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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.

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1-800-252-1166 or 811

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.

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Your cooperative is here to advocate on your behalf

Jared Echternach, CEO

State legislative update

Your cooperative is very active in legislative energy issues and rightly so. Cooperatives were born in politics and we will continue to advocate on your behalf. 2019 brings tremendous turnover to the Minnesota legislature, and we will continue to educate our elected representatives. Their contact information is listed on page 3 and I encourage you to call on them regarding energy issues.



Conservation Improvement Program reform

We continue to seek reform to the state's Conservation Improvement Program that mandates electric and gas utilities conserve (reduce) 1.5 percent of their retail energy sales annually and spend 1.5 percent 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.

These types of loads are beneficial not only to those using them, but to all cooperative members. Beneficial electrification allows us to use existing generation and distribution resources more efficiently and spread the fixed

costs of our operation over more kilowatt-hours sold. It also allows us to better integrate renewable generation resources. While we have always tried to help our members use energy more efficiently, that does not mean that we must stop selling kilowatt-hours. The term beneficial electrification is rooted in the notion that our membership, and society, can benefit from using electricity. For example, electrifying our transportation sector using electric vehicles (EVs) increases electricity sales while reducing carbon emissions. As the electric grid becomes greener, EVs can increase kilowatt-hour sales and provide a societal benefit by reducing tailpipe emissions.

Another example can be found in water heating and space heating. For years we have witnessed the development of intermittent renewable resources, and in our wholesale power provider's case, those resources are predominantly wind. We have learned wind blows the strongest at night when average electric loads are lowest. This lends itself well to integration with our existing storage water and storage space heating programs that charge during the overnight hours. In addition, highly efficient heating and cooling systems such as air-source heat pumps and ground-source heat pumps can provide tremendous benefit to our members and to society over their fossil fuel counterparts.

Under existing law, many of the above mentioned programs do not count toward the Conservation Improvement Program. Adding the flexibility of beneficial electrification initiatives is an improvement that allows us to deliver greater value to our members through cost savings and increased efficiency while not being penalized for growth.

Renewable energy standard

Legislation to increase Minnesota's renewable energy standard was recently introduced (SF 385) by Sen. Karla Bigham from Woodbury. The bill would increase the renewable energy standard to 50 percent renewables by 2030, and more aggressive proposals are being floated as well. We are concerned that additional standards (mandates) will drive up the cost of electricity. Our power supplier's portfolio is currently more than 30 percent renewable. We are concerned that adding additional generation

capacity in a time of surplus capacity results in redundant investments in resources that drive up the cost of energy for our members.

District meetings

Your cooperative is holding three district meetings this month, at which candidates may be nominated to serve on the board. Seats in District 1, currently served by Murl Nord, District 5, currently served by Bob Wallner, and District 8, currently served by Sue Kringen, are up for election this year. Please see the detailed information in this issue 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.

New employee

I'd like to welcome a new employee to your cooperative. We hired Festus Rockensock as an electrician in January. Festus is from the Blackduck area and we're glad he's joining our cooperative family. If you see Festus around town, please welcome him to our co-op.



BELTRAMI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE - MN POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES

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MN House - 02A
 227 State Office Building
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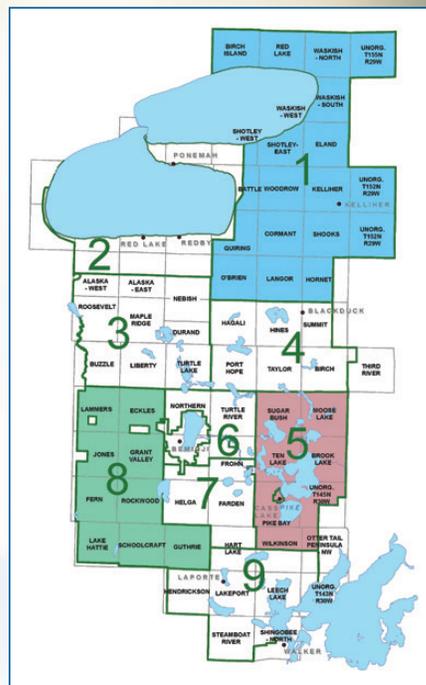
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2019 district meeting schedule

District meetings for the members of Beltrami Electric Cooperative will be held at three locations within the cooperative's service territory in March. Meetings held within Districts 1, 5 and 8 will inform members on current issues and programs associated with the cooperative. Official business will be conducted at the three district meetings to include the election of a director candidate. The top two candidates as determined by popular vote will have their names on the general election ballot in April. Persons eligible to become or remain a director of the cooperative shall be a member in good standing of the cooperative, receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district where nominated. If you have any questions regarding qualifications or responsibilities of board members, please contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative CEO Jared Echternach at 218-444-2540. For more information on what it means to be a director, please visit www.beltramielectric.com/content/board-directors.



District 1: Monday,
March 4, 2019, 7 p.m.
 North Beltrami Community
 Center, Kelliher, Minn.

District 5: Tuesday,
March 5, 2019, 7 p.m.
 Ten Lake Town Hall,
 Cass Lake, Minn.

District 8: Thursday,
March 7, 2019, 7 p.m.
 Fern Town Hall,
 Becida, Minn.

2019 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

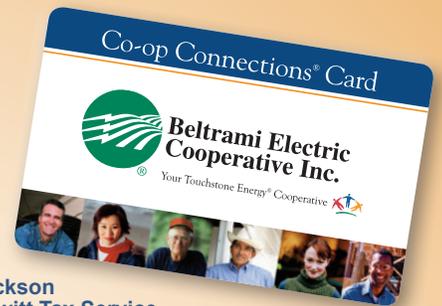
The 79th annual meeting of the members of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Bemidji High School, 2900 Division Street West, in Bemidji, Minn., at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, for the following purposes:

1. To pass upon reports covering the previous fiscal year;
2. To elect three (3) directors of the cooperative in accordance with the Bylaws, one each in Districts 1, 5 and 8, each for a three-year term;
3. To consider Bylaw revisions;
4. To transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

*In order for a member, corporation, etc., to nominate a representative to serve on the board of directors and participate in business matters, a form must be received by the secretary of Beltrami Electric Cooperative on or before the date of the members' meeting(s). To receive a copy of this form, please contact the co-op at 218-444-2540.

Murl Nord, Secretary
 Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 Board of Directors

2019 CO-OP CONNECTIONS® participating local businesses and discounts/offers



Advantage Audiology & Hearing Healthcare
5% off all hearing aid accessories (does not include batteries), Buy 2, get 1 free on all hearing aid batteries, free hearing screening
677 Anne Street STE G, Bemidji
(218) 333-8833
www.advantageaudiology.net

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35241 Hwy 72 NE, Northome
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www.royalshooksmotel.com

Balsam Beach Resort & RV Park
5% off a daily pontoon rental
51155 219th Ave, Bemidji
(218) 751-5057
www.balsambeachresort.com

Beltrami County Historical Society
\$1.00 off Adult admission, up to 4 adults, single visit only (not valid with other offers)
130 Minnesota Ave SW, Bemidji
(218) 444-3376
www.beltramihistory.org

Bemidji Best Auto Service
10% off labor (\$400 max)
1006 Washington Ave S, Bemidji
(218) 333-0933
www.bemidjibest.com

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20% off labor
211 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji
(218) 444-3389
www.bemcom.com

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10% off total purchase
301 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
(218) 751-5166
www.bemidjiwoolenmills.com

Big Apple Bagels
10% off regularly priced menu items
1710 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
(218) 444-7840
www.bigapplebagels.com/bemidjimn

B'z Floral & Gift
10% off all gift items (excluding fresh cut flowers or consignment items)
352 Clark Ave N, Kelliher
(218) 647-9829
www.bzfloral.com

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19600 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
(218) 243-2231
www.bvskiarea.com

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(218) 335-2336
www.cassmetalcraft.com

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108 3rd St NW, Bemidji
(218) 556-4183
www.compass-rose.com

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(218) 444-5252
www.dunnbros.com

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www.ecowater.com

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www.gallerynorthbemidji.com

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(218) 586-2231
www.camponfoxlake.com

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(218) 444-4472
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www.inchargefitnesscenter.com

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(800) 234-1040
www.jacksonhewitt.com

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(218) 444-7940
North: 1425 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
(218) 444-7941
www.keithspizza.com

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1080 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
(218) 751-1433
www.kenkthompsonjewelry.com

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8322 State 371 NW, Walker
(218) 547-1558
www.lakesareapowersports.com

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(218) 759-8518
www.mnspas.com

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(218) 751-2420
www.mjbhomecenter.com

Mort's Electric, Inc.
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18335 Mort Lane NE, Kelliher
(218) 647-8128

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3859 Cornflower Ct SE, Bemidji
(218) 444-8696
www.northerneventrentals.com

Northwest Tire
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402 Paul Bunyan Dr SE, Bemidji
(218) 444-8696
www.nwtire.com

Northwoods Habitat for Humanity ReStore
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1357 Industrial Park Dr SE, Bemidji
(218) 444-6398
www.habitatbemidji.org

Papa Murphy's
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(218) 444-7025
www.papamurphysbemidji.com

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3501 Laurel Dr NW, Bemidji
(218) 444-3902
www.permarsecurity.com

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179 Convenience Lane SW, Bemidji
(218) 751-9255

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(218) 751-8518
www.petroserveusa.com

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4289 Minnkota Ave NW, Bemidji
(218) 751-2355
www.pineridgesales.com

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www.royalshooksmotel.com

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3481 Laurel Dr NW, Bemidji
(218) 444-6577 or (218) 556-1979
www.bemidjisnd.com

Sparkling Waters Restaurant

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824 Paul Bunyan Dr S, Bemidji
(218) 444-3214
www.sparklingwatersbemidji.com

Stittsworth Meats

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722 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
(218) 751-1320
www.stittsworthmeats.com

TR Electric, Inc.

10% discount on service call
4357 Minnkota Ave, Bemidji
(218) 751-0286
www.trelectricinc.com

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3. You pay the lowest price between the two.

Beltrami Electric members may save money on prescriptions by using the Co-op Connections Card instead of insurance. Present your card at any of the listed local participating pharmacies or at over 60,000 pharmacies nationwide, and you may receive a discount of 10 to 85 percent on prescription drugs.

Participating pharmacies include CVS, Walgreens, Target and many other independent, national and regional chains.

To locate providers in your area:

Go to www.connections.coop/healthy-savings, and click on "Locate Providers."
Set up an account.
Enter your zip code and search for providers near you.



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Pharmacy discounts are NOT Insurance, and are Not Intended as a Substitute for Insurance. Pharmacy discounts range from 10% to 85% on most medications. **The discount is only available at participating pharmacies.** Prescription claims through this program will not be eligible for reimbursement through Medicaid, Medicare or any other government programs.

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Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - Ads submitted by March 1 will be published in the April issue.
 - Ads submitted between March 2 and April 1 will be published in the May issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at 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.
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619.

For Sale:

Laying hens, \$1 each. 766-2853.

Full size Stradavox accordion. Case and accordion look great. Has amp pick-ups. \$200/obo. 444-4327.

Set of Yorktowne Pfaltzgraff dishes, over 125 pieces, including 18 dinner plates, salad plates, soup bowls, plus much more. \$225. Vintage round oak table and four chairs with three leaves. Table dated from 1906 with lion feet. Excellent condition. \$720. 586-2910.

ProCom dual fuel vent-free fireplace with corner conversion kit, 32,000 Btu, beautiful medium oak veneer, model#FBD400RTCC-M-MO. Brand new, still in boxes. Original \$800, asking \$500. 751-5718.

Snowmobiles: two 2002 Edge X 600's, blue/yellow, w/reverse. Two 2001 Edge X 600's, red/yellow. All have been well taken care of and stored inside. Ready to ride. Too much info to list. Will sell as a package for \$6,500, but willing to separate. 820-4234.

17-ft. Alumacraft square-stern canoe. \$400 firm. With electric motor and battery, \$500. Call 444-9166, leave message.

2005 Jeep Cherokee 4.6L, new brakes and tires, loaded, no rust, 18 mpg hwy, deer hit driver's door. \$4,500/obo, as-is. 319-239-3632.

1999 Chevy Suburban – engine runs great, has electrical issue (no heat, etc.), dash not attached, 162K miles, gray, leather seats. New transfer case, new front differential, some new belts, new U joints, new ball joints, new oil lines, new brakes. Body has rust but it's in good shape other than electrical issue. Use for parts or if you are mechanically able – fix the wiring! \$2,200/obo. 243-3029 leave message.

4-5-6 inch Block, Crazy or Star quilts: Twin, \$35; Full, \$40; Queen, \$55; King, \$60. Sewing machines, \$15 each. 243-2702.

Max-Trac tire chains for snowblower or garden tractor. New and in box, 2-link spacing, for tire size 18" x 9.5" x 8". PN 1062256. Best offer. 308-1085.

2004 Keifer 4-horse gooseneck horse trailer, well maintained, all new tires, two water tanks. Very nice weekend finished living quarters, with sink and stovetop, lots of cupboards, outside kitchen, 2 drop down tables with storage cabinet, LP hookup for grills. 24-ft. awning, nice condition. \$12,000. 759-0321.

Nice fishing boat! 2016 16-foot black Lund with 25-horsepower, 4-stroke Mercury motor on a 2017 Yacht club trailer. Like new-hardly used! \$9,000 firm. Ryobi 740r 31cc 16" gas-powered trimmer, used. Electric 5500 SKIL saw, almost new. 444-8210.

Wanted:

I offer babysitting for your preschool child. Clean, smoke free environment. Flexible hours. Conveniently located on Power Dam Road approximately 10 minutes from Bemidji. 570-541-9597.

Nuisance beaver? Professional trapper will remove problem beaver. More than 30 years of experience. References available. Reasonable rates. 586-2071.

Looking for the stud services of an AKC registered male (preferably short haired) German Shepherd. With good temperament. Also offering the stud services of a purebred male red border collie. Please call 835-6434.

Free:

DOWNSIZING: Would like to find a new home for two snowmobile helmets, like-new, and 3 pairs of XC skis: 2 adult and 1 youth size. Call 556-0653 to inquire.

Two pleated window shades, off-white, light-filtering. 53" w x 36" h and 45.5" w x 33.25" h. Excellent condition, with brackets. Free. Call 444-7258.



Grant Application Deadline March 29, 2019

To be considered at the April 2019 meeting, grant applications must be received by March 29, 2019. 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.beltramelectric.com.

Items for sale by bid

Items available for viewing at Beltrami Electric from March 6 through March 12 up to 4:30 p.m. All items sold "as-is." Cash only.



2007 Chevrolet 2500 HD 4x4 pickup, 6.0 liter, 164,709 miles. Minimum bid: \$5,000.



2003 International 7400 Bucket truck, power inverter, with 2002 Hi-Ranger 42M boom, 152,467 miles, front bumper winch. Minimum bid: \$12,000.



Boss Power-V snow plow, 9' 2". Minimum bid: \$750.

Notice to cogenerators

In compliance with Beltrami Electric Cooperative adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, Beltrami Electric Cooperative is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Beltrami Electric Cooperative is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rate and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by Beltrami Electric Cooperative. Interested members should contact **Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 4111 Technology Dr NW, PO Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56601 or call 218-444-2540.**

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE HAS ADOPTED THE COOPERATIVE MINNESOTA DISTRIBUTION ENERGY RESOURCE INTERCONNECTION PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the interconnection process for distributed energy resources has been updated by the State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; and WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statute 216B.1611 cooperatives shall adopt an interconnection process that addressed the issues addressed in the Commission's order; and WHEREAS, Beltrami Electric Cooperative has updated the Cogeneration Policy to reflect the adoption of the Cooperative Minnesota Distribution Energy Resources Interconnection Process, (C-MIP); and WHEREAS, Beltrami Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has adopted the revised Cogeneration Policy as provided by MREA on January 8, 2019; and WHEREAS, all new distribution energy resources shall follow the C-MIP interconnection process beginning April 1, 2019. The Board of Directors of Beltrami Electric Cooperative has adopted the Cogeneration Policy 308 along with the updated Cooperative Cogeneration rules.



Need help paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

Bi-CAP Energy Assistance

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

Mahube Energy Assistance

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

Leech Lake Energy Assistance

115 6th St NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3783

Red Lake Energy Assistance

15525 Mendota Ave
Redby, MN 56670
218-679-3350 ext. 2603 or ext. 2681

Kootasca Energy Assistance

201 NW 4th St., Suite 130
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0800

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC'S INDOOR GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT

United Way
of Bemidji Area



Saturday, May 4, 2019!

Booth reservations for vendors will be open on Thursday, March 7, and will be accepted until all 91 booths have been filled. If interested, come in to our office at 4111 Technology Dr. NW in Bemidji and sign up or contact Cammie at 218-444-3675 or cvogel@beltramielectric.com.

Festus Rockensock joins Beltrami Electric



Festus Rockensock recently joined Beltrami Electric as an electrician in our Energy Services Department. Festus' professional experiences and community involvement provide an excellent foundation from which to serve our members. He comes to us from the local

Norbord OSB mill in Solway, Minn., where he was an electrical technician. Festus lives in Blackduck with his wife Niki, four daughters, one son and a grandson. He is also a lieutenant firefighter volunteer with the city of Blackduck. Welcome, Festus!

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including a review of 2018 accomplishments, employee updates and legislative issues.
- Arlene Hogquist reviewed the December financial report and reviewed the work order closeouts.
- Sam Mason reported on the Key Accounts of the cooperative.
- A Beltrami Electric Cooperative member addressed the board.
- CEO Echternach presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the cooperative.
- Sam Mason reviewed the annual cogeneration report and associated filings and presented updated cogeneration rules implementing 216B.164.
- CEO Echternach presented revised Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Rate Schedule EV, Policy 308 Distributed Generation/Net Metering and a Resolution adopting Cooperative Minnesota Distribution Energy Resource Interconnection Process.
- President Coe appointed Jared Echternach as the CFC voting delegate with Rick Coe as the alternate, Judy Honer as the Federated voting delegate with Rick Coe as the alternate and Murl Nord as the NISC voting delegate with John Lund as the alternate. All directors were appointed as delegates to Minnkota Power Cooperative and Square Butte Electric Cooperative.
- 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:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved the Bylaw amendments to be presented to the membership for adoption.
- Approved revised Rate Schedule EV.
- Approved revised Policy 308.
- Approved the updated cogeneration rules implementing 216B.164.
- Approved a Resolution to amend the cogeneration process.
- Approved a \$1,000 at-large scholarship.
- Approved moving the March regular board meeting to March 21, 2019.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Statement of Operations Year-to-date: December 2018

	December 2017	December 2018
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 52,445,472	\$ 55,041,909
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 37,475,167	\$ 38,687,160
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 15,182,241	\$ 15,453,176
Total Cost.....	\$ 52,657,408	\$ 54,140,336
Operating Margin.....	\$ (211,936)	\$ 901,573
Interest Income.....	\$ 320,016	\$ 299,335
Other Margins.....	\$ 381,397	\$ 737,637
Total Margins.....	\$ 489,477	\$ 1,938,545
kWh Sold.....	482,756,764	486,894,339
Meters Billed.....	21,014	21,173



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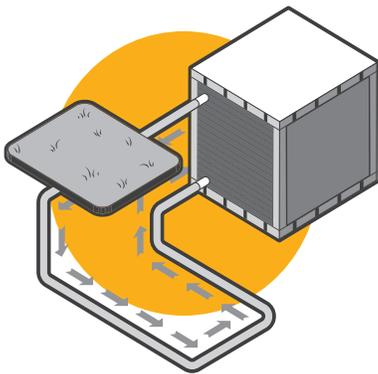
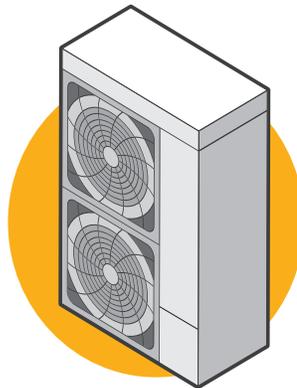
Types of Heat Pumps

There are three main types of heat pump systems. Use the information below to determine the system that's best suited for your climate and home.

Air-Source Heat Pumps

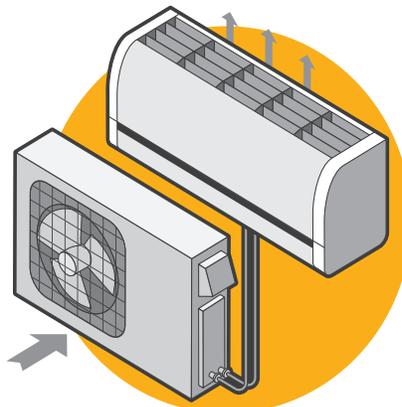
- Most commonly used heat pumps
- Moves heat rather than converting it from a fuel like combustion heating systems do
- Can reduce heating costs by about 50 percent when compared to baseboard heaters or electric furnaces
- Newer, more efficient systems now represent a legitimate space heating alternative in colder regions like the Northeast and Midwest.

Note: If temperatures in your area drop below 10 to 25 F, you will need an auxiliary heating system (depending on the size of the system).



Geothermal Heat Pumps

- More expensive to install but provide more energy savings for heating and cooling
- Move heat through pipes buried underground
- When compared to a conventional heating system, can reduce energy use by 25 to 50 percent
- Effective in extreme climates
- Not ideal for smaller lots and certain soil conditions



Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pumps

- Easier to install, quiet, small in size
- Flexible for heating and cooling individual rooms and smaller spaces
- No energy loss through ductwork, which accounts for more than 30 percent of a home's energy use for space heating/cooling.
- Installation can be pricey, but federal incentives may be available

Heat pump systems should be installed by a licensed professional. Contact your local electric cooperative for more information about options and potential incentives.

Sources: Dept. of Energy and Consumer Reports

REBATES AVAILABLE FOR HEAT PUMPS

Some restrictions apply. Contact our Energy Services department at 218-444-3622 for more information.

Air-source heat pumps

(Including mini-split ductless option)

- Electric heat rebate:**
 - \$100/ton
- PowerSavers rebate:**
 - \$500/unit (*Supplemental heating source ASHP, must modulate to allow ENERGY STAR®-rated ASHP to operate down to 5° F, and must be on load control*)
 - Less than 17 SEER – \$200/ton
 - Greater than or equal to 17 SEER – \$400/ton

Geothermal heat pumps

- Electric heat rebate:**
 - \$200/ton
- PowerSavers rebate:**
 - Open Loop (16.2 EER/3.6 COP) – \$200/ton, maximum of \$2,500
 - Closed Loop (14.1 EER/3.3 COP) – \$400/ton, maximum of \$5,000