

# NORTHERN

## L I G H T S

June 2023

### 2023 Energy Resources Tour

Tuesday - Thursday, July 18-20, 2023



**Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Beltrami Electric Cooperative plans to host an Energy Resources Tour for members July 18-20. The tour will include Minnkota Power Cooperative's headquarters in Grand Forks, the Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D., the open-pit lignite mines (weather permitting), Oliver III Wind Energy Center, the Garrison Dam and the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center/Fort Mandan. Guests will travel on a charter bus from Bemidji Bus Line and enjoy a two-night stay at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mandan, N.D.

We encourage BEC members who have not been on this trip in the past to consider attending this fun and educational experience.

- The cost to members for the three-day trip is \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy, which includes the bus fare, hotel, tours and meals.
- The tour is limited to ages 12 and older. Children 12 and older attend free with a parent/guardian.

This engaging, in-depth energy tour will help you gain a better understanding of the process involved in generating the electricity that serves you. Space is limited and this trip fills fast, so don't delay in signing up.

To reserve your spot, contact Angela Lyseng at **218-444-3689**, complete the registration form and send it in with your payment. If it becomes necessary for you to cancel, you are required to notify BEC at least two 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.

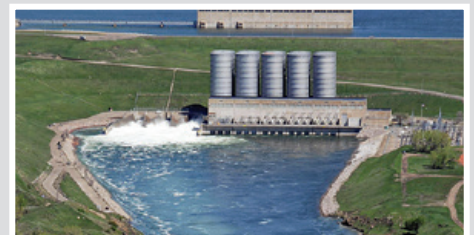
*\*If you have previously taken the trip, you will be put on a space availability standby list.*



Milton R. Young Station



Oliver III Wind Energy Center



Garrison Dam

#### ENERGY RESOURCES TOUR REGISTRATION July 18-20, 2023

Please print names of participants the way you would like them to appear on your name tags. We will send further details prior to departure. Mail this form with check to:

**Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Attn: Energy Resources Tour Sign Up,  
P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619**

Name of participant(s): *(note age if under 18)*

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

BEC Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Needs *(Ex. gluten free)*: \_\_\_\_\_



# We're ready for storm season. Are you?

by 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 warmer weather. Summertime brings many of my favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but I want you to know that Beltrami Electric Cooperative crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

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



The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your first-aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power

restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely. Contact Beltrami Electric to learn more about GenerLink, a transfer switch to safely connect a portable generator and provide you the flexibility to select items to power through your electrical panel (breaker box).

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information and check Beltrami Electric Cooperative's social media or website for power restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings and follow our Facebook page to stay abreast of power restoration efforts and other important co-op news and information.

I hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. At Beltrami Electric Cooperative we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

## Annual and district meetings

This year's annual meeting will be held Wednesday, August 9 at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Beltrami County Fair. This will be the third time we will have held our annual meeting in conjunction with the fair and we are delighted to partner again with the Beltrami County Fair board to host our annual meeting.

As part of the election process, your cooperative will hold three district meetings in June, at which candidates may be nominated to serve on the board. Seats in District 2, currently served by Charlie Perkins; District 4, currently served by Craig Gaasvig; and District 6, currently served by Rick Coe, are up for election this year. Each of the incumbents have indicated their interest in running.

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 [beltramielectric.com](http://beltramielectric.com).

# 2023 DISTRICT MEETINGS

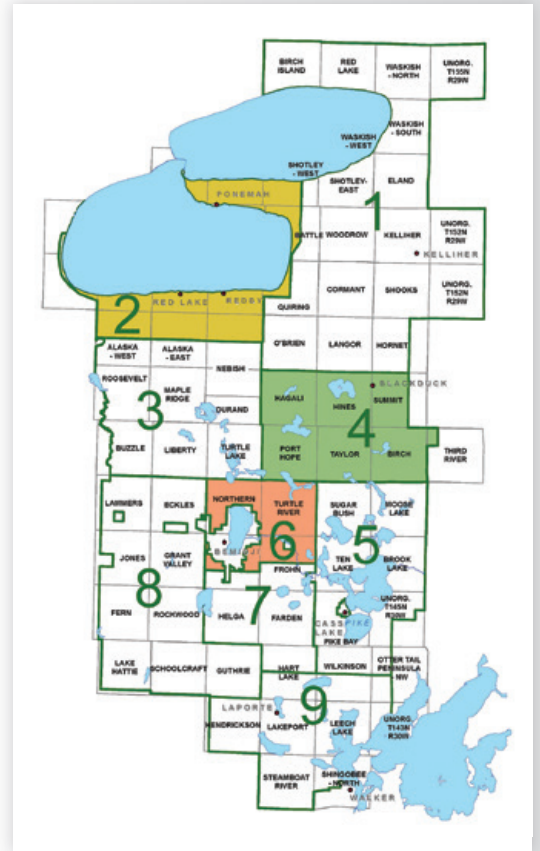
TO BE HELD IN LATE JUNE

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 2, 4 and 6. The meetings inform members on current issues and programs associated with the cooperative.

Official business will be conducted at the district meetings, to include the nomination of a director candidate. Nominations for qualified candidates from your district to Beltrami Electric's board of directors will be accepted at this meeting. The top two candidates as determined by popular vote will have their names on the general election ballot in August.

**\*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.



# 2

## DISTRICT 2

Served by Charlie Perkins

**Tue., June 27  
6 p.m.**

Red Lake Nation College, Student Union  
15480 Migizi Drive, Red Lake

# 4

## DISTRICT 4

Served by Craig Gaasvig

**Mon., June 26  
6 p.m.**

BEC Community Room  
4111 Technology Dr NE, Bemidji

# 6

## DISTRICT 6

Served by Rick Coe

**Thurs., June 22  
6 p.m.**

BEC Community Room  
4111 Technology Dr NE, Bemidji

# SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL MEETING!

## 83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING / BEC NIGHT AT THE FAIR

**Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023 | Beltrami County Fairgrounds, 7223 Fairgrounds Rd NW, Bemidji**

- 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Registration open for the annual meeting  
*(Register to receive BEC Food Bucks to spend at food vendors that night until 8 p.m.)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Annual meeting – Marilyn Shutter Stage
- 5:00-6:30 p.m.** Bucket rides for kids
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Meet Touchstone Energy® mascots LED Lucy and Solar Sam
- 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Watch BEC lineworkers give a live high voltage electrical demo! *(See the exploding hotdog!)*
- 6:30 p.m.** FREE CONCERT in the Grandstand!



**FREE  
PARKING**

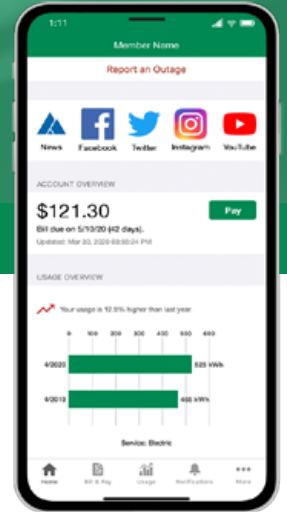


# TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ACCOUNT

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Save time and money by managing your account at any time from anywhere.

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- Manage alerts and notifications



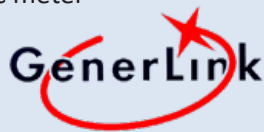
Manage your account at any time from anywhere

## DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK

GenerLink provides members a safe and easy way to connect their portable generator during outages.

- No rewiring needed
- Ready to use when you need it
- Flexibility and control to select what you want to run using your home's circuit panel
- Beltrami electric technicians will install the device at your electric meter

Contact BEC for more information and current pricing at **218-444-2540**.



## HOW TO REPORT A POWER OUTAGE

IF YOUR POWER GOES OUT, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

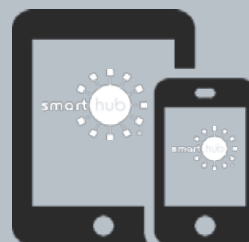
1. Check your breakers, fuses, or outdoor disconnect switch to determine if they have tripped off due to a power overload.
2. If you determine the power outage is not within your wiring system, select one of the options below to report your outage.

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.beltramelectric.smarthub.com](http://www.beltramelectric.smarthub.com) to sign up for SmartHub, or download the free app to your mobile device and login today.

View our Outage Map at [www.beltramelectric.com](http://www.beltramelectric.com).

Beltrami Electric offers great incentives for mini-split heat pumps

# MINI IS MIGHTY!

The summer heat can make for long, uncomfortable days, and nothing is better than being the coolest house on the block – temperature-wise, that is!

Much like a standard air-source heat pump, a mini-split heat pump's technology allows electricity to move heat out of your space in the summer for cooling and into your space in the winter for heating. A compressor unit is installed outside and is connected to an indoor unit by cables and a refrigerant line. The indoor units (which may be called heads or cassettes) can be positioned to serve one or more rooms. This ductless heating and cooling system is perfect for individual rooms, main living areas, additions, garages and shops.



No matter the time of year, save money while making your space the coolest – or hottest – spot in the neighborhood with a new mini-split heat pump.

The size may be mini, but the advantages are mighty! Some reasons to invest in a mini-split heat pump include:

- 1 Mini-splits are much quieter and use less energy than central air or furnaces.
- 2 You don't need any existing ductwork to install a mini-split.
- 3 Many mini-splits can provide cooling up to 120°F and heat well below -0°F.
- 4 Mini-splits can be placed high on a wall or ceiling to blend into their surroundings.
- 5 Units may qualify for Beltrami Electric's low off-peak electricity rate.
- 6 You can **SAVE BIG** with up to \$650 per ton in rebates from Beltrami Electric.

Contact a local HVAC contractor for more information, including proper sizing for your home and price for purchase and installation. Find a list of contractors on our website: [beltramielectric.com/contractor-resources](http://beltramielectric.com/contractor-resources).

# Classifieds



## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*Beltrami Electric Cooperative's board conducted its regular monthly meeting Friday, April 21, 2023. A quorum of directors was in attendance.*

### The following reports were given at the meeting:

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations.
- Bob Wallner received Minnkota's Red Lantern Award recognizing him for 10 years of cooperative service.
- President and CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including an update on the grant funding partnership with Red Lake, employee updates, Moose Lake project, Operation Round Up and legislative issues affecting the cooperative.
- Revisions to the current Restated and Amended Wholesale Power Contract were reviewed.
- President and CEO Echternach and the board shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and events.
- Vice Chair Kringen appointed Muri Nord as the NCSC voting delegate with Sue Kringen as the alternate.

### The following actions were taken at the meeting:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Adopted a resolution approving the wholesale power contract.
- Approved director and President and CEO expenses.

*The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, June 28, 2023.*

## We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric Cooperative is looking for **Miranda L. Johnson** (Bemidji, Minn.) and **Kenneth S. Adams** (Bemidji, Minn.). Please call **218-444-2540** if you have any information.



### Classified ads rules

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

### For Sale:

Eagle Cuda 128 portable depth finder. Runs on AA batteries and is perfect for fly-in fishing trips. Manual included. \$25. 218-751-6870.

1997 Dodge pickup truck. New tailgate and rear bumper. \$400/obo. 218-444-4350.

Aluminum folding dock and pontoon ladder. Has three 12.5" wide steps w/anti-slip treads. New, purchased from Overton's. Asking \$125. Tonneau cover for Dodge Dakota pickup, very good condition, asking \$75. 218-779-8125.

Port-a-lift pontoon lift. 9'10" wide by 10' long. New stainless-steel cables, new treated planks. Perfect for an 18'-20' pontoon. Tires come off easily. Located in the Bemidji area, but you will need a trailer to haul. \$1,000/obo. Call Brad at 218-766-8409.

Adult 24-inch tricycle, blue, single speed, large basket in back. New. \$325. 218-308-4162.

Husqvarna RZ5424 zero-turn mower. New belt, pulley, casters, plug, etc. Extra blades. \$1,200. 218-755-1951.

Firewood, 16"-20" lengths and some 100" lengths. Approximately 4 cords. Available for \$50/cord, you haul. Call 218-760-8266.

Easton arrows, 31" without broad heads, 5 of the 11 have broad heads, \$30. 15# boat anchor, \$15. Antique cork duck decoys w/glass eyes, \$25 each. Antique double pedestal desk, \$40. Ryobi gas weed whacker 33cc, \$25. Two wild rice duck bill poles, \$25 each. 218-556-8623.

Cordless Greenworks 16" push mower w/40V battery, charger, and grass catcher. \$100. MTD gas powered 21" push mower, side-discharge, mulch. \$75. Cash only. Text 218-556-0198.

Like new wool sweater from Ireland (XL), \$45. New Queen bedspread LQ (\$170) blue, \$50. New JCPenney's King bedspread (\$140) taupe, \$40. (2) vintage black Coach purses, \$50 each. Old china 4 place settings 1950's (Sango Versailles #3632) excellent shape (Ebay \$200), make offer. Phone 218-368-4973, if no answer leave message.

Beautiful, local, organic flowers. Join our Bouquet CSA. Receive a weekly delivery for one monthly price of \$120 (Must be in Bemidji area). June through September. Call or text for more information. 218-556-0586.

Cub Cadet ST 100 22" wheeled string trimmer; 169 cc; like new; \$250; extra strings included. 218-243-2445; please leave a message.

2006 Ford Focus SW ZXW, 196M+ miles, white, 4 summer tires w/aluminum wheels installed, 4 winter tires w/aluminum wheels included. Runs great. Always garaged. 3,000-mile oil changes since new. 218-368-7517 or 218-368-0920.

Beach King lift canopy for 40120 Beach King lift. \$600/obo. Has been used three seasons so is in good condition. Located at Break on the Lake, Cass Lake, Minn. 218-791-1336.

1987 Honda TRX 350. 4 wheeler. Runs rough. Lots of good parts. New fuel pump. Front and rear racks. \$500/obo. 701-213-7363.

223 - 5.56 Range brass for sale for reloading. 6 cents each. Call 507-319-1287.

12' black enclosed single axle utility trailer, new, dropdown ramp, 2" ball, \$6,000. 218-209-1090.

Sheet rock finish tools, 20" Sears electric hedge trimmer, pressure valve for mobile home \$25, 5 3x3 heavy duty fatigue mat \$30. 218-586-2534.

2014 NorTrac 35XT with Koyker loader 208 hours 2/4 wheel drive with differential lock, power steering, 3 point hitch very good condition \$17,000/obo. 218-831-5458.

14' pontoon - 15 hp motor needs new wiring - trailer included - \$1,500. 218-751-4194.

1984 Ford 1710 tractor with loader bucket, clean and in very good condition with 2,750 hours. Owner and IT manuals. \$7,000 cash. 218-854-7444 before 8 p.m.

Engine hoist for sale. Has a new hydraulic cylinder. \$100. Steve 218-444-2280.

Stamp collectors: Have a very good size collection of first day covers, from the 60's and 70's. Very good condition - kept in albums. 218-647-8538.

Elk rack, excellent condition, kept indoors. 218-407-7247.

Electric smoker for fish/jerky, \$60. Jerky dryer, \$30. Jerky kit, \$20. Garden hoses, \$15-\$25 (no leaks). Shop vac, \$20. Small portable vac for motorhome or yacht, \$20.

Camping gear: sleeping bags, stools, folding armchairs, stoves, cooking equipment, coolers, lamps, large umbrellas, pop-up tent for storage, Eureka Draw-Tite tent (sleeps 4). 218-586-2884.

14' alum fishing boat, 7.5 hp Mercury motor, trolling motor, trailer, \$750 or best offer. Gun cabinet, wood, non-locking, \$50. Call: 218-766-0478.

Woods 60" 3 pt mower, \$600. 1971 Pinto 2.0 engine and 4 speed trans. 1956 Ford F-100 front axle with springs, hubs, drums, rear end. 1969 GTO rear end. 1971 Chevelle rear end 10 bolt. Weil McLain natural gas boiler, 43,000 BTU, \$150, 218-243-2497.

18-ft 2005 pontoon boat, 25 hp Mercury motor, very clean \$8,500. Call 612-819-0117.

2007 SeaRay 175 Sport 3.0 MerCruiser inboard/outboard. Very nice shape, seats are nice, low hours, comes with a bikini top, snap down mooring cover, tie down transport cover, stainless steel prop and nice trailer. Boat got too small for all the grandkids, bought a pontoon. \$15,000/obo. 218-242-0269.

Sledbed trailer. 8' x 10', \$1,000. 1947 Willis Jeep, good condition, \$1,500. 218-214-2582.

Homemade quilts: 4-5-6 Block, Crazy, Star, Twin, \$40; Full, \$45; Queen, \$65; King, \$70. 3-drawer dresser: 44" L x 19 1/2" D, 1 drawer 4" D; 2 drawers 39" L x 8" D; Been restored. \$75. Sewing machines, \$15 each. Sewing machine cabinet, \$40. 218-243-2702.

### Wanted:

Will pay \$300 for removal of 9 1/2' x 16' shed/style building. 218-252-5542.

Dodge V-10, 2-wheel drive pickup truck. 1997 or newer. Engine and transmission need not work. In need of the body. 218-444-4350.

Looking for free essential oils. 218-556-2743.

Floor scrubber, 15"-17". 218-766-1656.

Will pay cash for any pre-1920 guns, in working condition or not. 218-255-4101.

Dirt bikes year 2000 and up, any condition. Also, a used jet ski with trailer in good condition and old skid steer in working condition. 218-760-1095.

Experienced Volkswagen/Audi mechanic. 507-430-0013.

2005 Troy-Bilt Horse ES. Rear tine tiller with a 318CC (8 hp) Tecumseh engine for parts. Stihl 028 Wood Boss chain saw in good running condition. 218-556-5454.

Pet sitting by a retired teacher your house or mine. 218-766-6510.

### Free:

Iris plants (two-tone purple blossoms). Potted spider plants and bird's nest snake plants. Please call Bill or Karen at 218-224-3440 for more info.

32" Sansui tube style television, 218-586-2534.

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

## Year-to-date: March 2023

	March 2022	March 2023
Operating Revenue .....	\$ 17,496,232	\$ 18,175,705
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 11,121,322	\$ 11,836,205
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 4,150,925	\$ 4,381,941
Total Cost.....	\$ 15,272,247	\$ 16,218,146
Operating Margin .....	\$ 2,223,985	\$ 1,957,559
Other Margins .....	\$ (280,786)	\$ (285,576)
Total Margins.....	\$ 1,943,199	\$ 1,671,983
kWh Sold.....	159,569,552	174,713,112
Meters Billed.....	21,928	22,108

## WELCOME NEW HIRE JOSH VOLD

Josh Vold recently joined Beltrami Electric Cooperative in the line department as a tree trimmer. Josh is a Bemidji High School graduate and has more than 20 years of experience in underground line construction. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. Josh and his wife, Amber, have five children and live in the Pinewood area. Welcome, Josh!



## BOB WALLNER RECEIVES RED LANTERN AWARD



Bob Wallner, Beltrami Electric Cooperative board member for District 5, was presented with the Red Lantern Award by Minnkota Power Cooperative, recognizing his

10 years of service as a cooperative board member. The award reads: "Just as the lantern was the friendly symbol of light in rural neighborhoods in bygone days, so is rural electrification the symbol of this era of abundant light, progress and better living." Congratulations, Bob!

## BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### NORTHWOODS BAIT & TACKLE



Beltrami Electric's business development team recently welcomed new business member, Aaron Schmitz, owner of Northwoods Bait & Tackle at their new location at 1728 Fern St NW, off Highway 71 North. The new larger location will provide space to grow and expand, a larger parking lot and easy access in and out from Highway 71.



Established in 2018, the business was formerly located on Bemidji Ave N, by the Northwoods Landing to Lake Bemidji. The new location features a full-scale fishing department to include bait, tackle, clothing, rods and reels, as well as an archery pro shop and outdoor accessories for all types of hunting. A fun new addition is an arcade room with sporting games such as Big Buck Hunter, Golden T and a claw game.

They invite you to stop by their new location, your "One Stop Outdoor Shop!"

[northwoods bait.com](http://northwoods bait.com) | 218-444-BAIT (2248)

## BEC item for sale by bid:

150-gallon fuel tank/tool box combo. Available for viewing at Beltrami Electric Cooperative June 7-9, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Bids sheets are available at the front desk at BEC and will be accepted during this time as well. Item sold "as-is." Cash only.



Minimum bid: \$200

Available for viewing June 7-9

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## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

**Chair** ..... John Lund, *DISTRICT 7*

**Vice Chair** ..... Sue Kringen, *DISTRICT 8*

**Secretary** ..... Murl Nord, *DISTRICT 1*

**Treasurer** ..... Sharon Lembke, *DISTRICT 9*

**Directors:** Charlie Perkins, *DISTRICT 2*; Michael Monsrud, *DISTRICT 3*; Craig Gaasvig, *DISTRICT 4*; Robert Wallner, *DISTRICT 5*; Rick Coe, *DISTRICT 6*

**President and CEO** ..... Jared Echternach

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## MN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

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

### BELTRAMI COUNTY:

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

### CASS & HUBBARD COUNTIES:

Brandon Disselbrett | 218-640-0187  
[disselbrett@hotmail.com](mailto:disselbrett@hotmail.com)

## 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 line, television cable, pipelines, utility electric lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



## Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

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Connecting Communities.  
Powering Life.

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW

## about our wind energy

June 15 is Global Wind Day! BEC is celebrating this key renewable resource by reflecting on why wind energy is so important to our diverse power portfolio. Here are some numbers you should know.

### 1. We were among the **FIRST** in the wind sphere.

Minnkota Power Cooperative's system of members, including BEC, is acknowledged as a regional leader for building the first two commercial-scale, utility-owned wind turbines in North Dakota in 2002. This leadership was recognized by the Department of Energy.

### 2. Our cooperative system uses energy from **FIVE** wind centers.

Minnkota (our wholesale power provider) owns two separate wind turbines near the towns of Petersburg and Valley City, N.D., and holds purchased power agreements for energy produced at three wind farms near Langdon, Valley City and Center, N.D.

### 3. More than **ONE-THIRD** of our power capacity is wind.

Wind makes up 34% of our system's generation capacity. Around 56% of our capacity comes from coal at the Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D., and another 8% comes from hydropower at North Dakota's Garrison Dam. The final 2% comes from the power market and other sources.

### 4. About **459** megawatts of wind capacity is available in our system.

We never expect wind to be blowing at all times at every one of our wind facilities, so actual electricity output at any particular time can vary dramatically. However, 459 MW is enough to power more than 225,000 homes if every turbine were to hit its peak capacity.

### 5. Receive up to **100%** wind energy from *Infinity Renewable Energy*.

Members who enroll in the Infinity program can choose a designated percentage of electricity used that they would like to be derived from renewable resources. Renewable energy credits (RECs) are retired on the participants' behalf as record/proof of the purchase. Contact BEC to see how you can get involved! Learn more or sign up for Infinity at [beltramielectric.com/infinity-renewable-energy](http://beltramielectric.com/infinity-renewable-energy).

