

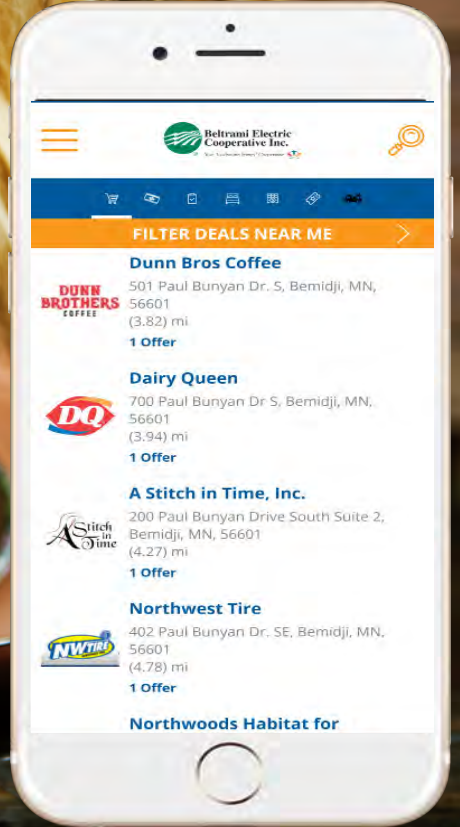
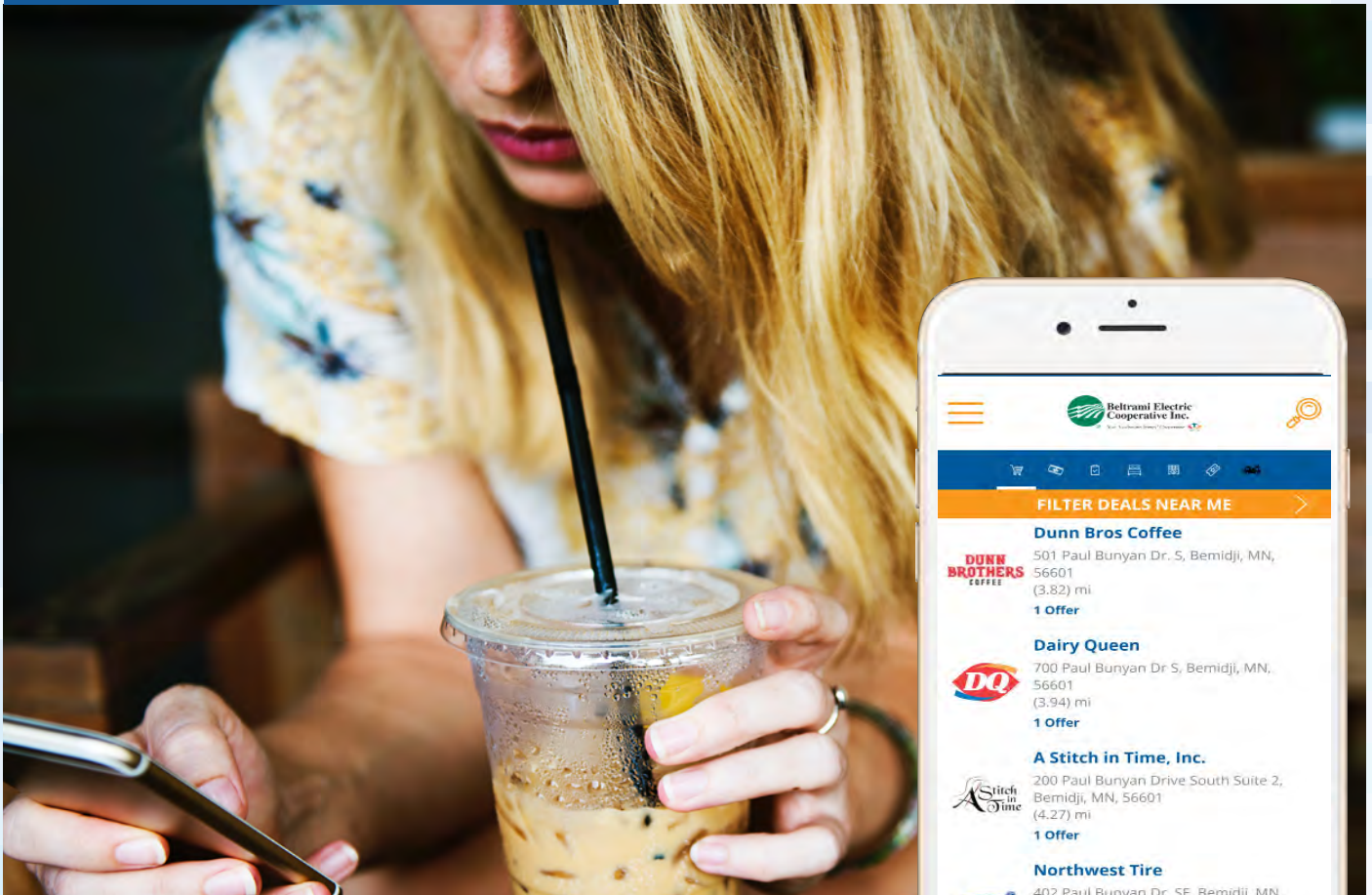
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Mission of Beltrami Electric Co-op

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.



Engaging in legislation on your behalf

by Jared Echternach, president and CEO

Legislative update

You've heard me say this many times before: Electric cooperatives were born in politics, and we continue to engage on your behalf on issues affecting your cooperative. Prior to its January board meeting, your cooperative's board of directors met with State Representatives Matt Bliss and Matt Grossell to hear their outlook on the upcoming legislative session and to share with them some topics of importance to electric cooperatives.



Currently the state has a nearly \$8 billion budget surplus, and with elections looming in November and a divided legislature, this may be a year where relatively little is accomplished in terms of major legislation.

We expect continued discussion on a Clean Energy First or similar bill. As you may recall, both the House and Senate had versions of a bill in prior legislative sessions. While something may once again be proposed, we question if there will be the political appetite for major energy legislation this session.

Another topic to watch for this session will be a potential proposal by the cable industry to impose a standard pole attachment fee utilities may charge cable companies to attach their broadband equipment to existing utility poles. While this affects many utilities in the state and nation as broadband buildout accelerates, it does not have a significant impact on Beltrami Electric since nearly 75% of our distribution system is underground, and our local cable providers' systems are predominantly underground as well.

Regulatory update

Two regulatory items we are monitoring closely include the

Department of Labor and Industry's stance on electrical inspections for routine maintenance of our load management receivers, and additional taxation from the Department of Revenue for attachments and appurtenances such as streetlights and meters.

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), our statewide organization, will seek a legislative fix to the Department of Labor and Industry's stance on requiring an electrical inspection for routine maintenance of our load management receivers performed by our highly qualified employees. We oppose the department's stance and see it as an unnecessary cost to our members for simply maintaining our equipment.

The MN Department of Revenue continues to look for ways to implement additional tax on meters, streetlights and other equipment in rural areas, despite the fact the state has nearly an \$8 billion surplus. For decades, electric cooperatives have paid a \$10 per member tax in rural areas rather than a personal property tax for such equipment. We will continue to oppose the expansion of the tax as it is an additional and unnecessary cost to our members.

Congratulations, Sam

BEC Director of Member and Energy Services Sam Mason retires March 25. I would like to thank Sam for his 30 years of excellent service to our cooperative and to our members. Sam joined our cooperative as a master electrician and worked his way up to his current position, providing thousands of our members with sound energy advice along the way. Sam is one of the most loyal and dedicated employees I have ever worked with, and his commitment to serving our members to the best of his ability has truly made this cooperative better. Sam's commitment to our members will be greatly missed. Congratulations, Sam, on a great career and thank you for your service to our members. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

IT'S BEEN A GOOD RUN ...

Sam Mason – BEC Director of Member and Energy Services

My last day as an employee here at Beltrami Electric Cooperative is coming up soon, Friday, March 25. I have appreciated the opportunity to be a part of serving you, our members. As I recollect back over the last 30 years, I am so thankful for having had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and committed group of co-workers. Our office staff and line workers work diligently to ensure that our mission of keeping the lights on is fulfilled.

I am thankful to have had the privilege to meet and help many of our cooperative member-owners and consider that interaction to be one of the best parts of my job. And I'm thankful for the support offered from my wife, Dawn. She has supported me, listened even though she is not an employee here at Beltrami Electric, and her support has helped serve our members. I appreciate every member of our extended cooperative family.

During much of my career here I have tried to provide members with the information they need to make wise energy choices. In our changing energy market, it is more important than ever that every member educates themselves on the changes, costs and future impacts of decisions being made today. We all want a reliable,



affordable energy supply because we want the lights to come with a flick of a switch, the furnace to produce warmth on a cold night and our various technological gadgets to charge and be available when we want them. The fact that electricity must be used at the same moment in time that it is generated must be recognized. This makes having adequate capacity during the periods that consumers desire to use energy actually more important than the fact that a given system can produce a specific volume of kilowatt-hours (kWh) over time. I often hear dialogue suggesting that we can simply switch from traditional to all renewable generation. This ignores the intermittent nature of this generation. The grid has evolved in response to society's desire for more renewables and we can and will do more, but we need all types of generation to provide reliable electric service. Your cooperative will need your support in the upcoming public and legislative debates; we must get it right in regard to our choices.

I mentioned my 30 years here at Beltrami Electric, but this is only one of the places that I have had the privilege to work. My work has ranged from farm hand, logger, school bus driver, construction worker to senior management team member. The place has varied from Alaska to New York, more often the rural parts of America. Some of these jobs could very well

have qualified for Mike Rowe's Dirty Jobs. My jobs have ranged from ditch digger installing electric lines in the mud to meeting with our legislators to help influence public policy. What I want to say here is that I don't believe that any job is more or less important than another. All jobs are *essential* jobs and I encourage you to give yourself credit for whatever type of work you find yourself doing. Your work is important! We need each other and the contribution each makes to keeping our country going. To paraphrase Mike Rowe, "Bring your passion to wherever you are working." Having that attitude has made my days at Beltrami Electric fly by and it's been a true joy.

But all good things must end, which brings me back to my retirement. Please stop by and say goodbye on Friday, March 25, between 2:30-4:00 p.m. in our Community Room. Then I'm heading home to start on some of those projects that I seemed to have never gotten done. (I know Dawn has a list.) I plan to give our garden much more attention and build that root cellar I have been thinking about, take the grandkids fishing a little more, ride my bicycle and just spend time outdoors. I will miss BEC and the people, but I am looking forward to this new stage with different work to do.

May our Lord guide our footsteps and watch over all of us.

God bless you, Sam Mason



GRID OPERATORS, REGULATORS FORECAST RELIABILITY RISKS

Energy transition represents challenges, opportunities

The energy industry is in the midst of one of the most challenging and disruptive periods in its history. As the pace of change continues to accelerate, grid regulators and operators are beginning to identify elevated electric reliability risks.

Rapidly changing energy mixes and extreme weather are among the biggest challenges to reliability according to the 2021 Long-Term Reliability Assessment released by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) in December. NERC identified significant reliability risks associated with more intermittent and distributed energy resources and inverter-based resources (IBR) such as wind, solar and battery storage systems.

"The shift to more and more IBR brings unique opportunities but also integration challenges that can and must be addressed to assure continued reliability," the report concludes. "This is not an argument against the transition but a recognition that, without a collective focus, system reliability faces risk that is inconsistent with electric power's essentiality to the continent's economy as well as the health and safety of its population."

NERC is charged with the security of the bulk power system and sets and enforces reliability standards for utilities. The

organization also assesses trends, needs and remedies for grid reliability. It operates under the supervision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The report finds most regions are projected to have sufficient capacity to meet annual peak demand under normal weather conditions, but extreme events, like a polar vortex or summer heat wave, can create shortfalls, which occurred in Texas in February 2021 and California in summer 2020.

From an energy mix standpoint, potential near-term capacity shortfalls may be caused by the retirement of coal-based generation facilities with no ready replacement. The Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) region – where Beltrami Electric Cooperative and its wholesale power supplier Minnkota Power Cooperative operate – could lose 13 gigawatts (GW) of resource capacity from power plant retirements between 2021 and 2024. That's enough electricity to power about 9.5 million homes.

"The retirement of these traditional resources also accelerates the change in resource mix and punctuates the urgency for implementing resource adequacy and energy sufficiency initiatives in the (MISO) area," the report said.

MISO released its own Renewable Integration Impact Assessment in February 2021 and highlighted its preparation for an "unprecedented pace of change." The report concludes that "significant challenges arise" as

renewable penetration exceeds 30%.

"We begin to see at above about 30% renewable energy penetration significant stability issues in the grid and significant changes that need to be managed somehow," said Brian Tulloh, MISO's Executive Director of External Affairs, during the Midwest Energy Summit last summer in Fargo.

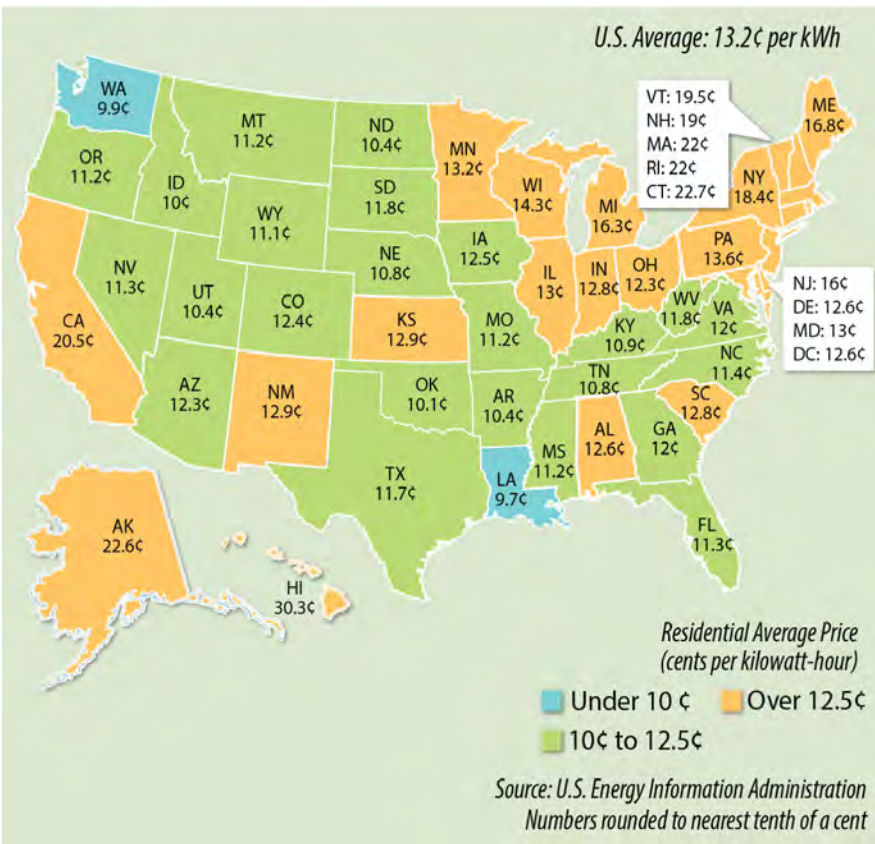
"As you get up into the 50% range, those challenges become increasingly more expensive," he added, emphasizing the importance of time and planning to reach these ambitious goals. North Dakota Public Service Commission Chair Julie Fedorchak estimated the cost of this transition to be \$500 billion or more.

While there are challenges on the horizon, it shouldn't discourage efforts to make our nation's electric grid as environmentally responsible as possible. But there needs to be recognition that the energy transition must be approached with caution and common sense. Electricity remains essential to our everyday lives – powering homes, hospitals, schools and businesses. If mistakes are made during this transition, they can be extraordinarily difficult to reverse.

Your cooperative embraces an all-of-the-above energy strategy that includes coal, wind and hydro. Working together with your off-peak program, these resources are essential to ensuring you receive reliable and cost-effective power – each and every day.

Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2020 figures, in cents per kWh



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022. A quorum was in attendance.

The following reports were given:

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations.
- President and CEO Echternach introduced Mike Birkeland, vice president of electrification and member experience, to the board.
- President and CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including the recent visit with legislators and legislative issues affecting the cooperative, no rate increase in 2022 and a recap of the CFC Strategic Planning meeting.
- Sam Mason, Rich Riewer and Mike Birkeland reviewed the annual cogeneration report and associated filings.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the preliminary financial report for December and provided an insurance overview.
- Rick Coe reported on Minnkota Power and Minnesota Rural Electric Association.
- Chair Lund appointed all nine directors as delegates to Minnkota Power and Square Butte annual meetings.
- Chair Lund appointed Rick Coe as the Federated voting delegate with John Lund as the alternate.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved a Memorial Resolution as presented.
- Approved the annual cogeneration report as presented.
- Approved Feb. 17 and May 23 board meeting dates.
- Approved director and president and CEO expenses.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

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 the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Board. Interested members should contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative, **4111 Technology Dr. NW, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56601**, or call **218-444-2540**.

Grant application deadline March 25, 2022

Operation Round Up® is a charitable program that is designed to give co-op members a means of working together to use their small change to make a big impact in their local communities. Operation Round Up is just what its name implies. Each month, BEC "rounds up" the electric bills of participating members to the next highest dollar, with the additional cents going into the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust. The Trust board of directors is made up of five volunteers from our community, who meet twice a year to review applications and award grants.

Do you know of a nonprofit organization in our service territory that would benefit from a grant from Operation Round Up? To be considered at the April 2022 meeting, grant applications must be received by **Friday, March 25, 2022**.

Community organizations and nonprofit groups may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing and returning an application form. Grant applications and requirements are available at the BEC office or by visiting our website at beltramielectric.com.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program with roughly 80% of cooperative members participating. Since the program started in 2016, over \$480,350 has been distributed to organizations throughout the BEC service area. Our sincerest thanks for your participation in this program!



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
 - Ads submitted by March 1 will be published in April issue.
 - Ads submitted between March 2 and April 1 will be published in May issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at 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.

For Sale:

Variety of clear wine and champagne glasses. Sizes are 5, 8, 11, 12 oz. \$1/glass. 218-209-7545.

2005 Mazda V minivan, 173k miles, AC, new battery, good tires, runs well, \$1,500. Call home 218-444-2336 before 5 p.m.

Sofa 8-foot gray in color like new, \$300. Chair glider style forest color, \$90. Pine dresser drawer closet combo, \$80. Two matching end tables, brown with marble top finish, \$80 apiece for \$150. Glass coffee table black frame, \$75. Assorted lamps range of prices. Presto pizza plus oven, \$20. 218-224-2483.

Alaskan Shepherd puppies, born December 9. Puppies are vaccinated and wormed. Will send photos upon request. \$300. 218-308-3191.

Youth bow, arrows, with hard case. Exc. cond. \$250. Nexen tires, 235/40R19. Good cond. Set of four. \$80. 218-368-4834.

Western 7.5 ProSnow Plow, unimount, like new, on 1977 Ford F250, needs clutch and master brake cylinder, \$3,500/obo. 218-407-7247.

VINTAGE TOYS: Lite Brite 1977, See 'n Say Farmer, Playskool blocks wagon, Mr. Potato Head, Fisher Price corn popper/musical ferris wheel/Little Snoopy/Tug-a-Bug/Happy Birthday musical pocket radio \$25. Text please: 218-766-1289.

Two Harbor slips available for rent 2022 season. Electric to both, protected harbor on Kabekona Bay of Leech Lake, close to Erickson's Landing on Leech. Call Gary 970-901-2605 for info.

Hewitt 1800# alum lift with new electric winch and night canopy, 100W x 110L. Valued at \$1,250, yours for \$800 to get it off my property. Slide it across the lake on ice! 320-583-0471.

StrikeMaster women's Allie bibs with zip-off bib top. SOS flotation technology, black pearl, size XL. Purchased in 2021 – worn once – just like brand new. Price \$140. 507-330-2403.

Heartland DVDs, seasons 1-11, \$75/obo. Outback Bush Ranger jacket, size XL, \$125/obo. Giant Hunk of Love Vermont Teddy Bear, \$100/obo. Fifty Shades of Grey Vermont Teddy Bear, \$30/obo. 218-444-3687.

Two electric wheelchairs, \$500 each. Two Oneida Eagle compound bows, \$150 each. Browning compound bow STAG-BS3A. Adjustable range 27-30" and 45-70 lbs., \$300. Browning compound bow MICRO MIDAS OC2A. Adjustable range 25-27" and 25-45 lbs., \$400. All offers will be considered. Call 218-368-6119.

21" ViewSonic monitor, VX2025WM. Reasonable offer. 218-536-0102.

1-Hoyt 40#-50# Rampage 30+ arrows-releases, sights, other accessories. 1-Martin Hatfield take down bow 45# and 55# limbs, 30+ arrows. Everything for making arrows (except the glue). \$400 for all of it. 218-760-2254.

Attention western fans! Leather fringed jacket from Cody Wyoming, buckskin color, XL, \$60. 2-tan Stetson hats, never worn, were \$140 each, now \$50 each. Mexican gaucho brown leather hat, \$30. Western boots, size 9 1/2, tan, \$30. 5 porcelain dolls, \$25 each. 218-586-2884.

AKC Registered Labrador Retriever puppies in a variety of colors phases. Come with lifetime inherited diseases guarantee, 26-month hip and elbow guarantee along with a host of other benefits. Contact Jassica at 218-244-7605 for more details.

2002 Honda Accord, 194K, Good Runner – \$3,200/obo. 1992 Mariner 60 hp, tiller, newer power tilt/trim, needs rebuild. \$400/obo. Used electric dryer \$75. Used dishwasher \$75. 218-766-8813

2018 DR 11.5 chipper-shredder, used little and like new, \$650. (New \$1,199). Used, one-person Fish Trap Pro portable fish shanty with chair, very usable, catches fish! 218-444-7777 or 218-766-7842.

Wanted:

Free Red Wing crocks, average to excellent condition. Please text or call 218-991-2170.

Free bowling balls. Please call 218-556-2743.

Looking for OLD issues of Beltrami Electric Cooperative's Northern Lights newsletter, between the 1940s-1960s. Please contact Angela at Beltrami Electric or call 218-444-3689.

Looking for OLD (pre-1960) outboard motors for parts, especially Evinrude/Johnson 15-30 hp, and Evinrude/Johnson tools. Call or text. 218-209-1560.

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1978 Ford F150 hood, right door, left fender. 1955-1957 Chevy parts car. 1966-1977 Ford Bronco for parts or restore. 218-368-4923.

5x10 trailer with sides. Alum or steel. 320-583-0471.

Do you want your old chair re-caned? Call Nate at 218-407-0168.

Free:

FREE to a good home: Scientific American Magazine, complete set from 1970-2000 plus most issues to date. 218-407-1848.



Need help paying your electric bill?

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the three most recent months of income.)

Bi-CAP in Bemidji

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

Bi-CAP in Walker

8245 Industrial Park Rd NW, Walker, MN 56484
218-547-3438

KOOTASCA

201 4th St. NW, Suite 130, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0824

Leech Lake

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

MAHUBE-OTWA

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

Red Lake

15809 High School Dr., Red Lake, MN 56671
218-679-3350

EAP services may include: payment of energy bills, help with utility disconnections or fuel deliveries, repair or replacement of homeowner's broken heating systems, energy efficiency and more.

2022 Maximum EAP Income Guidelines

Household Size	3-month Maximum	Household Size	3-month Maximum
1	\$8,809	4	\$16,941
2	\$11,520	5	\$19,651
3	\$14,230	6	\$22,362

Visit <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/> for more EAP income guidelines and program information.

Todavich achieves Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship



President and CEO Jared Echternach presents Chase Todavich with his Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship from the state of Minnesota.

Congratulations to Chase Todavich on completing his four years of apprenticeship training and becoming BEC's newest journeyman lineworker! Chase received his certificate from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, which signifies his completion of the apprenticeship program, including practical training and prescribed course of instruction topics ranging from overhead, underground, metering, safety, transformers and more to qualify as a journeyman lineworker.

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218-444-3376
beltramihistory.org

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218-444-3389
bemcom.com

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218-751-5166
bemidjiwoolenmills.com

Big Apple Bagels

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Bemidji
218-444-7840
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Buena Vista Ski Area

10% off regular-price ski lift ticket (excludes Friday nights)
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bvskiarea.com

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218-556-4183
compass-rose.com

Country Kitchen of Bemidji

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218-444-8963
countrykitchenrestaurants.com

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218-444-2108
dairyqueen.com

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10% off complete windshield replacement
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218-759-8810
darrellsautoglass.com

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218-444-5252
dunnbros.com

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218-444-5000
frizzellfurniture.com

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\$5 off \$25 purchase
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218-751-8308
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South: 110 Paul Bunyan Dr S, Bemidji
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S: 218-444-7940 N: 218-444-7941
keithspizza.com

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lakesareapowersports.com

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218-759-8518
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mommykinscreations.com

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3859 Cornflower Ct SE, Bemidji
218-209-6160
northerneventrentals.com

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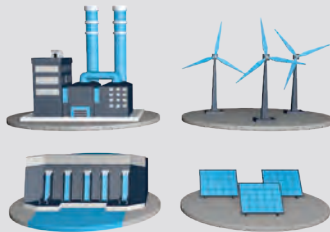
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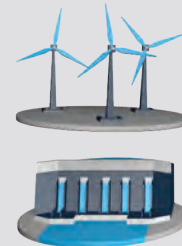
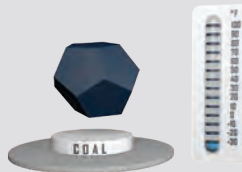
A reliable and resilient electric grid is essential to our modern lives – even if we don't think about it often. The electricity you use is generated, delivered and consumed almost instantaneously, and that means resources must be available to produce electricity every second, every day.

Your electric grid is unique to our region, ready to respond to any challenges that come its way. Beltrami Electric receives its energy from Minnkota Power Cooperative. The co-ops work together to make grid choices that create reliable and affordable electricity for your home, farm or business.



As a part of the Minnkota system, Beltrami Electric is connected to a diverse mix of energy resources.

The backbone of the Minnkota grid is coal, a resilient resource that's consistently energized and stable in extreme weather conditions.



Coal is just one piece of the power puzzle. About 42% of Minnkota's generation capacity comes from carbon-free resources like wind and hydro.

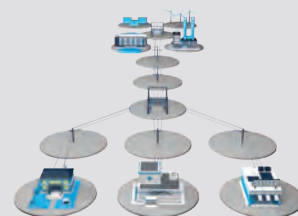


Minnkota collaborates with grid neighbors to buy and sell excess power, keeping the entire grid balanced and dependable.

Wind and solar are a growing part of our nation's energy mix, but they are not positioned to meet the 24/7 demand for electricity.

Although battery storage is improving, it is still many years away from large-scale deployment.

24/7 resources (like coal and natural gas) will be needed well into the future for grid reliability.



Minnkota's generated power travels through a system of high-voltage power lines, substations and distribution lines before it makes its way to YOU!

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