dealing with electricity. Our safety team has regular meetings during which they discuss practices and procedures from a safety perspective. They monitor and track near-misses in order to understand them, share lessons learned and improve in the future.

Just as important, we encourage all of

our crews to speak up and hold each other accountable for safety. By cultivating a culture of openness and transparency, we promote problem-solving with regard to safety. We examine historical data to discern patterns and use safety metrics to improve in those areas where we have fallen short.

## Keeping our communities safe

Because we live and work in the community we serve, we care about our neighbors. Your cooperative conducts numerous electrical safety demonstrations in schools and at community events. If you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or community event, please contact us.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation, each year thousands of people in the United States are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. There is much you can do to keep yourself and your community safe around electricity.

Don't attempt electrical DIY projects for which you are not trained or comfortable performing. Report downed power lines or electric equipment that looks amiss. Be mindful when it comes to electrical safety. Please slow down and enjoy the summer and take the extra time to plug into safety.

## Board reorganizes

Each year following the annual meeting, your board of directors holds its organizational meeting. I'd like to congratulate the following board officers on their election: Rick Coe, president; John Lund, vice president; Murl Nord, secretary; and Judy Honer, treasurer. John Lund was also appointed to serve on Cooperative Development's Board of Governors. Your board of directors does a wonderful job for your cooperative.

## Power Plant Tour

If you have ever wanted to learn how power is generated and tour the facilities of which you are part owner, then you should consider attending this year's Power Plant Tour. Members are able to get a firsthand look at how their power is generated from several facilities, including hydro, wind and

coal. I've been on this tour many times, and I can tell you it is well worth your time. See the cover to learn more.

## GreenTouch

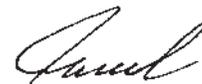
Thank you to all the local volunteers who attended Project GreenTouch May 5 at Lake Bemidji State Park. Beltrami Electric members and employees teamed up to complete several projects, including

cleaning up debris in the campgrounds, picking up roadside trash, washing windows and raking leaves. This is a statewide effort by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives that helps our state park system prepare for the summer season.

## Indoor garage sale

We had another successful indoor garage sale on May 5. This annual fundraiser is in

its 12<sup>th</sup> year, and Beltrami Electric employees chipped in to help make it happen again and did a wonderful job. This year we raised \$6,300 for the United Way of Bemidji Area. Thank you to all who supported this project by having a booth, donating some items or shopping at the event.



## BELTRAMI ELECTRIC'S INDOOR GARAGE SALE RAISES \$6,300 FOR THE

United Way  
of Bemidji Area



The Beltrami Electric Indoor Garage Sale held Saturday, May 5, raised \$6,300 for the United Way of Bemidji Area. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual event, which featured more than 90 booths, saw almost

1,600 bargain hunters pay a one-dollar entrance fee for access to the sale.

Special thanks go out to the following sponsors: Ross Lewis Signs, Bemidji National Guard Armory, Portable John Rental & Service, Dunn

Brothers, Nei Bottling and Raphael's Bakery. In addition, thanks to all the vendors and volunteer workers.

Next year's sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Beltrami Electric Cooperative headquarters. This event is one of the single largest fundraisers for the United Way of Bemidji Area.



## Lake Bemidji State Park hosts Project GreenTouch

A beautiful spring day allowed Beltrami Electric Cooperative members, friends and park staff to help beautify Lake Bemidji State Park on Saturday, May 5, as part of Project GreenTouch. The annual event, presented by Minnesota's Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, saw volunteers rake leaves, clean up debris in the campgrounds, clean roadside ditches and wash windows, all in preparation for the 2018 season.

Statewide, participants representing numerous cooperatives volunteered to join together for the coordinated State Park cleanup effort. Since the program began, thousands of people have worked tens of thousands of hours, providing a great service to the parks people enjoy all summer long.

Minnesota's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives participating in Project GreenTouch are part of a group of rural electric cooperatives throughout the state. Touchstone Energy is a co-brand used by cooperatives all over the nation to market what local electric cooperatives stand for: integrity, accountability, community involvement and innovation. The state park sponsorship fits well with the Touchstone Energy commitment.



## 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting recap

Beltrami Electric Cooperative held its 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on Thursday, April 19, at the Bemidji High School. Around 560 members and guests were able to visit informational booths, receive a complimentary gift and enjoy a roast pork/roast turkey dinner prepared by Bemidji High School.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation offered by Board Treasurer Judy Honer. Board President Rick Coe introduced Beltrami Electric's delegate for the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, Zachary Stute, who will be attending a trip to Washington, D.C., in June. Sharon Lembke, president for the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust for Operation Round Up, presented on the success the program has seen in our communities since its inception. The meeting featured a financial update from Director of Finance and Accounting, Arlene Hogquist, as well as a cooperative update from Beltrami Electric CEO Jared Echternach.

Door prizes were drawn during the program, including two bicycles with helmets for youth who attended the meeting. Special thanks go out to the following vendors who donated prizes: National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), Paul Bunyan Communications, Dakota Supply Group (DSG), Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO) and Security Bank USA.

Three directors were elected to the board, which included incumbents Charlie Parson (District 3), John Lund (District 7) and Judy Honer (District 9). Next year's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019, and will once again be held at Bemidji High School.



Amelia Benso won the girl's bike and Aiden Newland won the boy's bike for the annual meeting kids' door prizes.

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Make your home more comfortable and energy efficient with help from the trusted energy experts at Beltrami Electric Cooperative. Great incentives and rebate programs are available with the installation of new electric off-peak heating equipment.



## Electric heating rebate checklist

*(Systems must be on off-peak. Some restrictions apply.)*

### Electric plenum heaters

Easily converts your existing fossil fuel furnace into a dual-fuel heating system. You are able to use the most efficient, cost-effective heating source – fossil fuel or electricity – at any time.

Rebate of \$20 per kilowatt (kW), additional \$500 if installed with air-source heat pump, must modulate to allow ASHP to operate down to 5 degrees F

### Electric thermal storage heaters

Draws electricity during off-peak hours when it is cheaper. Heat is stored in specially designed bricks to provide comfort 24 hours a day.

Rebate of \$50 per kilowatt (kW), additional \$500 if installed with air-source heat pump, must modulate to allow ASHP to operate down to 5 degrees F

### Air-source heat pumps (including mini-split ductless option)

Works just like a central air conditioner in the summer. In the fall and winter, they provide super-efficient supplemental heat.

Up to 16 SEER: Rebate of \$300 per ton; 17 SEER or greater: Rebate of \$500 per ton

### Geothermal heat pumps

Provides the highest efficiency for space heating and cooling available today. The system transfers heat to and from the earth using only small amounts of electricity.

Open Loop: Rebate of \$400 per ton; Closed Loop: Rebate of \$600 per ton; must meet program efficiency requirements

### Underfloor electric heating

A popular off-peak option because the system transfers consistently across the floor to reach people and objects, providing both comfort and efficiency. Applications include electric boiler with hydronic tubing.

Rebate of \$50 per kilowatt (kW)

### Other electric heating systems

Options include electric baseboards, cove heaters, electric floor cable, mats and more.

Rebate of \$20 per kilowatt (kW)

## BUILDING or REMODELING?

*Talk to our energy experts in the early planning stages*

Beltrami Electric Cooperative has energy experts available to provide you with information that will make your new home more energy efficient year after year. The energy experts at BEC can assist members with sizing and designing an efficient heating and cooling system at no cost and will work with you on determining what rebates are available for energy-efficient heating, appliances, water heating programs, lighting and more.

A call to the co-op is in your best interest whether you are remodeling, replacing a heating or air conditioning system or building a new home, shop or business. When you start your project armed with wise energy efficiency advice and a knowledge of rebates available, it will increase your odds of getting a home and system that satisfies you.

Contact our Energy Services department today at **1-800-955-6083**.



# Infinity Renewable Energy

## Your energy. Your choice.



Through the Infinity Renewable Energy Program, you can decide how much of the electricity you purchase is generated by renewable resources.

By enrolling in the Infinity program, you choose a designated number of kilowatt-hours (kWh) of the electricity used that you would like to come from renewable resources, or 100 percent of your monthly consumption. Beltrami Electric will allocate the appropriate amount of renewable energy through the program and indicate your purchases on your electric bill.

With about 650 individual consumers participating, the Infinity program ensures your energy dollar is advancing renewable energy efforts in the local communities where you live, work and play.

**No equipment, contracts or hassle.** Signing up takes a matter of minutes, and all information is automatically incorporated into your billing statement. Contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative today to learn more about how you can participate in the program.



## Subscribe to locally produced, renewable solar energy today!

### Beltrami Electric Cooperative's Community Solar Garden



- Each panel is projected to produce an average of 450 kWh/year or 37.5 kWh/month.
- Subscriptions available. Members may subscribe to as little as a half panel or as many panels as they choose, up to their average annual usage.
- Select Pay As You Go – no subscription needed! (NO CONTRACT - simply tell us how many kWh you want to receive from Northern Solar and pay an additional fee on your electric bill. With no contract, you can increase, decrease or cancel at any time)

#### Payment Options Available:

- **Option 1 – One-time Payment** (One-time upfront cost – receive credit on your electric bill through August 2037 based on current electric rates.) Contact the Beltrami Electric Cooperative office for pricing.
- **Option 2 – Easy Pay** (12, 24 or 36 month payment plans available - subject to review of account standing.)



### Track and compare your usage

- Track your usage against weather conditions and see how it compares to previous months and years.

### Data and alerts wherever you are

- Access your meter data across all of your devices and use the alert system to keep you up to date even when you are out of town.

### Set customizable markers

- Track things like vacations, remodel, LED lights, heating, etc.



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# Northern Lights

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
  - o Ads submitted by June 5 – will be published in July issue.
  - o Ads submitted between June 6 and July 5 – will be published in August issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at [www.beltramelectric.com](http://www.beltramelectric.com) (preferred).
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be **50 words or less** 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.

## For Sale:

Two-wheel utility trailer \$300. 4,000-watt 120/240 generator \$200. Heated cab for M/F 1428 tractor \$200. Call 854-7444 before 8 p.m.

Winchester SX2 12 ga. 3.5." New condition \$625. Also Remington model 31, 12 ga. 2.75," make offer. 556-2149.

Old 1950's red metal rolling cart with three shelves: 20" long, 15" wide, 29" high. Painted bright red. Heavy-duty metal. Excellent condition with a little wear. \$40. 243-3363.

Shoreland'r boat trailer, roller/bunk combo, \$500. Call 766-8185.

"Elite Billiards" solid oak 4' x 8' pool table, wine colored cloth, excellent condition, asking \$1,400/obo. Call 760-8266 to view on face time or we can text or email photos.

2002 Ford Taurus se sports edition, good tires, new brakes and struts, clean interior, high mileage, \$800/obo. 760-0847.

1989 70 hp Evinrude VRO outboard motor in good shape \$1,750. Four Goodyear Wrangler SRA tires P275/60/20 7/32 tread \$200. Total Gym exercise equipment \$200. 2000 Minn Kota 65#, 24V, auto pilot bow-mount trolling motor \$200. 15' ladder stand \$75. Two Tempress low back boat seats \$25 each. Recliners, tan \$40, green \$50. 209-5431.

2006 Keystone "Sprinter" travel trailer, model 274RLS (27ft.) with slide-out LV RM., sofa bed and two swivel rockers. Includes microwave, two 30# propane tanks, A/C, cold weather pkg. front/rear stable jacks, in-floor duct heat, and

more. Very clean and all in very good condition at \$9,000. Call 444-8032.

1991 Tracker 17' boat, trailer, Suzuki 55 hp motor, Minn Kota Maxxum trolling motor. Everything works! New main deck floor/carpet, new gas tank, like new tires. \$3,650/obo! ADCO SFS AquaShed truck camper cover, like new! Fits 8'-10' campers. \$100 FIRM. 243-3029, leave message.

Cultured Stone, River Rock-Lakeshore, 60 square feet; fiberglass screening, gray, 54 feet long x 63 inches wide; Sears portable kerosene tube heater with thermostat, 30,000 Btu, 115-volt. 547-1836.

1981 Corvette, white, T-top w/car cover, excellent cond. \$8,900/obo. 1 hp Wayne electric utility pump, 2 yrs old w/black inlet line and valve, new \$140, sell for \$85. Life Gear stair stepper, \$25/obo. Call 586-2534.

Beretta PX4 Storm .177 CO2 air pistol. In mint condition, barely used. I can email pictures if desired. \$60. 444-6014.

Oversized chair upholstered in brown microfiber fabric. Like new. \$100. Pack-n-play in excellent condition. \$25. White wicker side table. \$10. 759-2322.

2010 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Classic motorcycle. \$7,100, 3,500 miles, Candy Surf Blue, 4-stroke, 5-speed manual, belt driven, 620 pounds. Stored inside garage year round. MINT CONDITION. Driven by adult female. Purchased new at \$8,149, sacrifice at \$7,100, includes new Fuller helmet, L. and leather chaps. Contact Suzy at 209-5964.

Four Goodyear Assurance 215/55 R17 car tires. Approx. 20K miles. Mark 556-7058.

Two Goodyear Wrangler AT/S P265/70R17 tires. Excellent shape, raised white letters. \$60. New 6-gallon boat fuel tank with new fuel line, for Yamaha outboard. \$75. 835-8320.

2005 Old Town 16-ft. 4-in. canoe, Allagash model, very clean \$350. Call 444-8262. Please leave message.

1930's VAC tractor, make offer. 333-8830.

Beautiful flowers! Local organic 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.

1999 Pontiac Sunfire, white w/light blue interior, 163,000 miles, 2.2 liter engine, 34 mpg, no rust, good interior, uses no oil, kept inside, good tires. \$1,800. Call 224-3110 or 407-4791.

Husqvarna front wheel drive lawn mower. Model 5521 CHV, 5.5 hp. Purchased new in 2006 with grass catcher. Excellent condition, includes operating manual and service records. Call 308-1085.

1999 Chevy Camaro Convertible, well maintained and mainly stored inside, 3.8L, V6, automatic transmission, red exterior and black leather interior, 104,200 miles, \$3,000 cash, serious buyers call 209-8086, please leave message.

Ranch King riding lawn mower, 46" cut (3-bladed "new") 20 hp Twin, hydrostatic transmission. Very good condition, \$475. 444-8032.

Hewitt boat lift w/canopy, approx 110" x 75", \$1,200/obo, on local lake. 320-583-0471.

Diamond "Nuclear Ice" youth bow including hard case and 3 practice arrows, 3 youth hockey helmets, rollerblades size 9.5, 2 sets of elbow/knee pads, 2 bicycle helmets, vintage movie camera. Call 368-4834.

50-in. zero-turning radius Cub Cadet. Extra new blades, extra new belt. New service (oil filter, plugs, air filter, gas filter, battery). Ready to go. \$1,500. 368-4484.

Mohawk Kevlar 17' canoe: excellent used condition with yoke and 2 bent-shaft graphite paddles, like new. \$550. Grumman aluminum canoe 17', excellent used condition with yoke, side arm, Mercury electric motor, new marine battery, 2 paddles, 1 chair and floatation devices. \$700. 586-2612.

Six orphan bicycles in need of various repairs. Your choice, \$20. Bundy silver flute and case, \$50. 586-2884.

Vermeer Rebel hay baler 5500, new in 2005; kept in shed. Massey Ferguson hay-bine 1429, new in 2005; kept in shed. International 12-ft grain drill 620. International 12-ft field cultivator. Oliver 6-bottom plow. Harley rock picker and rock rake. 2000 Shasta trailer; 24-ft. 5"-wheel hitch. 751-4286.

1952 International pickup, new brake cylinders, new upholstery, new tires, new paint. Coleman generator, 4,000-watt. 751-1336.

5"-wheel Terry 21-ft. travel trailer. Excellent condition. \$4,500. 751-2089.

Antique Gothic revival Jacobean draw-leaf trestle table with six chairs, needs refinishing and some repair. Oak coffee table. 30" 6-panel pine door. Call 751-0408, leave message.

1974 Dodge pickup engines, 1 Slant 6 225 c.i.d., 1 V8 318 c.i.d. \$200 each/obo. 444-8629.

23-ft Award travel trailer, 1995 model in good condition. Fully equipped, including hitching equipment. \$3,000. 586-2294.

Janet Evanovich books – Stephanie Plum series. All hard covered, 25 books. \$25. 467-3553.

## Wanted:

Pontoon boat, lift and dock. 368-8133.

12' or 14' aluminum fishing boats, preferably Alumacraft. Also 17' aluminum canoe. Call 760-8266.

Aluminum boat lift (3,000 lbs). Manual or electric. Please call Daryl at 336-708-2304.

If you or your musical group are interested in playing a 50-min. spot on the Marilyn Shutter Stage at the 2018 Beltrami Co. Fair, contact Holly at 751-9309. If no answer, please leave name and number and will get back with you. Thank you.

AR-15 rifle (not high-end), also Hi-Point Carbine. Also, guns that need to be brought back to life: rusty, worn and broken. Ammunition too. Disabled from car accident, need hobby. Call or text 209-5413. Leave message.

Spike tooth drag sections. Call 751-0408, leave message.

## Statement of Operations Year-to-date: March 2018

	March 2017	March 2018
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 15,013,252	\$ 16,166,565
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 10,511,725	\$ 11,199,653
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 3,792,211	\$ 3,974,936
Total Cost.....	\$ 14,303,936	\$ 15,174,589
Operating Margin.....	\$ 709,316	\$ 991,976
Interest Income.....	\$ 107,335	\$ 71,803
Other Margins.....	\$ 59,977	\$ (11,155)
Total Margins.....	\$ 876,628	\$ 1,052,624
Meters Billed.....	20,873	20,995

## Power Plant Tour (July 24-26) Registration Form *(continued from article on page 1)*

Please print names of participants the way you would like them to appear on your name tags. Your payment will be refunded if you cancel your reservation at least two weeks prior to the trip. We will send further details prior to departure. Trip is limited to ages 12 and over. Cost is \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy. To sign up, contact Bob Gregg at **218-444-3622**, then mail form with payment to: **Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Attn: Power Plant Tour Sign Up, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619**

Names of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

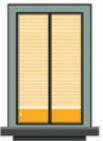
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## Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



### NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



### LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

## ITEM FOR SALE BY BID



2005 Dodge Caravan, current mileage is 136,450. **Minimum bid is \$1,500.** May be seen at Beltrami Electric Cooperative. Bids will be accepted until **June 7th, 2018.**



## Grant Application Deadline June 30, 2018

Community organizations and groups may apply for an Operation Round Up® grant by completing and returning an application form. Grant applications are available at the BEC office or by visiting our website at [www.beltramielctric.com](http://www.beltramielctric.com). Completed applications may be mailed, faxed, emailed or dropped off at our office.

To be considered at the July 2018 meeting, grant applications will be accepted until **noon on Monday, July 2, 2018.**



## Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, April 25, 2018. A quorum of directors was present.

### The following reports were given:

- CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including discussion on the March financials, the new meter system, Operation Round Up and legislative issues. He also congratulated directors Charlie Parson, Judy Honer and John Lund on their re-election to the cooperative board.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the financial report and reviewed the first-quarter budget performance and the first-quarter Balanced Performance Scorecard.
- Sam Mason reported on the annual meeting held April 19, 2018, and gave an update on Northern Solar.
- CEO Echternach discussed a donation to the Cooperative System Integrity Fund from Cooperative Finance Corporation and the various uses for the funds.
- Directors and the CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and educational conferences.

### The following actions were taken:

- Elected Rick Coe as president, John Lund as vice president, Murl Nord as secretary and Judy Honer as treasurer.
- Elected John Lund as Governor to Cooperative Development, LLC.
- Approved the consent agenda and work order inventories.
- Elected Jared Echternach as the voting delegate for the National Cooperative Services Corporation.
- Approved a donation to the Cooperative System Integrity Fund of the Cooperative Finance Corporation.

The next regular board meeting will be June 27, 2018.



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GenerLink™ is a 200 amp, UL Listed automatic transfer switch. It is available in two different sizes (30 or 40 amp models) and comes with a 20-foot power cord to connect your generator to the meter socket transfer switch.

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## KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE

In the utility business, we know rough weather will occur, and sometimes power outages simply can't be avoided. But did you know there are steps you can take to ensure your electricity is restored as quickly and safely as possible? By keeping your contact information up to date, you can take full advantage of the services Beltrami Electric Cooperative offers.



You may have noticed prompts through our newsletter and social media pages requesting your updated contact information. If we don't have the correct phone number linked to your home address, it makes it much more difficult for you to report an outage, or for the co-op to notify you when possible of a pre-arranged outage.

Remember when you had to speak to a member service representative in order to report a power outage? Waiting on hold could be frustrating and time consuming. Today, with the press of a button, you can easily report an outage. At Beltrami Electric, we use the phone number you provide to link your service address to our outage management system. For example, if you call us to report an outage, our automated system instantly recognizes your phone number and can determine the particular service address from which you are reporting an outage. Once you give our system a response, your outage is reported. It's that simple! But remember – this only works if your current phone number is linked to your service address.

Updating your contact information is helpful because it also speeds up the power restoration process. With correct information, our outage management system can predict the location and the possible cause of an outage, making it easier for our crews to correct the problem.

If you don't want to call, you can quickly report an outage through your SmartHub app on your mobile device, or you can sign up for outage texting and simply send a text message. You can contact our office at 800-955-6083 to update your information or update it through our website under My Account/Update My Account Information.



### Be Safe!

Always call before you dig. Call Gopher State One Call at 811 at least 48 business hours before digging. You may also submit your dig information online.

- This service is free for homeowners.
- Minnesota state law requires you to call.
- If you damage a line, you may be financially responsible for repairs.



Gopher State One Call | 1-800-252-1166 | www.gopherstateonecall.org

