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**Beltrami Electric
Cooperative Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open *raises \$8,600 for United Way of Bemidji*



With the help of more than 140 golfers turning out on a gorgeous day for the 11th Annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open, your cooperative was able to raise \$8,600 for the United Way of the Bemidji Area. The event was held Aug. 21 and was once again hosted by Castle Highlands Golf Course just northeast of Bemidji.

“For the 11th straight year, we are so thankful for the support that our members and friends provide us in order to raise funds for the United Way,” said Cammie Vogel, Beltrami Electric’s United Way campaign coordinator.

Approximately 100 local and regional businesses sponsor this tournament each year, making it Beltrami Electric’s largest single fundraiser for this wonderful charitable organization that serves 32 agencies in the greater Bemidji area. Beltrami Electric Cooperative thanks these businesses, the golfers and tournament volunteers on behalf of the United Way. We appreciate your commitment and support! The 12th annual event is scheduled for Aug. 19, 2016.

Here are the results of this year’s event:

1st place – Security Bank USA (*top photo*): Liz Neff, Scott Anderson, Bob Paine, Tiffany Paine and Lois Anderson

2nd place – Paul Bunyan Communications (*middle photo*): Brian Bissonette, Dane Jones, Bob Lindberg, Don Dale and Doug Garrigan

3rd place – Stony Point Resort (*bottom photo*): Del Gangelhoff, Todd Daniels, Arden Thompson, Jerry Daniels and Rod South



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All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

ON THE COVER: Touchstone Energy® Open winners top to bottom: 1st place: Security Bank USA, 2nd place: Paul Bunyan Communications, 3rd place: Stony Point Resort.



Across ^{the} MANAGER'S DESK

Lynette Nieuwsma, General Manager

Fall is in the air! The fall colors are starting to show, acorns and leaves are starting to fall, and we all wonder, what happened to summer? It always seems to pass too quickly.

Cooperative Month

October is National Cooperative Month, so I will start by thanking you for being a member and supporting Beltrami Electric Cooperative and other cooperatives where you may also be a member. What does being a member of a co-op mean? The simple answer is that when you are a member of a co-op, you are also an owner. You own a stake in our business, and just like any stakeholder, there are many benefits to your membership. As a member of Beltrami Electric, you have a say in the representatives who are elected to serve on the co-op's board of directors. You have an opportunity to make your voice heard every year at our annual meeting.

Our bottom line is providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. Sure, we have to think about expenses, overhead and other aspects of our daily business, but when we have a little left over, we send it back to you in the form of capital credits. And returning capital credits to you is a major part of why being a co-op member matters.

As your local electric co-op, we get to be a part of this community. When we think about membership, we think about all the ways we can give back to you, our members – and that is what matters most to us.

Concern for Community



While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

Commitment to community is not only one of the seven cooperative principles, but is also one of our Touchstone Energy®

values. A very recent demonstration of that was our 11th Annual Touchstone Energy® Open held on Aug. 21 at Castle Highlands Golf Course. As you will read on the cover and page 3, we raised a total of \$8,600 for the United Way of the Bemidji Area, an organization that helps so many in our community.

We have a group of employees who have volunteered many hours and worked hard to make this event a success and many thanks go out to them. The cooperative alone couldn't make this event a success, so I would like to thank the organizations who donated prizes and sponsored holes, as well as the 140 golfers who participated. Without your help and support, this event would not happen. We are extremely grateful for your support. If you want to learn more about the United Way of the Bemidji Area, please visit their website at <http://unitedwaybemidji.org>.

In addition, I would like to personally request nominations for the 2015 Touchstone Energy® Community Award. This is a great way to recognize businesses, nonprofit and community groups in our area who make a difference by helping the community. Beltrami Electric is proud to offer a \$500 prize to these organizations, as well as the publicity that goes with being chosen. And those who win locally are also eligible to compete for the statewide award, which gives even more recognition and an additional \$1,000. If you know of any groups that would be worthy of this honor, I encourage you to fill out the nomination form, which is available on our website, www.beltramielectric.com. See page 8 for more information.

Northern Solar

Our community solar garden has taken its next step, in that the solar agreement contracts have been mailed out to members who have expressed interest in subscribing to Northern Solar. At the time of this writing, we have started to receive some of the completed contracts.



Our 80-kW DC solar garden project is still contingent on members subscribing to at least 50 percent (96 panels) of the total 192 panels. If we reach that point by the

beginning of October, we hope to start the ground work for the solar garden installation on our property before the frost hits. If you are interested in enrolling, the Solar Agreement as well as a Frequently Asked Questions page are both available in our office or on our website at www.beltramielctric.com.

Clean Power Plan

If you haven't already read the article on page 4, "Final EPA carbon rules to impact reliability, affordability for co-op members," please do so before you continue on to the rest of this column as it will give you the background necessary to help you understand my comments on the matter.

When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its Clean Power Plan in mid-August, I was among those who sat stunned. In 2014, the EPA in its preliminary rules told North Dakota that the agency would require an 11 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 to meet the overall national goal. That was not a big surprise in that North Dakota had already made huge strides in renewable energy and we felt relatively good that we could meet those goals with technology and meeting future load growth with more renewables. Now, only a year later, the EPA has issued the final rule that requires a 45 percent reduction! Somewhere along the way, the rules changed and it ironically now appears that as an early adopter, Minnkota installed wind energy "too early." Minnkota's and several other

utilities' current investment in wind energy in North Dakota does not count toward the EPA's standard simply because it was installed prior to 2013. 2013 is a very arbitrary (and suspicious) benchmark, particularly in light that CO₂ benchmarks have typically been 2006. The EPA isn't giving any credit for our prudent yet significant investments in these resources, nor is it recognizing the \$425 million investment made only a few short years ago in emission control projects at the Minnkota-operated Milton R. Young Station. No doubt North Dakota was targeted with those reduction goals set to close down power plants rather than to meet emission benchmarks.

So that you are not confused about why we are concerned about the North Dakota requirements, remember all of your power generation, coal, wind and hydro come from North Dakota.

What does that mean for our members' electric rates? The 1,560-page rule indicates there is no way North Dakota can get to 45 percent without shutting down some of the state's coal plants or operating them at drastically reduced levels. Our current coal generation runs cost effectively around the clock, and is not designed to be run up and down when the wind isn't blowing or the sun isn't shining. Some of the statements from EPA on how the power plants should be run are outright ridiculous. Lignite-fired plants cannot be shut down, but then be "allowed" to be fired up just before a polar vortex.

Regardless of how one feels about the benefit of more renewable energy, prematurely shutting down plants would strand substantial investments owned by our consumer members. Those costs will not go away while investing in new power generation assets. This means costs will go up significantly, just how much remains to be seen. The Clean Power Plan, as it stands today, puts reliable, low-cost energy in jeopardy.

Lynette



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Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



The Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open Golf Tournament Committee presents a check for \$8,600 to the United Way of the Bemidji Area. Pictured left to right: Holly Solo, Cammie Vogel, Jeff Noren, Rich Riewer, United Way Executive Director Tanya Hasbargen, Angela Lyseng and Kay Olson.

Final EPA carbon rules to impact reliability, affordability for co-op members

North Dakota (where you get your power from) has second-most stringent CO₂ goal in nation

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized regulations Aug. 3 to limit carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from power plants – a move that will dramatically reshape how America generates and uses electricity, if the rule survives legal challenges.

The administrative rule, referred to as the Clean Power Plan, requiring a 32 percent cut in CO₂ emissions nationwide by 2030, compared to 2005 levels. The EPA determined different targets each state has to meet in order to achieve the overall national reduction goal.

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Beltrami Electric's wholesale power provider, generates all of its electricity in North Dakota, which has the nation's second-most stringent state reduction goal at 45 percent. This is a steep increase from the 11 percent goal the EPA originally proposed for North Dakota in June 2014. Minnkota and others in the state's energy industry are currently working to understand the rationale behind more than quadrupling the requirement without providing notice.

An initial review of the rule indicates the established CO₂ reduction target likely cannot be met without some North Dakota coal facilities being shut down or operating at significantly reduced levels. Closing plants would strand hundreds of millions of dollars in investment, a burden that would be carried by electric consumers in the region.

"The EPA's final rule has the potential to substantially impact local communities that depend on reliable, low-cost power generated from North Dakota's seven coal-based power plants," said Mac McLennan, Minnkota president & CEO. "While we are still reviewing and analyzing this 1,560-page rule, it is clear that electric rates in Minnesota and North Dakota will be affected."

Minnkota is concerned about the regulation of CO₂ because its primary source of electric generation is the Milton R. Young Station, a two-unit coal-based power plant located near Center, N.D. The Young Station provides reliable,

cost-effective electricity for more than 128,000 retail consumers, including many of the region's homes, farms, schools and businesses. In addition to coal, 30 percent of Minnkota's generation capacity comes from wind and another 10 percent comes from hydro.

Minnkota provides wholesale electricity for member cooperatives in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. The carbon reduction goal for Minnesota is 42 percent, although it remains to be seen how that will impact Minnkota.

Since the rule was originally proposed last year, it has drawn strong criticism from utilities, states and business interests. That opposition will translate into significant legal challenges in the coming months and years. At least 17 states have already indicated that they will enter into a lawsuit with the EPA.

In the meantime, state officials will have until September 2016 to submit an initial plan to the EPA identifying what each individual power producer must do to meet the goal. Significant CO₂ reductions would need to be achieved by the start of the compliance period in 2022. The strict timeline will require utilities to make irreversible, long-term decisions and investments within the next few years. Until that happens, the total impact to Minnkota, its members and end-use consumers remains difficult to quantify.

States will have three primary compliance options: 1) Improve coal plant heat-rate efficiency, 2) Replace coal with natural gas plants and 3) Increase the use of renewables and nuclear power. These options fail to take into consideration the unique characteristics of each state and its available resources. They also provide no credit to companies, like Minnkota, that were early adopters of renewable energy.

"Minnkota supports a balanced approach to developing our nation's energy policy that carefully considers reliability, affordability and environmental goals," McLennan said. "By enacting this rule, the EPA has given itself a new role in dictating energy policy, determining how we generate electricity and, ultimately, how our consumers use electricity."

Minnkota's environmental track record

Best available power plant technology

Minnkota meets or exceeds all current environmental compliance requirements at its generation facilities. About \$425 million has been invested in emission-control projects at the Minnkota-operated Milton R. Young Station during the last decade. The result at the coal-based plant has been significant reductions in sulfur dioxide (95 percent), nitrogen oxide (60 percent) and mercury (60 percent) emissions.

Wind energy leader

Minnkota has been an industry leader in wind energy for more than a decade. In 2002, the cooperative built the first commercial-scale, utility-owned wind turbine in the state of North Dakota. Currently, 30 percent of Minnkota's electric generation capacity comes from wind – one of the highest percentages in the nation. Minnkota is a former recipient of the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Energy Cooperative of the Year award.

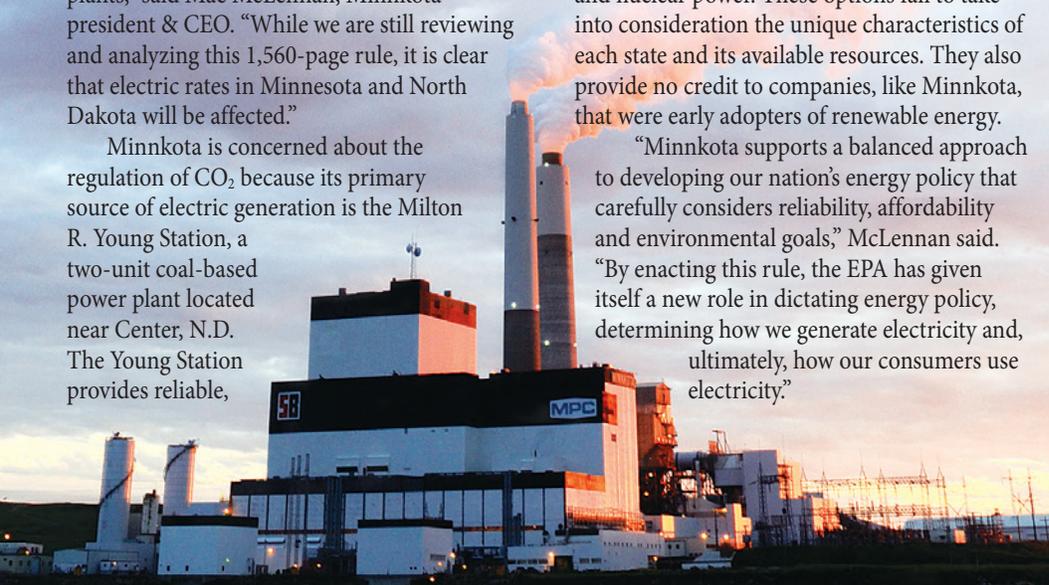
Robust energy-efficiency programs

Minnkota and its members have an established track record of encouraging residential and business consumers to use energy wisely. Since 2010, Minnkota has administered an energy efficiency and conservation program for its participating Minnesota distribution cooperatives and associated municipalities. These utilities annually reduce their electricity sales by at least 1.5 percent through incentive-based and education programs. Collectively, the group recently saved its 140 millionth kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Innovative demand response program

Minnkota operates one of the most advanced demand response programs in the nation. Beginning in 1977, the demand response program is voluntary for consumers who allow Minnkota to interrupt electric heaters and other loads in exchange for a discounted retail electric rate. This capability enables Minnkota to more efficiently manage its existing power resources and avoid the need to acquire new generating resources that would carry a very high cost.

The program is popular with about 50,000 consumers participating. Loads most commonly involved in the program are dual-fuel heating systems, water heaters, storage heaters and commercial loads with backup generators. When necessary, nearly 100 megawatts (MW) in the summer and 375 MW in the winter can be interrupted by Minnkota.



Cold weather disconnect rule

216B.097 COLD WEATHER RULE; COOPERATIVE OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY.

Subdivision 1. Application; notice to residential customer. (a)

A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.
- (2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.
- (3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.
- (b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between August 15 and October 15 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. Notice to residential customer facing disconnection.

Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC COLD WEATHER DISCONNECT PROCEDURE

Per the Cold Weather Rule, Beltrami Electric Cooperative has a cold weather disconnect procedure in place. Our crews visit members who have not responded within 20 days of our mailed past due notice. Notices ask members to contact our office to create a payment arrangement and/or pay their bill within 20 days of receipt, and a response by the member will prevent them from paying an additional \$50 for a collection fee/occupancy check. Inability to make acceptable arrangements or payment will result in the disconnection of service after the 20-day period. If you have further questions, please call our office at 444-2540 or 800-955-6083.

Subd. 3. Restrictions if disconnection necessary. (a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected between October 15 and April 15 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the disconnection must not occur:

- (1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;
- (2) on a weekend, holiday, or the day before a holiday;
- (3) when utility offices are closed; or
- (4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer. Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 20 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.
- (b) If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. If the unit is found to be occupied, the utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days' written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.
- (c) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Subd. 4. Application to service limiters. For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

Cold Weather Expo

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.



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For Sale:

2013 V8 Ford F150 Lariat edition, fully loaded, excellent condition, must sell due to financial reasons, \$37,840, 556-9936.

'09 Crestliner boat, trailer, 50 hp motor, many extras included, call or text 556-5395.

8-piece Ludwig Accent CS set for sale, Planet z cymbals (crash ride and Hi Hat top), stool and more, good condition, cherry red color, \$350, 987-2699.

2001 Arctic Cat snowmobile 550zl liquid, very clean machine, stored in shed, no rips or cracks, 2,000 miles, one owner, \$2,000, contact John 766-4082.

All-terrain Mickey Thompson Baja ATZ tires, 35x13.5-18, excellent condition, \$160 for 4 tires, 444-9137.

2004 Honda Shadow, \$5,000, 2008 Yamaha Touring, low miles, \$7,000, 2006 Mercury 9.9hp boat motor, \$1,200, call 368-3530.

2002 Oldsmobile Alero 165,000 miles \$3,000 (runs great, good gas mileage), 2000 Oldsmobile Intrigue \$150 for parts, 1989 Toyota SR5 4 Wheel Drive \$800, 760-0755.

Pfaltzgraff 8-place plus extras Juniper pattern, Franklin mint birds of the garden, Nemadji vase, basin, pitcher set, books, CDs, tapes, 243-3075.

Square straw bales, \$3 each, oat or barley, call before 8 p.m., 751-8191.

54 feet of steel dock, one 32' section, one 24' section, wheels on both ends, one section adjusts from dock deck, plywood deck, \$700 obo, 701-213-7363.

Tri-Tronics field 70 training (shock) collar, works but only holds a charge for 2 days, \$55, please leave a message if no answer, 243-3029.

1988 Lincoln Town Car, 987-2346.

Remington model 7 youth 12-inch pull 37-inch overall with 3x9 \$525, Weatherby 270 win vanguard series 2 stainless sub moa new in box \$700, American tactical over and under 28-gauge with choke tubes as new in box, 586-2910.

John Deere B tractor w/front-end loader, also includes snow pushing blade, and tire chains, great running condition, always stored inside, call 760-8266.

New 5-ft pearl Whirlpool tub, with air and water jets, with jets for the back, model CS05, retail \$3,500 will sell for \$2,600, 766-0228.

1500 lb. ShoreMaster aluminum boatlift \$750, 1992 15 hp Evinrude \$900, Subaru 4,000-watt generator \$175, Bridgestone road bike \$300, 556-8179.

C-120 Wheel Horse lawn mower with snow blower, 42-inch mower deck, 12 hp Kohler engine, \$500 call 760-0727.

Wood 5 gun cabinet w/drawer \$75, Normark 6 1/2' x-country skis w/poles \$25, Rossignol 6 1/2' x-country skis w/poles \$20, 15' wood-handled snow rake \$12, Pitcher Pump \$30, Coleman lantern \$18, 6' aluminum level \$15, black metal 8" horsehead w/ ring for hitching post \$15, 3 triangle reflector kit \$6, 755-1581.

RadioShack keyboard, like new, \$50, 4-wheel scooter, like new, all accessories included, \$600/obo, 444-7538.

"Washington Cherry" Pergo laminate flooring - 440sf for \$550 - medium color, lightly textured, (Model # LF000496 online for \$2.65/sf), 2002 Toyota Highlander "Limited" V6, AT, AC, AWD, heated leather seats, remote start, keyless entry, pwr. moon roof, 6-disc CD, new battery, brake

pads and rotors, 185,000 miles \$6,995, 821-1578 (Walker).

5-cu-ft white chest freezer, 1 year old, works great, \$175, 444-6165.

SM, 95 Yamaha VMAX500 DX, runs great, electric start, reverse, stored indoors \$600, 1/3 hp electric BrassCraft drum drain auger, \$150, 987-2218.

TV roof antenna with rotator and telescoping pole, 4 railroad ties, children and adult water boots, 2 interior doors 28 x 80, interior glider window, ironing board, 8-piece Mirro cookware, like new, full size bed sheet sets, 335-8945.

1985 Ford F250 4x4, runs and drives, \$900, four Ford rims and Uniroyal tires 235/85/16, load range E, less than 6,000 miles on tread, \$525/obo, 987-2932.

Motovox MVS10 stand-up, gas-powered scooter, like new, \$175, trailer hitch 4-bike steel rack, \$100, large box of glass shelving with brackets, \$25, 759-9534.

Men's med black Kline snowmobile jacket great shape, \$200/obo, pop-up fish house, 3-person, \$125/obo, 14-ft boat, 15 hp, radio, casting deck \$2,200, 243-2712.

Two hand crank boat winches, oxygen cylinder filled, oxygen and acetylene regulators with hose, welding and cutting torch heads, Kero-Sun Radiant 8 heater; Insta-matic gas/110/12v refrigerator, 2-cu-ft, paint sprayer to use with air compressor, 547-1836.

Massey 275 tractor with cab and front end loader, good tires, 2,950 hours, \$9,500, 586-3524.

Framed limited edition art prints for sale, "Canvasbacks in Heavy Snow" by Les Kouba, \$200, "Wren House I", "Wren House II" and "Wren House III," by Bill Reynolds, all are number 50/200, \$200 for set of three, black TV stand, \$10, viper mini garden tiller, \$50, 547-3090.

Schnoodle puppies, non-shedding, great with kids, home raised, parents AKC, wormed, shots, vet-checked, very intelligent and good natured, DOB 7-20, \$250, 2F, 1M, 224-2303.

Do-All Outdoors Game Kaddy w/2" receiver adapter, shop track lights, manual drill press, hole cutter drill bits, dovetail template, Weider exercise weights, 243-2445.

Red Golden pheasants, \$15/ea, Lady Amhurst pheasants, \$20/ea, 2015 hatch, 586-2839.

1919 Enfield .303 British rifle, sporterized, with 60 rounds, Lee loading kit for .303, 2 partial boxes of bullets, brass, powder, primers; Mossberg 20-gauge bolt action shotgun, 759-9235.

1985 Executive Banks Power Pack motor home, 30-footer, runs great, asking \$4,000 or best offer, must see, 209-6759.

Allis Chalmers C tractor, brand new tires, with belly mower and hydraulics, 586-2285.

D-lab 1 professional photo machine (AGFA), like used in Target or Walmart, call 760-7937 for info.

4-ft. round oak table w/ 4 leaf inserts, good shape, \$300, call Doug at 224-3288.

9-year-old Maytag Neptune series dryer in excellent condition, \$125, 759-4009.

C&H mat cutter for framing pictures \$125, Nesco American Harvest gardenmaster food dehydrator, 4 trays \$25, Pacific Hornady 366 20-gauge reloader \$195, 586-2638.

Older 12' x 52' mobile home, completely enclosed with a pole barn style enclosure with 12' x 15' attached bedroom add-on and 10' x 12' screen porch with ramp and deck, W/D, gas range, wood burning fireplace, fridge, some furniture included, \$2,500, 224-2443 or 320-815-0474.

2-8N Ford tractors, 1 w/size distributor, 1 w/front distributor, good rubber, \$3,200 for both, 987-2025.

Brass and ammunition for 300 Remington Short Action Ultra Mag. S.A.U.M., new front right fender for 2004 Intrepid and new fuel tank for 1985+ Chevy Blazer, 854-7493.

Browning 7mm Magnum, with scope and 2 boxes of shells, \$650, 835-7484.

Beautiful solid oak drop leaf coffee table, excellent, 766-8781.

Misc. tires, 766-2132.

Black Leer pickup topper, 5ft x 6.4ft, cargo windows, high top, 586-3424.

'88 Toyota pickup, 4-cyl, 5-sp., rebuilt engine, new radiator, exhaust and brakes, less than usual rust, \$2,500/obo, 2 vertical pumps for 2" well, 556-6736.

Ruger model 77 .270, includes scope, sling, 4 boxes of shells, \$575, Sako A7 long range 7mm mag, Bell & Carlson stock, new in box, \$1,150, 556-8623.

Small square bales, inside, no rain, \$3.25/ea. 444-0622, leave message.

New 2-door dorm fridge, Kenmore model# 95693, \$85, 368-9370, leave message.

Earthquake rear-tine tiller, 2 years old, too large/heavy for us, \$285, power recliner chair, tan color, 1 1/2 -yr-old, like new, \$400, for more information 751-2772.

2005 Chevy P.U., plain cab 4x4 w/ Boss plow, H Farmall wide front and new rubber, A Farmall with woods mower, live hydraulics, snow blade, extras, 300 Farmall narrow front, power steering, 22-36 McCormick, running order, Sioux valve grinder ST, all in exc. shape, 647-8775.

Elliptical exercise machine, Life Fitness brand, very good condition, \$200, 224-3466.

Kodiak 4 x 4, 400 cc with extras, Alumacraft 16-ft boat with Spartan trailer, Mec shotshell reloader, 9000 series, Magnum shot #8, \$50 a bag, 700 Remington 300 Winchester Magnum, 497-0231.

Large doll collection, 586-3464.

Pride Go-Go electric scooter, needs some work, 243-2272.

Fish house/hunting shack on wheels, 8x16, 5 holes, 2 bunks, 12-volt lights, vented heater, \$2,100, 326-4450.

2004 Fleetwood pop-up camper excellent condition, sleeps 6, A/C, awning, 3-way fridge, 2-burner stove, BBQ grill, \$4,500, 209-6219.

Girl's bedroom set (white) pieces include: dresser with mirror, twin bed with canopy, armoire with mirror on door, and nightstand, \$500, please e-mail inquiries to deflansb@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 333-8932.

Wanted:

Extra apples, berries and produce for canning, we will pick, 987-2932.

Med/large breed indoor kennel or crate, call evenings, 224-3800.

1990-1995 Dodge van for parts, 760-2306.

Yarn (An interdenominational ladies group that meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, Laporte, the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 1-3 p.m., knit projects that are given to those in need). We donate items to charitable organizations, such as layette sets, blankets, sweaters, caps, mittens, scarves, slippers, hand warmers and much more. If you have unused yarn to donate, please call and we will arrange to pick up or meet you. You may even want to join us. Mary at 333-3747.

Free:

Ping pong table with net but no paddles, please call before 8 p.m., 751-6077.

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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ELECTRIC HEATING SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Please sign and return to:
 Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.
 PO Box 488
 Bemidji, MN 56619-0488

This is to certify that the main source of heat for my home (more than 50 percent) is furnished by **permanently** installed electric heating equipment (not portable) and I, therefore, am eligible for the electric heating sales tax exemption as provided by Minnesota State Law. This is for the billing months of November through April only.
**Exemption forms should be resubmitted every five (5) years.*

Account # _____ Member Name _____ Location # _____

Date of Application _____ Meter # _____ Member Signature _____

Electricity sold for residential use is not taxable for the billing months of November through April when sold to metered customers who use it as their primary source of residential heat. If more than one type of heat is used, electricity is not taxable if it is the primary source of heat. Primary source of residential heat is the source that supplied more heat than any

other source for the largest period of time during the heating season. Customers with an off-peak meter are only exempted sales tax on the electricity that is recorded on the off-peak meter.

Some buildings have both residential quarters and commercial operations. If there is one meter for the entire building, the exemption applies if more than 50

percent of the square footage of the building is residential. Complete and submit the following form only if you are eligible for the exemption. *Exemption forms should be resubmitted every five (5) years.

*Please note that this form can also be filled out online at <https://www.beltramielc.com/Forms/SalesTaxExempt/salestaxexempt.php>.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015. All directors were present except Lea Perkins. Also present were General Manager Lynette Nieuwsma and Director of Finance and Member Services Sid Sletten.

The following reports were given:

- The manager made her monthly report, including an update on the growth of the cooperative to-date and also discussed the lease agreements of the tenants on the second floor of our headquarters building.

- Sid Sletten reviewed the July financial report and reviewed the work order closeouts #0715 and #0715a.
- Rich Riewer, manager of engineering, gave an update on the automated meter infrastructure options the Senior Leadership Team is evaluating.
- Manager Nieuwsma discussed a Cost of Service and Rate Study for Beltrami Electric.
- John Lund and Judy Honer reported on the Beltrami County and Hubbard County Fair 4-H animal auctions they attended.
- Charlie Parson reported on the New Director Orientation he attended.
- President Coe reported on the Board Chair Round Table he attended.

- The Manager, Jerry Larson, Rick Coe, Terry Diffley and John Lund reported on the Energy Issues Summit.
- Terry Diffley reported on the last Minnkota board meeting.
- President Coe gave an update on Minnesota Rural Electric Association.
- Manager Nieuwsma discussed Northern Solar with the board and reviewed various documents for potential subscribers.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved a Cost of Service and Rate Study for the cooperative.

The next board meeting will be Sept. 30, 2015, at 9 a.m.

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Seeking nominations for the 2015 Touchstone Energy® Community Award

Do you know an organization that has made outstanding contributions to the local community? Beltrami Electric is seeking applications for the Touchstone Energy® Community Award, which recognizes businesses, nonprofit and community groups that have shown a strong commitment to the community. Any organization that has helped make their community within the areas served by Beltrami Electric a better place to live and work is eligible for the award. The recognition comes with a \$500 cash award to be donated to a charitable community cause. If the winner is the charitable cause, they can use the money for their organization.

Community members may nominate an organization, association or business by completing the Touchstone Energy® Community Award application form, which can be printed from the link below.

The application will require a description of the project, program or event and the positive impact it brought to the community. **Completed applications must be received at Beltrami Electric's office by Oct. 30, 2015.**

The award recipient will be announced Nov. 6, 2015, and will then contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy® Community Award, which has a cash prize of \$1,000, to be donated to a charitable community cause. If the winner is the charitable cause, they can use the money for their organization. The statewide award winner will be recognized at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's annual meeting in March 2016.

The Minnesota Touchstone Energy® cooperatives are part of a national alliance of more than 700 rural electric cooperatives that adhere to the values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. For information and to download an application, please visit www.beltramielctric.com/TSE_Award.aspx.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Cooperative Difference Survey



Beltrami Electric has commissioned Touchstone Energy Services out of North Carolina to conduct a confidential telephone survey of a random sample of our members. The survey will take place in October and November.

The purpose of this study is to take a deeper look into issues impacting our members, including energy efficiency, the economy, technology and core cooperative services.

By better understanding what our members want and need, your cooperative will be able to provide you with the service you expect and the programs that best meet your needs and those of our community.

The survey is completely confidential and you will not be identified in any way. The survey results are compiled and reported to Beltrami Electric as a group total. Please be candid in your responses so that co-op management has an objective assessment of your views. There are no right or wrong answers. Again, if you are called, we ask for your participation and thank you for your input and time.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

"Watt's Cooking?" Best Tomato Soup Ever



Combine:

- 1 Tbsp. chicken base (paste form)
- 1 C. water
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. chopped onion

Simmer until onion is clear

Add:

- 1-16 oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 1-16 oz. can diced tomatoes in puree
- ½ tsp. baking soda

Stir well and until foamy

Add:

- 1-8 oz. heavy whipping cream
- 1-8 oz. half & half (may use 1-qt.)

Heat, serve and enjoy!

(Submitted by Judeen Bjerke, Bemidji, Minn.)

