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## BELTRAMI ELECTRIC EMPLOYEE NEWS

### WELCOME NEW HIRES



**Trevor Gwiazdon**

Beltrami Electric Cooperative welcomes Trevor Gwiazdon to our cooperative team as a staking technician. Trevor is a graduate of Park Rapids High School and has a degree in electrical lineworker technology from Northwest Technical College-Wadena. Trevor has utility experience and previously worked at Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative. He enjoys working outdoors and ice fishing in the winter. Trevor and his wife, Sarah, live in Park Rapids and have four children – Braydon, Ellie, Nora and Adeline.



**Kim Klug**

Beltrami Electric Cooperative welcomes Kim Klug to our cooperative team as a general accountant. Kim has an associate's degree in accounting from Bemidji State University and worked for 28 years at North Itasca Electric Cooperative in Bigfork. She enjoys hunting, fishing, flowers and spending time at the cabin. Kim and her husband, Bob, reside in Blackduck and together have four children, seven grandchildren and are expecting two more later this year.



**Trent Berglund**

Beltrami Electric Cooperative would like to give a warm welcome to Trent Berglund, who has joined our operations team as an apprentice lineworker. Trent is a graduate of Bemidji High School and the electrical lineworker program in Wadena. He previously worked at Superior Water, Light & Power. Trent and his wife, Sarah, have two children, Madison and Cole. He enjoys camping, fishing and spending time with his family.

### CONGRATS LARRY!



**Larry Eichstadt**

We would like to congratulate line foreman Larry Eichstadt on his retirement. Larry retired on Monday, May 17, 2021, after 41 years at Beltrami Electric. Larry started at BEC in May 1980, working with the tree clearing crew. Thank you, Larry, for your dedicated service to the cooperative and our members. We wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement, filled with great fishing and quality time with family and friends.

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### Board of Directors

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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 email as indicated.*

## Gopher State One Call 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.*



## Ready for summertime

Jared Echternach, *President and CEO*

Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the weather. Summertime brings many of our favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply enjoying our beautiful Northwoods way of life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. As we have witnessed in previous years, storms with straight-line winds and even tornadoes can pop up in our area. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but I want you to know that Beltrami Electric Cooperative crews are ready to respond should power outages occur in our area. With 73% of Beltrami Electric's lines underground, our exposure to damage from severe winds is greatly reduced. Our Vegetation Management Program, the process we use to clear trees/vegetation that extend into the right-of-way corridor, also decreases the chance for service interruptions and provides the proper clearance needed for crews working in the right of way to

perform maintenance or restore power. Keeping your power on is our number two priority behind safety, but despite our best efforts, power outages do occur for a variety of reasons, including strong seasonal storms, trees, squirrels, downed power lines, equipment failure and accidents.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. I encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

### Annual and district meetings

This year's annual meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11, 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. We are working with the Fair Board on the details of what this might

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Beltrami Electric  
Cooperative's  
81st Annual  
Meeting**

**Wednesday,  
August 11, 2021**

**Beltrami County  
Fairgrounds**



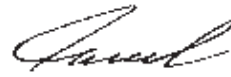
look like and we are optimistic we will be able to hold a fun, safe event.

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 3, currently served by Charlie Parson, District 7, currently served by John Lund, and District 9, currently served by Judy Honer, 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 business days prior to the district meeting in which the candidate seeks to run. Please see the detailed information in this issue for meeting locations, dates and times. If you are interested in learning more about serving on your cooperative's board, please feel

free to contact me to request a director candidate packet. Additional information can be found on our website at [www.beltramielctric.com](http://www.beltramielctric.com).

### Congratulations to Larry

Line foreman Larry Eichstadt retired in May and I'd like to personally thank Larry for his 41 years of service to our cooperative members. Larry was hired as a tree trimmer and through hard work and dedication worked his way up to line foreman. Larry was always willing to chip in wherever needed and his personality was one of true cooperative spirit and service to our members. Thank you, Larry, for keeping the lights on and serving our members for more than four decades. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.



**BATTERIES DON'T BELONG IN YOUR HOME RECYCLING OR TRASH!**



Batteries in your recycling or trash can start a fire. Take to retail or Transfer Station for hazardous waste drop-off.

[www.co.beltrami.mn.us](http://www.co.beltrami.mn.us)  
click on Solid Waste tab

# 2021 DISTRICT MEETINGS IN JUNE

District 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 3, 7 and 9. 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.

**\* Note: 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 3: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7 p.m.**

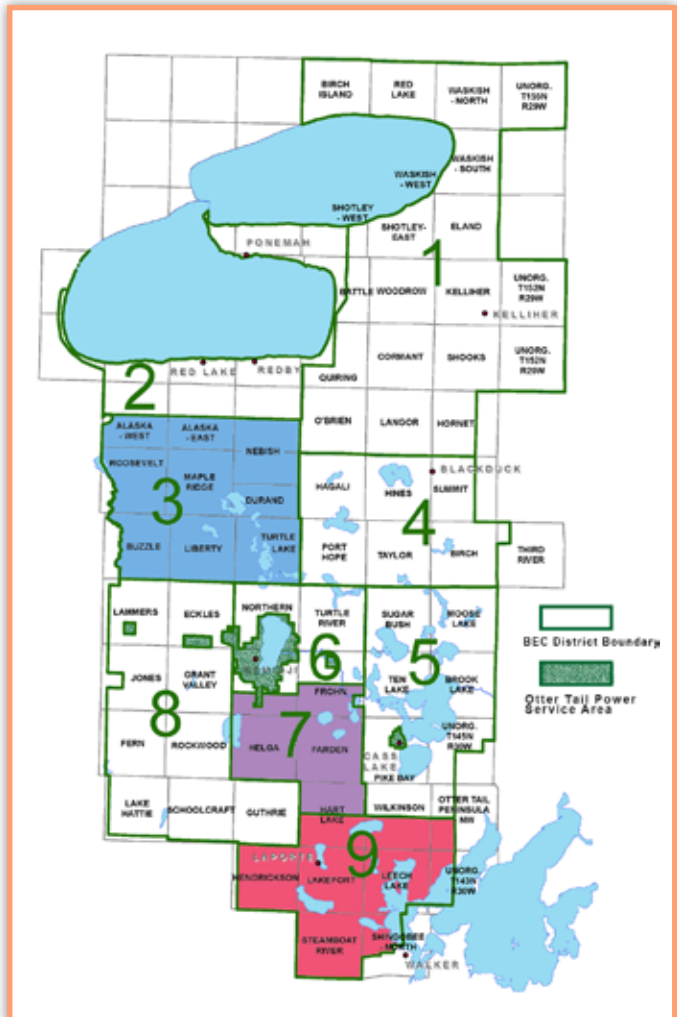
St. John's Church, 27867 Irvine Ave NE, Nebish

**District 7: Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 7 p.m.**

Nary Community Hall, 25895 Hubbard County 9, Bemidji

**District 9: Thursday, June 24, 2021, 7 p.m.**

Lakeport Fire/Township Hall, 160 County 39 SW, Laporte



# Essential guidelines for generator safety

When severe storms and natural disasters cause power outages, it can be an inconvenience – or even a problem – to be without electricity. Purchasing a backup generator can help with preparation for such power outages and provide peace of mind. As with all things involving electricity, the incorrect use of generators can create potentially hazardous situations.



Safe Electricity outlines essential considerations in purchasing the right generator and how to safely operate it. “Improper use of a standby or portable generator can

lead to injury or even death,” explains Erin Hollinshead, executive director of the Energy Education Council’s Safe Electricity program. “It’s important to learn and follow all safety measures to help keep yourself and others safe.”

**DECIDE WHAT NEEDS TO BE POWERED.** What appliances, devices and equipment are essential? Choose a generator size that can handle the full load of the estimated power needed. Keep in mind that it takes more power to

turn an appliance on – its surge power – than it does when in continuous operation.

**SELECT THE TYPE OF GENERATOR, EITHER STAND-BY OR PORTABLE.** Stand-by generators are permanently wired into a house by a professional electrician. The installation should include a transfer switch that prevents feeding electricity back into overhead lines, which can be deadly for lineworkers. These generators are fueled by natural gas or propane from existing gas lines and automatically turn on in the event of a power outage.

A portable generator is typically fueled with diesel or gasoline, which must be regularly refilled. Unlike a stand-by generator, these must be turned on and off manually, and appliances must be directly plugged into the generator with a suitably rated extension cord.

Once the generator is installed and ready to go, follow these safety guidelines to ensure the safe operation of the backup generator:



- Thoroughly read and follow all manufacturer instructions to properly ground the generator before turning it on.
- Do not connect portable generators directly to a home’s electrical system. Doing so could re-energize overhead powerlines and endanger the lives of utility lineworkers working to restore power. Consider installing a GenerLink transfer switch for your generator.
- There should be nothing plugged into a portable generator before starting it to prevent a surge from damaging the appliance.
- When running a portable generator, always use properly rated extension cords (length and load) when connecting appliances.
- Always operate portable generators in a well-ventilated space to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and other harmful fumes. Never run a generator indoors.
- Generators can pose an electrical risk when operated in wet conditions. Make sure the generator stays dry during its operation, and never touch electrical equipment with wet hands.
- Exercise caution around portable generators, which have exposed engine parts that could burn or injure an individual. Keep children and pets away from a running generator.
- Use care when refueling portable generators to prevent potential fires and spills.
- Properly shut down portable generators by turning off and unplugging all appliances and equipment being powered by the generator.
- Remember to perform regular maintenance before and after each use. For portable generators, inspect oil and fuel filters, oil level, spark plugs and fuel quality. Stand-by generators require less maintenance, but should still be inspected before and after power outages.



Consider a GenerLink UL-listed transfer switch, which allows you to SAFELY connect a generator to your home and allows you the flexibility to select what you want to run using your home’s energy circuit panel.

Contact our energy services department at **(218) 444-3622** or stop into our office for pricing and information on installation.



**For more information about choosing and safely operating a backup generator, contact our energy services department or visit [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.safeelectricity.org).**

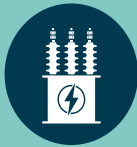
# STAYING SAFE DURING AN OUTAGE

We work hard to provide the most reliable service possible. Rest assured, if the power is out, we are on it!

The length of time it takes to restore your power depends on several factors, including the:



Extent of the storm's destruction



Severity of utility equipment damage



Number and extent of outages



Accessibility to damaged equipment

## STAY SAFE UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED

- Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines, which could be live and deadly.
- If you come across a downed line, immediately call the utility or 9-1-1 to report it.
- Never enter a flooded room; the water could be energized.
- If you are standing in water, do not turn on/off power or flip a switch.



Prepare for a storm by gathering these items:

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Bottles of water       | Extra batteries |
| Non-perishable food    | Pet supplies    |
| Portable phone charger | Blankets        |
| Prescriptions          | Warm clothing   |
| Battery-operated radio | First-aid kit   |
| Flashlights            | Hand sanitizer  |

THANK YOU for your patience during outages. When the lights go off, we are working safely and efficiently to restore power. The safety of our employees, as well as those we serve, is our TOP priority.

Safe Electricity.org®

# HOW TO REPORT A POWER OUTAGE

IF YOUR POWER GOES OUT, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

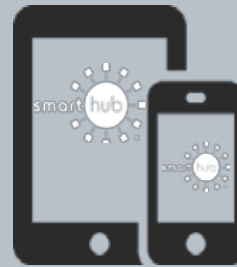
1. Check your breakers, fuses or outdoor disconnect switch to determine if they have tripped off due to a power overload.
2. If you determine the power outage is not within your wiring system, select one of the options below to report your outage.

CALL 218-444-2540 OR  
1-800-955-6083 24/7

Keep your contact info up to date! If BEC has your current phone number on your account, our automated system will recognize the location you are calling about. If our system doesn't recognize your number, you will need to have your location or account number available.



## SMARTHUB



Easily report an outage through the SmartHub app. Visit [www.beltramielectric.smarthub.com](http://www.beltramielectric.smarthub.com) to sign up for SmartHub, or download the free app to your mobile device and log in today.

## TEXT MESSAGE

Call BEC to verify we have your cell number in our system. Then, you can register for our texting service at [www.beltramielectric.com](http://www.beltramielectric.com) to get an outage texting number. Add this number to your contacts list so it's ready when an outage occurs.



View our Outage Map at [www.beltramielectric.com](http://www.beltramielectric.com). For outage updates, find us on Facebook at BeltramiElectricCoop.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
  - Ads submitted between May 1 and June 1 – will be published in July issue.
  - Ads submitted between July 2 and August 1 – will be published in August issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at [www.beltramelectric.com](http://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.
- **NOTE:** As of April 24, 2021, anyone with a telephone number from the 218 area code will need to dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls.

## For Sale:

Youth bow with practice arrows and hard case. Excellent cond. \$275. Complete set of four low profile Nexen 235/40R19 tires. Good cond. \$80. 218-368-4834.

Horton crossbow, Model CB 140,300 Ft.per.sec., sling, cocking device, 7 broadheads, case, H.D. target etc. and etc. hardware. \$684 list like new \$170 firm. Aqua-Vu underwater viewing system ZT series, infrared lens, battery, charger, magnifier, tripod, weights. Like new \$170 firm. 218-751-1229.

3 rolls of used chain link fence, 6 ft x 165 ft. \$1 per foot. 14 - 8 ft steel posts, \$5 each. 50 - 6 ft steel posts, \$3 each. 2 chain link gates, \$25 each, 2 steel gates, 3 ft x 77 in, \$25 each. 218-586-2839.

14' aluminum Naden fishing boat, w/roller/bunk trailer and 7.5 hp Evinrude 950. Also have 3 other 12' and 14' aluminum fishing boats along with 17' Core Craft canoe. Call 218-760-8266.

1955 Ford Fairlane 4 door, (rare) two tone blue, Ford-O-Matic transmission, 265 V8, dual exhaust, chrome rims, fender skirts, 61,000 actual miles. Excellent condition. \$11,500. 218-444-3393.

LG window AC \$25; LG dehumidifier \$50; Vinyl siding, color is sandalwood, approximately 800 square feet, \$200. 231-429-5993, leave message.

1989 Maxum 17-foot fiberglass open-bow speedboat with sturdy Escort trailer and 70 hp Mercury outboard that runs. Upholstery and floor need work. \$900/obo. 218-243-3120.

Beginner golf clubs. Set includes bag, balls, putter, #1 and 3 woods, and 5 and 9 irons. \$65. 218-556-8507.

Apple 11E, keyboard, duo disc drive and monitor, box. Epson printer. 14" Apple color plus display, with box. Numeric keypad plus keyboard for LC3. Image writer 11 printer. Apple printer. 1-zip 250 drive plus 1 new Zip disk. Package deal preferred but would split. Make an offer please. 218-444-7308

1996 Lil Jon Carolina Skiff. 14-foot flat bottom boat. Open flat space. One swivel seat, army green color. Older utility trailer included. \$1,200. 218-751-6210.

Eight boxes of .270 ammo, \$200. Two boxes of .40 cal., \$40. One box of 10 gauge, 3 1/2 inch magnum BB, \$20. One .380 Ruger magazine new in box, \$20. Call 218-556-8623.

Farmall 560 diesel tractor with F-11 Farmhand and 3-point hitch. Dirt and snow buckets. \$4,000/obo. 218-751-8981.

Handheld dirt auger, 250cc 2-cycle engine w/two auger bits (6" and 8"). Includes 20" auger extension. \$150. 2 hot tub covers, good condition. 90"x 90", 6" tapered to 4". Beige in color. 92"x92". 4" tapered to 3". Dark brown in color. Both have rounded corners/center fold. \$200 each. 218-854-7453.

4 Goodyear Assurance tires 215/55R17. Less than 20K miles. \$100 for set. 218-556-7058.

New Salem Lutheran Annual Rummage and Bake Sale returns! June 12, 9-3 p.m. \$1 bag sale 2-3 p.m. All proceeds benefit community charities. Masks required inside and outside. Located just 10 miles north of Bemidji on Hwy. 71 in Turtle River. 612-940-7312.

John Deere F145 3 bottom semi-mount plow with hydraulic cylinder. \$1,500 cash. 612-384-4619.

Otter Stealth 2000 duck boat. Two seats and small engine mount on the boat. \$450. 612-382-9049.

Fuel tank on stand for gravity feed. 300-gallon, 6-ft stand, hose with nozzle and filter. \$325. Text or leave message. 928-503-1806.

5-piece patio set, C-spring chairs, brown frame, umbrella w/stand \$299. Hewitt aluminum boat lift, 1500# load capacity w/winch, canopy cover. Good condition, \$850/obo. Eureka vacuums: 5-amp max speed, Hepa filter, bagless w/attachments, \$49. 320-583-0471.

Remington 1100 3-inch magnum. Remington 514 single shot. Remington model 7 243 youth. 218-556-2910.

Red metal bunk beds. Full on bottom, twin on top, side rails, ladder, mattress, and sheets. All perfect condition. \$50. 1976 Honda XL125 motorcycle. 7,812 miles. In storage 30 years, currently not running. \$500/obo. 218-209-1351.

Hammock lounge chair frame, seat and canopy (Menards) red, like new, \$250, asking \$120. Cash. 218-444-7308.

1955 Ford Sunliner convertible. Power windows, seats, brakes, top and steering. Continental kit. Restored in 1976. Runs out really good. \$35,000. 1950 Chevrolet Deluxe convertible. All original, believed to be 52,000 miles. This vehicle has all available accessories. \$35,000. Cash only. Will send pictures upon request. Serious inquiries only. 218-760-1095.

Pride electric recliner lift chair in merlot fabric; Minnesota treadle sewing machine in wood cabinet; wood glide rocker with tan cushions; nightstand, 20" w x 17" d x 25" h; leather motorcycle jackets – men's Schott dark brown with zip-in liner sz. 46, women's Taurus in deep wine, sz. 10/12. 218-547-1836.

SHURflo SLV series light-duty lawn and garden spot spray pump. 12V, 4 amps max. Auto demand; 25PSI on/40PSI off; self-priming; long life pressure switch; diaphragm and valves resistant to chemicals; integral on/off switch and electrical connector; thermally protected motor. New, never out of the box. \$50. 218-242-1210.

Solid oak 6-ft church pew, \$175. New: large storage ottoman, mushroom colored, too big for my living room. \$150. 218-766-8781.

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 218-556-0586.

Single owner, black 2001 5-speed, relatively-speaking lower miles, 4-cylinder, 4-door Honda Civic LX sedan with new water pump, timing belt, and spark plugs and recent cooling system flush for \$5,000/obo. Please call 218-553-1110 if interested.

Office chair, used very little, \$60. Small engine, good shape, \$100. Hay wrapper, \$150. 3M Tartan copier with 360-pk box of copy paper, \$50. Two sewing machines, \$25 each. Gazelle exercise machine, \$30. Men's roller skates, sz. 8, \$5. Women's roller skates, sz. 9, \$5. Equipment for the disabled. 218-586-2860.

Butcher block countertop with dual undermount stainless sink and faucets, 8-ft x 25 inches. 1-year old, perfect condition. Was \$450, yours for \$150. 218-586-2884.

HDY loader w/manure/dirt/snow bucket off 1960 340 I.H. \$300. 8' H.D. back blade, \$200. I.H. 2-pt quick hitch. 218-224-2523.

Beach King canopy top for pontoon lift. 128" x 26", gray. \$200. Call 218-333-1510 or 218-368-0441.

2 original front 19" rim wheels for 8N Ford tractor, \$60 each. 1 old 48" crosscut saw, also 1-24" old wood carpenter level, both for \$70. These would look good on a wall. Ash lumber for sale: 15-1x4 by 8-ft, 20-1x3 by 8-ft, 9-1x7 by 10-ft. All are tongue and groove. 218-586-2617.

Homemade quilts: 4-5-6-inch Block, Crazy, Star, Twin, \$40. Full, \$45. Queen, \$65. King, \$70. Brown swivel recliner, \$75. 1986 18-ft Lund boat, 90 hp Mercury motor and trailer. As-is. \$3,500. 218-243-2702.

1975 John Deere 450 Crawler bulldozer bucket and backhoe, \$12,000. 16-ft fiberglass boat with trailer, 70 hp Johnson motor, \$800. 218-679-3681.

Golfing is here! Ladies RH Browning 440 irons 3-PW, \$50. Hard shell travel bag on wheels for clubs and bag, used once, \$190 new, now \$100. Misc. clubs, putters, bags, Shag balls, 10 cents. Box of miniature tiny figurines, little bottles, small, footed wine/dessert glasses, \$20. 218-586-2884.

2008 Trane XR-14 air conditioner w/coil, \$500. 218-835-6579.

16-ft Crestliner with heavy-duty roller trailer, \$250. 2000 Coachman, The Hunter 107 camper, bottom half-just about perfect. Top half-not so perfect, \$300. Call Les 320-321-4289 or 320-444-0146.

1997 Ford police interceptor engine. 218-766-5285.

## Wanted:

15" six-hole wheels with hub cap clips for a 1953 Chevy pickup. 218-647-8239 leave message or call 218-256-0692.

EZ-Roll 8-foot dock sections to add to EZ-Roll dock bought from EZ-Roll in Detroit Lakes about 20 years ago. Call 641-430-5417.

Remington 870 Special Field 20ga or Savage combination O/U in 22 LR / 20ga. For my daughter. Call or text 218-556-6895.

Used aluminum jet ski lift. Also, one used 6" - 10" diameter metal culvert, approximately 12' - 16' long. Call 218-760-8266.

Ammo 30-30, 243, 22, 12-gauge BB shells. 218-751-6210.

Foosball table and sectional couch w/fold out bed in good condition. Kim 320-248-5795.

Rear bumper cover, spoiler, for 95-97 Mercury Cougar XR7 or T-bird. 218-766-5285.

LOST: Cell phone on Winter Sumac. 218-751-6861.

## Free:

Golf shoes for men and women. Sunglasses. 218-586-2884.

## COMING SOON! BEC's new bill design!

Beltrami Electric is excited to announce a new and improved design of electric bills coming in **JULY 2021!** Our current bill print required a software update which enabled us to make some very valuable improvements to bills! The upcoming changes will provide our members with a more modern, easy to read billing format that will include convenient visual aids and colorful graphics.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2021. A quorum of directors was present.

### The following reports were given:

- Director Charlie Parson was recognized for achieving his Board Leadership Certificate.
- President and CEO Echernach gave his monthly report, including discussion on February financials, employee updates, legal updates, COVID-19 update, recent outages and legislative issues affecting the cooperative.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the March financial report and the first quarter balanced performance scorecard.

- Chair Lund appointed the CFC voting delegate and the NCSC voting delegate.
- 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 support and nomination of Sue Kringen to seek election to the RESCO Board of Directors.
- Approved the director and President/CEO expense reports.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

## Power Plant Tour Registration | July 20-22 | Cost is \$100/person or \$175/double occupancy

To sign up, contact Bob Gregg at 218-444-3622, then mail form with your check to: **Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Attn: Power Plant Tour Sign Up, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619.** BEC will send out further details prior to departure. Your check will be returned if the tour should be canceled for some reason. If it becomes necessary for you to cancel, you are required to notify BEC at least two (2) business days before departure to be eligible for a refund. Registration for the trip is on a first-come, first-served basis with a limited number of openings. If you have previously taken the trip, you will be put on a space availability standby list.

Names of participants (Note age if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary needs (Ex. gluten free): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account number: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2021 Power Plant Tour

## July 20-22, 2021



Beltrami Electric Cooperative plans to host a tour of the Milton R. Young power plant July 20-22. The tour will feature stops at Minnkota Power Cooperative headquarters in Grand Forks, N.D., a tour of the Milton R. Young Station, a drive through the open-pit lignite mines (weather permitting), a stop at Oliver III Wind Energy and a tour at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center/Fort Mandan in Washburn, N.D. Guests will travel on a charter bus from Bemidji Bus Lines and enjoy a two-night stay at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mandan, N.D.

This tour is open to BEC members who have not been on this trip in the past and limited to ages 12 and older. 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 meals. Space is limited and this trip fills fast, so don't delay in signing up. The group will depart

from Beltrami Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Bemidji at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 20. The approximate time of return is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22.

This tour is a fun and educational experience. You will gain a better understanding of the process involved in generating the electricity that serves you. To reserve your spot, contact Bob Gregg at 218-444-3622, complete the registration form and send it in with your payment.

**NOTE: There is a considerable amount of walking on this trip, including stairs. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 800-955-6083 or 218-444-2540.**

## Statement of Operations Year-to-date: March 2021

	March 2020	March 2021
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 16,620,810	\$ 16,552,485
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 11,000,946	\$ 10,614,669
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 3,864,501	\$ 4,183,110
Total Cost.....	\$ 14,865,447	\$ 14,797,779
Operating Margin.....	\$ 1,755,363	\$ 1,754,706
Other Margins.....	\$ (23,324)	\$ (67,800)
Total Margins.....	\$ 1,732,039	\$ 1,686,906
kWh Sold.....	154,693,158	151,373,812
Meters Billed.....	21,384	21,639

## PARSON RECEIVES BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Charlie Parson, Beltrami Electric Cooperative board member, recently received the Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The NRECA BLC recognizes individuals who continue their professional development after becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), and consists of a series of courses focusing in greater depth on specific industry and governance issues. These include issues such as risk management, power supply, parliamentary procedure, technology and policy development. To earn a BLC a director must have completed the CCD program, followed by additional courses covering subjects such as the cooperative business model, bylaws, ethics and political engagement. The BLC helps to ensure cooperative boards have the knowledge and skills relevant to governing electric co-ops. Congratulations to Charlie for completing the BLC program.





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## Milton R. Young Station provides resiliency to cooperative members

COAL-BASED POWER PLANT IS THE BACKBONE OF YOUR POWER SUPPLY WHEN EXTREME WEATHER STRIKES

For Beltrami Electric Cooperative (BEC), the highest demand for electricity comes in the winter months when days are shorter, heating systems are used regularly and people mostly stay inside. During extreme weather events, electricity needs can skyrocket, creating significant strain on power generation and delivery resources. Minnkota Power Cooperative, BEC's wholesale power provider, has been successful in responding to these events by using its coal, wind, hydro and demand response resources.

While all generation resources are impacted by extreme weather, the biggest operational challenges in our region relate to wind facilities, which can be prone to shut down in extreme subzero temperatures. For Minnkota, the most reliable and resilient resource in its power supply portfolio is the coal-based Milton R. Young Station. This large power plant located 35 miles from Bismarck, N.D., has operated dependably through numerous extreme weather events, which has helped ensure homes stay warm, hospitals are running and essential businesses are able to operate. The following four attributes help ensure the Young Station is ready for any challenges that may arise.



### ATTRIBUTE #1

NO FUEL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES



The Young Station is a mine-mouth power plant. That means the coal mine is located nearby to the power plant, which ensures the plant can receive fuel consistently with no transportation issues. Fuel does not need to be delivered via train or pipeline from long distances. In addition, more than three weeks of coal usage can be stored on-site.

### ATTRIBUTE #2

PREPARED FOR MOTHER NATURE



All of the Young Station's major components are covered, insulated and weatherized to ensure they can operate in extreme cold or heat.

### ATTRIBUTE #3

PRUDENT MAINTENANCE



The Young Station is well-maintained, which ensures it is able to run for the majority of the hours each year. In fact, in 2020, both generating units were available to produce power more than 93% of the time.

### ATTRIBUTE #4

COMMITMENT OF EMPLOYEES



The Young Station has employees on-site 24 hours per day to operate and monitor the generation of power, environmental control technologies and related cyber assets. Personnel are trained and ready to respond to numerous system issues.