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## 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Recap

Beltrami Electric Cooperative held its 76<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Bemidji High School on April 21, featuring a roast beef dinner. Guests were also able to visit informational booths, receive a complimentary gift bag, listen to the music of the Northside Jazz Combo and attend the annual meeting program.

Bemidji High School student Lara Hicks opened the event with a great rendition of the National Anthem. Lara is also representing Beltrami Electric on the 2016 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June. Board treasurer Judy Honer offered the invocation. The meeting featured presentations from Beltrami Electric CEO Jared Echternach and Manager of Finance Sid Sletten, as well as special guest speaker Robert "Mac" McLennan, President & CEO of Minnkota Power Cooperative.

Door prizes were given to members who stayed for the program, including a \$300 grand prize at the end of the event. Special thanks go out to the following vendors who donated prizes: Bemidji Co-op Association, National Information Solutions Cooperative, Paul Bunyan Communications, Irby Company and Security Bank USA.

Next year's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, and will once again be held at Bemidji High School.

*Proudly serving our members for more than 76 years.*

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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 electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

**ON THE COVER:** (Left to right) Dorothy Schmidt with her grandsons; Richard Morine with first meal ticket; Jamie and Harold Gehrke with roast beef dinner.



## It's great to be home

Jared Echternach, *CEO*

**G**reetings! This is my first column as CEO of Beltrami Electric Cooperative. I'm very excited to rejoin Beltrami Electric and I'd like to thank your board of directors for placing their faith in me as your next CEO. I'd also like to thank Lynette Nieuwsma for her 10 years of service to your cooperative and congratulate her on a wonderful career. We hosted an open house for Lynette April 15 that was well attended by co-op members and folks from around the community. I wish Lynette and her husband Gary all the best in retirement.

I started my cooperative career at Beltrami Electric in 2000 as a marketing communications specialist. After stops at Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative in Park Rapids and North Itasca Electric Cooperative in Bigfork, it's great to be rejoining the Beltrami Electric Cooperative family.

In my first two months here I've quickly reaffirmed what I already knew to be true. We have an outstanding team of employees here at Beltrami Electric who you as co-op members can be very proud of. We also have an exemplary board of directors who are very engaged and who are always looking out for the interests of our membership.

## Annual meeting

Thank you to all who attended your cooperative's 76<sup>th</sup> annual meeting April 21. More than 650 members and guests attended the event. I always enjoy the annual meeting as it is a time to connect with old friends, meet new people, have a nice meal and hear how your cooperative is doing. For those of you who weren't able to attend the meeting this year, we not only recognized Lynette for her years of service, we also recognized two directors for their contributions to the cooperative. Lea Perkins received the distinguished Red Lantern Award from Minnkota Power Cooperative. The award recognizes directors who have given

10 years of service to the cooperative. Outgoing director Terry Diffley was also recognized for his years of service on the Beltrami Electric board and the Minnkota Power Cooperative board. Terry was a real asset to your cooperative and his leadership and passion for the electric cooperative purpose will be missed. Terry served 12 years on the Beltrami Electric Cooperative board and seven years on the Minnkota Power Cooperative board. Congratulations to both Lea and Terry.

Also at the meeting Murl Nord and Bob Wallner were re-elected to the cooperative board, each to a three-year term. I'd also like to welcome new director Sue Kringen on her election to the cooperative board. Sue replaces outgoing director Terry Diffley and brings a wealth of knowledge and service experience to your cooperative board. Congratulations to Murl, Bob and Sue on their election.

## GreenTouch

Thank you to all the local volunteers who attended Project GreenTouch at Lake Bemidji State Park. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> year Beltrami Electric members and employees have teamed up to complete several projects, including cleaning up debris in the campgrounds, picking up roadside trash, washing windows and raking leaves. This is a statewide effort by Touchstone Energy® cooperatives that helps our state park system prepare for the summer season.

## Indoor garage sale

We had another successful indoor garage sale last month. This annual fundraiser is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and Beltrami Electric employees chipped in to help make it happen again and did a wonderful job. This year we raised \$5,900 for the United Way of Bemidji Area. Thank you to all who supported this project by having a booth, donating some items or shopping at the event.

## Beltrami Electric indoor garage sale raises \$5,900 for the United Way of the Bemidji Area

The Beltrami Electric indoor garage sale held May 7 raised \$5,900 for the United Way of the Bemidji Area. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual event, which featured 90 booths, saw more than 1,600 bargain-hunters pay a \$1 entrance fee for access to the sale.

Special thanks go out to the following sponsors: Ross Lewis Signs, Bemidji National Guard Armory, Portable John Rental & Service, Dunn Brothers, Nei Bottling, Raphael's Bakery, the Buyline and the Bemidji Chapter 7 DAV. In addition, thanks to all the vendors and volunteer workers, including the Bemidji High School National Honor Society.

Next year's sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 6,

United Way  
of Bemidji Area



2017, at the Beltrami Electric Cooperative headquarters.



## Lake Bemidji State Park hosts 17<sup>th</sup> annual Project GreenTouch



A beautiful spring day allowed Beltrami Electric Cooperative members, friends and park staff to help beautify Lake Bemidji State Park on Saturday, May 7, as part of Project GreenTouch. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual event, presented by Minnesota's Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> cooperatives, saw volunteers rake leaves, clean up debris in the campgrounds, clean roadside ditches and wash windows all in preparation for the 2016 season.

Statewide, volunteers representing numerous cooperatives joined together for the coordinated State Park cleanup effort. Over the past 17 years, thousands of people have worked tens of thousands of hours, providing a great service to the parks people enjoy all summer long.

Minnesota's Touchstone Energy cooperatives participating in Project GreenTouch are part of a group of rural electric cooperatives throughout the state. Touchstone Energy is a co-brand used by cooperatives all over the nation to market what local electric cooperatives stand for: **Integrity, Accountability, Community Involvement and Innovation**. The state park sponsorship fits well with the Touchstone Energy commitment.

## Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>



Operation Round Up is just what its name implies. Each month, Beltrami Electric "rounds up" the electric bills of participating members to the next highest dollar. For example, a member's monthly bill of \$78.65 would be automatically rounded up to \$79, with the additional 35 cents going to Operation Round Up. Donations are tax deductible, and the average contribution per member is approximately 50 cents per month or \$6 per year. Members will receive an annual summary of their contributions on their January billing statement.

The Beltrami Electric Trust board administers Operation Round Up donations. The Trust board is made up of five members of our community who serve on a voluntary basis. The board will meet quarterly to review applications for grants and disburse the funds. This program's sole purpose is to improve the quality of life for our community. Through a cooperative and unified program, members will have a means of donating to worthy causes, and, through Operation Round Up, the small change of individuals can add up and make a big difference for our area. Together, we can do some wonderful things for our local communities.

Members who choose not to contribute to Operation Round Up can simply "opt out" of this voluntary program by notifying Beltrami Electric by phone, email or through our website.

### Operation Round Up grant application forms available

Applications for the Beltrami Electric (Operation Round Up) Trust are now available. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our region. Projects should fit one or more of these categories: Community Service, Economic Development, Education & Youth and the Environment.

Grants will not be made for lobbying, political and religious organizations, veteran, fraternal and labor organizations, fundraising dinners, raffles, capital fund campaigns, national fund drives, advertising or ongoing operational expenses.

If your organization wishes to apply for Operation Round Up funds, grant application forms are available in our office or on our website at [www.beltramielc.com](http://www.beltramielc.com). The first application deadline is Sept. 30, 2016, and applications must be received at Beltrami Electric by 4:30 p.m. to be eligible. Funds will be disbursed in October.

## 2016 Beltrami Electric Rates

\*Effective with May billings, the Renewable Energy Market Adjustment (REMA) and the Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (PPCA) will be rolled into the energy (kWh) rate. The PPCA will be reset to zero and will be adjusted as needed in the future.

SERVICE TYPE	CURRENT RATES
<b>Residential/Small Commercial</b> Access charge (25 kVa and less) (over 25 kVa) Energy charge (kWh)	\$34.50/month \$85/month \$0.1069/kWh
<b>Off-peak</b> Access charge Energy charge	\$2.50/month \$0.0672/kWh Oct. - May \$0.0776/kWh June - Sept.
<b>Yard Lighting</b> Metered light Unmetered light	\$4.43/month plus energy \$10.82/month
<b>Large Commercial</b> Monthly minimum (applied when monthly use is less than 697 kWh)	\$180/month
<b>Three-phase</b> commercial, industrial or farm with billing demands of 50 kW or less and <b>single-phase</b> with billing demands of 50 kW - 100 kW Access charge Energy charge (kWh)	\$95/month \$0.1220/kWh for first 2,000 \$0.1120/kWh for all excess
<b>Three-phase</b> commercial, industrial or farm with billing demands over 50 kW and <b>single-phase</b> with billing demands over 100 kW Demand charge Energy charge (kWh)	\$10/kWh/month \$0.0750/kWh

\*For a complete rate schedule, please contact our office or visit our website at [www.beltramielctric.com](http://www.beltramielctric.com)

Depending on energy usage, a residential member will see the following increases:

Residential Monthly kWh	Current (Access Charge + kWh)	New (Access Charge + kWh)	Monthly Difference
0	\$29.50	\$34.50	\$5.00
300	\$61.14	\$66.57	\$5.43
500	\$82.23	\$87.95	\$5.72
1,000	\$134.96	\$141.40	\$6.44
1,500	\$187.69	\$194.85	\$7.16
2,000	\$240.42	\$248.30	\$7.88
<b>Off-peak Monthly kWh (Oct. - May)</b>			
500	\$36.10	\$36.10	\$0.00
1,000	\$69.69	\$69.70	\$0.01
1,500	\$103.29	\$103.30	\$0.01
2,000	\$136.88	\$136.90	\$0.02
<b>Off-peak Monthly kWh (June - Sept.)</b>			
500	\$41.10	\$41.30	\$0.20
1,000	\$79.69	\$80.10	\$0.41
1,500	\$118.29	\$118.90	\$0.61
2,000	\$156.88	\$157.70	\$0.82

# Beltrami Rates Q & A

## Why is Beltrami Electric (BEC) raising rates?

As a not-for-profit cooperative, we don't raise rates to generate profits. We raise rates to cover the cost of doing business and only when absolutely necessary. The price we pay for wholesale energy has increased by 8.3 percent over the past two years. Wholesale power costs make up almost 70 percent of the cooperative's expenses. That means 70 cents from every dollar collected pays for the energy and the transmission system required to deliver energy to our region, and only 30 cents covers how that energy is delivered to you. By working diligently to keep our costs down, the average rate increase to our members will be just under 5 percent.

## How were the rates determined?

BEC employed an outside consulting firm to conduct a cost of service study, determine the cost of serving each group of members and work with the board and staff to develop rate design changes. Your board of directors is responsible for approving rates.

## What is the access charge and why is it increasing?

The access charge is designed to recover Beltrami Electric's costs related to making a basic electric service available to all its members. According to the cost of service study, for many years BEC has been under-collecting on the monthly access charge. The study has indicated that the cost of having a minimum service available is more than \$40 per month. However, recognizing that increasing the access charge all at once would be difficult for many BEC members, the board approved changing the residential access charge to \$34.50 per month. This includes the cost of poles, wire, transformers, meters, right-of-way, etc., needed to provide the reliable electric system to serve our members.

Beltrami Electric serves an average of six members per mile of line, whereas utilities that serve cities and towns serve an average of 40+ customers per mile. Therefore, we as rural electric cooperative members each must share a greater portion of the investment and maintenance cost of the system required to provide service to our homes and businesses. A mile of single-phase line requires an investment of approximately \$75,000 to build, this plus annual maintenance expenses create a significant cost related to providing the grid access required to make electric services available to rural locations. The difference in access fees between rural and urban or an area with significant commercial customers often comes down to the number of customers or members sharing the fixed cost of each mile of electrical line.

## What can I do to reduce my electric costs and can BEC provide any assistance in this area?

The most important thing you can do is practice conservation. By simply turning electrical equipment off or down, you can reduce your electric bill. Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or below in the winter and 78 degrees or higher in the summer; unplug electronic devices when not in use. BEC offers a number of options to help members manage their electric usage, including the web-based MyMeter program. Rebates are available for installing Energy Star® appliances, new electric water heaters, LED light bulbs, or new off-peak electric heating equipment. In addition, BEC's Demand Response (off-peak) system offers a significant savings to participating members compared to the standard electrical rate. See the many energy efficiency tools and brochures that are available on our website at [www.beltramielctric.com](http://www.beltramielctric.com) or contact our office at **218-444-2540** or **800-955-6083** for more information.

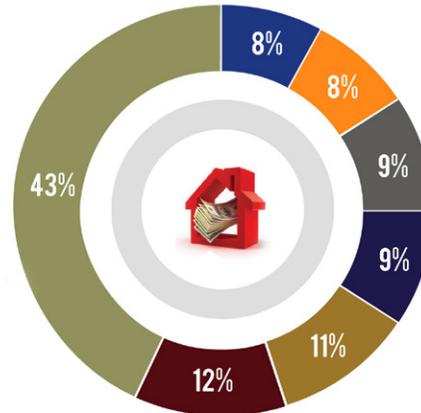
# TOP 10 TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY

Below are the tips that any good energy saver should not live without. Make yourself a tip jar and put these 10 inside.

## Top 10 Tips:

1. Plug electronic devices such as cable boxes, printers and TVs into power strips to turn off during vacations or long periods without use.
  2. Replace any light bulb, especially ones that burn more than one hour per day, with a light-emitting diode (LED) bulb.
  3. Close shades and drapes during the day to help keep heat out in summer.
  4. Outside your home, caulk around all penetrations, including telephone, electrical, cable, gas, water spigots, dryer vents, etc.
  5. Set water heater temperature no higher than 120 degrees F.
  6. Use air-dry cycle instead of heat-dry cycle to dry dishes.
  7. Keep your garage door down. A warmer garage in the winter and cooler garage in the summer will save energy.
  8. Change HVAC filters monthly.
  9. Make sure the dryer vent hose is not kinked or clogged.
  10. Ensure gaskets around door seal tightly.
- Use the home energy use chart to the right to see other areas where you can save. Visit [www.touchstoneenergy.com](http://www.touchstoneenergy.com) for more energy saving tips and money saving tools.

## HOME ENERGY USE



### HEATING & COOLING (43%)

Conditioning air in your home consumes the most energy.

### REFRIGERATION (8%)

Cleaning the coils and replacing worn door seals can reduce refrigeration costs.

### OTHER (8%)

Find what other energy use habits or devices you have that may fit into this category.

### APPLIANCES (9%)

Appliance costs can be reduced with ENERGY STAR® products.

### ELECTRONICS (9%)

Entertainment systems and devices can use energy even while off or in standby.

### LIGHTING (11%)

CFL and LED lighting options can slash lighting costs by 75 percent. Now that's saving.

### WATER HEATING (12%)

A water heater can be one of the largest energy users.



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# New electric water heater rebates available!

Enjoy reliable hot water and save money at the same time with Beltrami Electric Cooperative's electric water heating rebate program. Water heating is one of your home's largest energy expenses in most households, which makes it a smart area to try to improve efficiency. New electric water heaters are among the most efficient and durable products in the market today. With great new incentives from your cooperative, it has never been more affordable to upgrade.

All rebate-qualifying water heaters must be on the off-peak program/load management, which allows your water heater to draw electricity during times of low energy demand, such as late at night, when it is less expensive. The water heater is temporarily turned off during high demand periods, helping you save money on your monthly bill. Participants in the off-peak program receive a reduced kWh rate in exchange for allowing their water heaters to essentially be used as hot-water batteries. Please contact us to find out more about the rebate program.

Electric Water Heaters (must be on off-peak)	Incentive Per Unit
55 gallon or less	\$100
56-99 gallon	\$150
100 gallon or greater	\$200
Additional rebate for new building construction	\$100
Additional rebate for conversion from existing natural gas or propane	\$250
Additional PowerSavers rebate for 80-gallon or greater (with Energy Factor (EF) equal to or greater than 0.91)	\$150

### Rebate requirements:

- Must be new purchased electric water heater installed on Beltrami Electric's system.
- Must be on off-peak/load control.
- Must be 240 volts and hard-wired.
- Tankless water heaters do not qualify for rebate.
- Hybrid heat pump water heaters do not qualify for rebate.
- Rebate limit of \$500 per member-account.
- Maximum \$300 rebate for coupling of two water heaters in parallel or series.
- Multifamily dwellings do not qualify for rebate; exceptions considered on case by case basis.



**Please contact Beltrami Electric today to find out more about the water heater rebate program or the many other great programs available to you!**

# Northern Lights CLASSIFIEDS

## For Sale:

1989 Chevrolet Blazer, runs, needs upkeep. \$400. 651-633-8415.

Canon EOS 1D Mark III body with strap, charger with cord, two original batteries, with original book, AC adapter kit, Magic Lantern Guide book for Canon EOS 1D Mark III, in original box. \$500. 224-3866.

Complete online survey and receive \$10 Amazon certificate. Research study to develop test for children and young adults. Must be between 7-22 years old, typically developing, and have parents w/ education level not including bachelor's or higher. Please contact countrykivis@gmail.com.

Troy Bilt tiller replacement engine. Rebuilt and ready to go. Cast iron engine. Will fit any large Troy tiller. 766-6028.

2001 Honda Rancher with plow and winch. \$2,500/obo. 308-3059.

Two sets golf clubs, M&W. M=King Cobra oversized, graphite shaft, new grips, W=Northwestern, steel shaft, bag included with both, many extras to go with both \$200/obo. 766-3059 (BJJ).

Wine making equipment-all equip. needed to begin; inc. 2 carboys, hydrometer, floor corking mach.and more. \$150/obo. Call Lin at 368-4121 or text for pictures.

Aluminum fishing boats: Alumacraft, Lowe and Crestliner, \$195-\$475/each. 224-2836.

Range picked pistol brass. 9mm, 40mm, and 45acp. .3 cents each. 507-356-2276 or email donmack6961@gmail.com.

Weber grill, like new w/cover and tank, \$90 antique old steamer trunk, excellent condition, \$80. 335-6882.

Sig Sauer P938 9mm Pistol, 2-Tone, Black Hogue rubber grip, night sights, factory Sig laser, black "Kydex" type holster, extra clip, hard case, approximately 75 rounds through it. Very accurate for 3" barrel. PTP or PTC required. \$650. 368-6281.

Garage fridge, Whirlpool 17cu.ft. \$100/obo. Women's Schwinn 18-speed bicycle \$75. Sofa, dark blue floral print, also love seat dark blue floral print, \$100 for both. Call Emily at 566-1955.

Scamper 1994 PU camper 6.5-foot \$400. Ice Castle 2007, 12-foot, 6 holes, like new \$5,150, MTD garden tiller, \$125, 14-foot aluminum fishing boat \$290, Enduro 44# trolling motor \$25, Juffy 10-inch ice auger \$75. Honda 1000 generator \$475. 835-4923.

Lund Crestliner aluminum boat, very sturdy, 5 hp Honda 4-stroke engine runs well, easy to start. 2 new tires on trailer, 2 oars. Forever sticker on trailer, \$850. Axe, \$12. Pick Axe head, \$5. Heavy-duty wooden outboard motor stand with wheels, \$50. Toro cordless trimmer, \$17. 497-2491.

2003 Forest River Surveyor 23 ft. travel trailer. Stored in garage last 10 years. Eight months total use. Like new. 612-618-0422.

White wicker chair, \$25. Queen tan color down comforter, \$25. 766-8781.

2009 park model travel trailer (12x40), good condition, 2 bedrooms, regular size appliances, lg. bathroom, completely handicap accessible and furnished. Large attached deck (2 years old), currently set up at campground in Devils Lake, N.D. \$17,500/obo. Call 444-2025.

Instamatic RV refrigerator model IM2 (2 cu. ft.) LP, 12 & 110V, 19 1/4 W x 22 1/2 H x 18 1/4 D. \$200. Flexible drainage pipe with sock covering, 4" diameter, 30' length. \$20. 547-1836.

16' Cherokee boat with 70 hp Johnson, aluminum, power tilt and trim with trailer. \$2,500. 3' trash pump, like new \$250. 224-3705.

Birch and Jack-pine firewood, cut but not split, \$50 a pickup load, can haul depending on distance, 444-6165.

Hewitt boatlift 75" wide, 1,500 lbs, aluminum with canopy and frame, \$1,200. 320-583-0471.

2002 Dodge 1500 Quad cab, 4.7L, 165K miles, runs good. \$5,800/obo. 556-8077.

1990 Chevy Blazer, full size, K5, 35" tires with 15" rims, removable top, auto 350 engine 4x4, low mileage. \$2,000/obo. Call 368-1518. 1995 Geo Metro Lsi 4-door, 5-speed, 4 cyl., 2 sets of tires, 1 new pair winter tire, tires and wheels, \$2,000/obo. Call 467-9257 or 368-1518.

Energy efficient french door. 987-2006.

Browning automatic Mark II, 300 Winchester, \$1,400. Remington 1100 12-gauge, 2 1/2 choke, 28" barrel, \$450. Call 224-3278, if no answer, leave message.

2001 Dodge Dakota 4x4, 4-dr. sport, body mint, engine weak, auto/PS/IPB/AM/FM-CD, running boards, \$1,500. 444-5696.

1986 Ford 28" motor home, 66K miles, nice shape, \$8,250/obo. 5" wood office desk, 4-drawer, like new, \$95. Two entertainment centers, good condition, \$60 each. 224-2674.

One or two person aquatic Whirlpool jetted tub, 60x42, 8 adjustable jets, removable headrests, handheld jet hose, heater, light beige, Lucite acrylic, w/ installation and instruction manuals. Excellent condition. 444-7344.

Ferguson TO 30 tractor with loader. Looks good and runs great but could use rear tires so I am selling it cheap. \$2,000. 854-7444.

Basketball stand, outdoor, portable, adjustable, "Atlas Lifetime" brand. \$100. 224-2789.

Great all aluminum 32ft rollout dock with 8ft L-shape at end, on rubber wheels, \$1,900. Call 224-2464.

Bedroom suite: asking \$200. Includes headboard, 7-drawer dresser with large mirror, 5-drawer high dresser, 2-drawer bedside chest, newer foam mattress-free with set. Also, two 5-drawer chests. \$75 each. 766-5636.

Two interior doors, 28x80, good condition, 3.5x3.5' framed glider window, excellent condition, 8-piece Mirro cookware, like new, adult and children water boots, ironing board, full size bed sheet sets, like new and 2 new toilet seats. 335-8945.

24-inch Kenmore gas range, \$100. 1,000-watt inverter generator, \$25. 224-2443 or 320-815-0474.

Beautiful, one-year-old dining table with 3 chairs. Single pedestal, round with two end-leaves, 42" diameter. New

\$800, now \$300. NordicTrack ski machine in good working condition \$25. Keith 766-1958.

1980 7.5 Johnson 400, Ranch King rider parts \$75, 2-size pet/rabbit/hen stackable pens, coated drop through floors and pans, large 30" x 48", \$75. Old Magnavox radio/phone, B/O. Large Carrier air exchanger, all tubing, \$650. Men's Trex mountain bike, 760-4126.

Upright piano for sale \$200/obo. 335-6501.

Porcelain doll collection, some old. Two small color TVs, one w/VCR player. Call 368-3819 or call 996-1648 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

14-16 ft. Shoreland'r trailer, roller bed, \$500. One-year-old Brinkman grill, w/cover, \$70. Agr-fab heavy-duty broadcast spreader, air tires, new \$80/sell \$35. Garden hose reel stand, with 100-ft. hose, \$30. One HP Wayne electric sprinkler utility pump, used one summer, new \$140/sell \$90/obo. Life Gear stair stepper \$40/obo. 586-2534.

Doghouse, new from Ace \$70, sell for \$35. White bar refrigerator and microwave. \$75. Beer signs, \$10 and up. 760-3298 or 444-3267.

Oak dining table, 4 chairs, extra leaf, \$125. Upright freezer, lockable, almond color with walnut colored handle, \$75. 4 fluorescent light fixtures w/ bulbs-great for shop lights, \$12 ea. All items in very nice condition. 224-3284 evenings or 224-2483 days.

Carnival glass-cups: orange, long-stem bowls, pitcher, goblets. Blue; long-stem bowls, pitcher, 2 tall glasses, 4 goblets, oval fruit bowl. Green; 4 goblets. Cash only. Doris 751-4147.

Moving Sale: 2013 Sears 179CC Craftsman 24" snowblower, \$300. 2010 carry-on trailer 2000lb GVW-mesh floor, 5'4" x 10'3", \$450. 2002 Sears Craftsman riding lawn mower 42", \$250. 760-2091.

2001 Chevy Tahoe 4x4, high miles (208K) but good mechanically, some rust. \$2,200/obo. Harbor Freight 12" sliding mitre saw, double bevel, \$75/obo. Two vertical water pumps for 2" well, \$100 each/obo. Call 556-6736.

Shoremaster aluminum double jet ski lift with stainless steel cables, \$995/obo. 320-253-6643.

New grip MS General 700-15 Lt tubeless tire, \$75. Homemade star block crazy quilts: twin \$35, full \$40, queen \$45, king \$55. Two floor lamps, \$7 each. Oak 44x44 dining room table, \$130. Six pressed-back chairs, \$150. Five-drawer highboy dresser, \$150. Sewing machines, \$15. 243-2702.

Pro Artist Dr. table, \$50. Weider univ. weight machine, fixed bench, multi stations, easy pulley operation, \$50. Snark sailboat, \$25. 766-1167.

Savage Model 16 in 308 win., Stainless, Accustock and accutrigger, removable clip, Weaver mounts and rings, no scope, 1-year-old, like new. \$650. Call 760-8501.

Full set of 2009 Adams Women's golf clubs, matching bag and head covers for full set, all in very good condition. Call Sandy at 854-7344 for info.

Carpet cleaning extractor. King Cobra 500. Like-new condition. Only 10 hours on it. 25-ft. hose reel. Heats water

over 212 F. No attachments. Retailers for \$4,000-7,500. Selling for \$3,600. 368-3686.

Approx. 500 golf balls, major brands. \$3/doz, mixed brands \$2/doz or take all for \$60. 766-6777.

Power, reclining lift chair. Very gently used and in outstanding condition. Two-button operation. Manufactured by England Furniture. 33W x 33D x 39H. Over \$800 new. Asking \$450. Call 751-9454 or 766-5449.

2006 New Holland 9' 488 Haybine, well kept and field ready. Good paint and shields. Call 556-2045.

Yogurt maker. Like new Euro Cuisine YM100 with 7 six oz jars/lids. Extra set of 8 jars/lids included. \$20 complete. 751-2739.

Farmall 560 gas loader tractor with snow bucket. Fluid filled tires working 1A wide front. \$5,500. Call Brian 760 4562.

Porta dock. Three 4'x8' truss sections and one 4'x8' shore end section. Some wood needs to be replaced. \$500. Call 612-716-0450.

Toro 7 hp 24-inch, snowblower, works great, \$200. Standing water toy, Funbug, \$125. 308-5413.

Older 2500 Gahli skid steer w/bucket \$2,500. 224-2443.

Blue 2011 Yamaha Stryker 1300, 2,875 miles, Vance & Hires exhaust and programmer, Cobra cold air, quick attach windshield and back rest. Parts Unlimited flame stitched seat. Comes with original parts and leather saddle bags. Approx. \$14,000 into this beauty. Selling for \$8,500. Chad 368-1265.

Yakima kayak racks two sets of Hully Rollers and Mako Saddles with all straps, connectors and instructions in very good cond. for round Yakima bar not included at \$100. Granite Gear backpack with internal fiberglass frame shield in very good cond., men's medium with removable long side and top packs and OR rain cover all black at \$75. 586-2541.

1988 15 Horse Johnson Outboard motor. \$550 or best offer. Comes with gas line and 6-gallon gas tank. Call or text me at 766-3414.

Two ProHunter barrels, fluted stainless 28", 204 caliber and 22-250, \$230 apiece. Cell: 556-5958.

## Professional office space available for lease (Beltrami Electric's headquarters)

600-square-foot office suite - reception area with three separate office suites. Second floor location, elevator, meeting room, safe, clean, quiet, low-traffic area of well-maintained professional building. For further details contact Sam Mason, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 218-444-3623.

## Classified ads rules

- All ads must be 50 words or less.
- Members may submit one **For Sale** and one **Wanted** ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, with no guarantee your ad will appear.
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for three consecutive months and must be resubmitted to run additional months.
- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
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- Include name and account number on all submissions.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at [www.beltramielctric.com](http://www.beltramielctric.com) (preferred).
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619. If submitting by mail, ad must be printed clearly.

## Statement of Operations Year-to-date: March 2016

	March 2015	March 2016
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 13,701,065	\$ 15,243,008
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 9,536,613	\$ 10,073,396
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 3,696,599	\$ 3,812,959
Total Cost.....	\$ 13,233,212	\$ 13,886,355
Operating Margin.....	\$ 467,853	\$ 1,356,653
Interest Income.....	\$ 50,345	\$ 56,561
Other Margins.....	\$ 160,022	\$ 116,990
Total Margins.....	\$ 678,220	\$ 1,530,204
kWh Purchased.....	156,161,219	152,237,087
kWh Sold.....	138,877,557	150,751,709
Meters Billed.....	20,479	20,675

Bow Flex blaze home gym - like new condition \$500/obo. Call 760-1871 or 759-9836.

NordicTrack Pro ski machine and Pro Form 835QT treadmill, \$100 each. 556-0941.

2003 loaded AWD black Honda Pilot. Leather heated seats, DVD player, third row seat, tow package, immaculate inside, new brakes and tires, 190,000 miles. \$8,000 takes it. 308-5413.

1991 BMW K-75 Lowseat. 30,000 miles. Runs great, always garaged, never in an accident. One local owner. Includes: set of soft-side luggage, complete tool set and oil wrench, shop manual and add-on tail rack. \$2,800. 854-7483 (Bevida).

Riding mower "Craftsman", 19.5 hp, 42" cut, electric start with 6 bushel 2-bin double baggers. Very good condition, \$675. (need smaller mower!) Call 444-8032.

Colt model 1892 double action revolver, antique firearm, chambered in .38 Long Colt, matching serial numbers on parts. Fair condition for its age. Enfield .303 British bolt action rifle, stock has been sporterized, open sights. Nice shape and shoots well. 759-9235.

1997 Sea Ray 185 Open Bow and EZ-Loader trailer-both in excellent condition with low hours. The Sea Ray has a 4.3 liter V-6 engine. Boat cover included. \$6,900/obo. Located on Cass Lake. Call Paul at 507-934-3430 or 507-380-4205.

Truck tire chains, 1 pair for duals and 1 pair for single tires, \$25 each pair. Misc. building material. Call to inquire. 308-4025.

1990 Ford diesel pickup. 7.3, F-250 XLT Lariat, fifth wheel plate and ball never used in winter, no rust, excellent shape. 647-8775.

30ft+ aluminum/cedar dock. \$995. 760-3298.

5' metal office desk with 4 padded office chairs, good for shop, office, etc. 224-2674.

Beauty salon shampoo and setting unit with Belvedere sink - hydraulic chair. 60"W x 68 1/2" H x 20 1/2" D. 35 1/2" D with attached sink, white, call 586-2875 after 7 p.m.

New hand-crafted log home shell, \$7,500. 766-8176.

Jazzy power wheelchair, red, new batteries, excellent condition. \$900, new \$6,000+. 556-7001.

Seven double pane windows, (2 sliders, 4 double hung and 1 bay). Take all for \$75 or \$15 each. Great for deer stands, fish houses, cabins, etc. 586-2347, ask for Jerry.

Dahlia's roots, large roots 4 for \$10, Canna lilies, 4-6 large bulbs \$10. Dahlias will get 5'-8" and 3'-5" for Canna lilies. 751-9360.

## Wanted:

Used skid steer with bucket. \$3,000 - \$3,500. Call 444-2797.

Want to buy a working condition super 8 moving projector. 586-2347.

100lb propane cylinder to use for fish house. 2013 or 2014 Chevy Silverado crew cab pickup, nice condition. Call 368-5264 or 333-1510.

Looking for nice fishing boat in good working order. \$5,000 or less. Needs to be at least 16' and a 40 hp motor. 952-454-6812.

Large propane tank. 760-1221.

Live pigeons for dog training. Call 987-2999 in Cass Lake.

Good used or like new preemie and newborn sized baby clothes and accessories, small bottles, pacifiers, etc., for free or reasonably priced. Also would like an older very small type crib, does not have to be up-to-code. Please call 224-3688.

Bolens lawn and garden tractor, running or not, attachments or not. 835-6304 or 760-3184.

One 14.9x38 tire and tube. Two rear rims for Ford 9-2N. 854-7318 evenings.

Dual elliptical and exercise bike combo with LCD display options. 759-1074.

Free-standing wood stove, also wood furnace. Free-standing propane heater, and would also like a wall-mount vented propane heater. Eden-pure heater. Call or text 209-5413.

Duck boat and square back canoe. 556-1230.

Dog kennel. 751-9360.

## Free:

Kimball piano and piano bench in excellent condition. Must pick up. 835-4807.

Jennaire double stainless steel oven, mounted in roll around wooden box. Can be installed in kitchen cabinet. 547-1975.

16 rough cut 1" boards - assorted widths and lengths; 3 - 6" x 8" x 6.5' treated timbers; 34" x 44" wooden dining table. Four 195/60R15 tires (for utility trailer or similar use). Call Steve 224-2699.

Two rabbits. Call 243-2299.

## VEHICLES FOR SALE/BID



**For Sale:** 2000 Chevrolet, 4.8 liter V8, Silverado 1500 4x4, mileage 115,270. Available for viewing and accepting bids 6/6/2016 - 6/10/2016. Vehicle is **AS IS**.



**For Sale:** 2003 GMC, Sierra 1500, 4.8 liter V8, 4x4, mileage 136,354. Vehicle can be viewed and bids accepted 6/6/2016 - 6/10/2016. Vehicle is **AS IS**.

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## March highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its March meeting Wednesday, March 30, 2016. All directors were present.

### The following reports were given:

- The President welcomed CEO Jared Echternach to his first board meeting.
- The board thanked Lynette Nieuwsma, CEO, and Director Terry Diffley for their outstanding years of service and wished them both well.
- Nieuwsma made her monthly report, including discussion on February financials. She also discussed legislative issues and various bills discussed with legislators in St. Paul last week.
- Nieuwsma and Sam Mason discussed a meeting with Leech Lake Community Solar Assistance and proposal options.
- Sid Sletten and Echternach reported on the completed rate study and discussed future rates for Beltrami Electric.
- Arlene Hogquist gave an update on the strategic planning progress.
- Derek Flanagan of Eide Bailly, LLP presented the 2015 audit report.

- District meetings were discussed. One candidate was nominated in each district to run unopposed and therefore no ballot will be mailed to the membership as allowed in the bylaws.
- Sam Mason and Angela Lyseng discussed the upcoming annual meeting that will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016.

- Nieuwsma presented revisions to BEC Financial Policy #201.
- Sid Sletten gave the Financial report for February. He also presented several required documents of the Rural Utilities Service and Security Bank USA of Bemidji naming Jared Echternach as the new CEO of the cooperative.

- A delegate to Northern Safety & Security and Cooperative Response Center was discussed.
- Murl Nord reported on the last Cooperative Development meeting and an educational class he attended.
- The annual meeting of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association was discussed.
- Terry Diffley reported on the last Minnkota board meeting.

### The following actions were taken:

- Approved rate proposal B as presented effective April 20, 2016, for billing cycle two and effective May 1, 2016, for billing cycle one.

- Approved revised BEC Financial Policy 201.

- Accepted the annual audit report as presented.
- Appointed Sam Mason as the delegate to Northern Safety & Security LLC.
- Appointed Jared Echternach as the delegate to Cooperative Response Center.
- Approved to authorize Jared Echternach and Sidney Sletten to sign all required Rural Utilities Service and Security Bank USA forms as necessary.

## April highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its April meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2016. All directors except Lea Perkins were present.

### The following reports were given:

- The board welcomed new director Sue Kringen and congratulated Murl Nord and Bob Wallner on their re-election to the board.
- CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including discussion on March financials, legislative issues and recent meetings he attended.
- Sam Mason and Angela Lyseng discussed the annual meeting of the cooperative that was held April 21, 2016.
- Sid Sletten gave the Financial report for March. He also reviewed the first quarter budget performance.
- Roundtable discussions were held.
- Contract bids for future auditor services were discussed.
- Rick Coe reported on Minnesota Rural Electric Association and Square Butte board meetings.
- The Minnkota and Square Butte annual meetings were discussed.

### The following actions were taken:

- Elected Rick Coe as President, John Lund as Vice President, Murl Nord as Secretary and Judy Honer as Treasurer.
- Approved the consent agenda.
- Elected CEO Echternach as the voting delegate for the National Cooperative Services Corporation.
- Approved moving the date of the July board meeting to July 25, 2016.
- Approved the work order inventories.
- Elected John Lund and CEO Echternach as Governors to Cooperative Development, LLC.

The next board meeting will be  
Wednesday, May 25, 2016.



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## Power plant tour

### July 26-28, 2016

**W**e are offering all Beltrami Electric members an exceptional summer opportunity that is fun for all ages. We are trying something new this year, as this year's tour will be three days, fitting more stops into one trip.

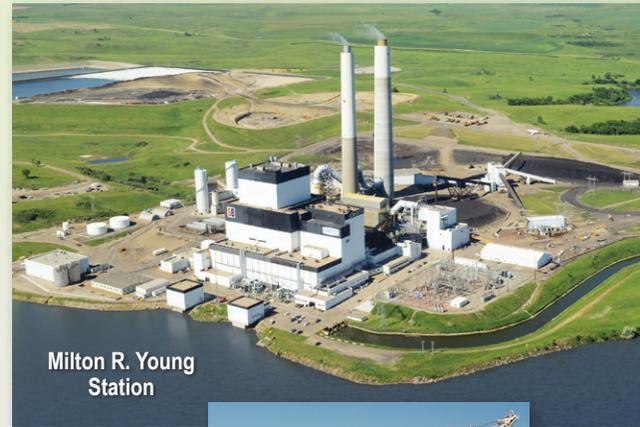
The tour is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28. On the first day, we will tour Minnkota Power's control center and print shop in Grand Forks. From there we will make our way to Valley City, N.D., to see the Ashtabula Wind Center, where some of our wind energy is generated. The wind towers at Ashtabula are 250 feet tall with 120-foot blades. We will end our first day with a banquet dinner at the beautiful Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan, N.D. We encourage you to bring your swimsuit if you'd like to enjoy the pool and water slide.

The second day we will visit the Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D., where most of our electricity is

generated. This will also include a tour of the open pit mines where machines strip the coal and then reclaim the land so it can once again be used for agriculture. Weather permitting; this is also where we get to see the huge electric dragline Liberty up close, with its 300-foot boom and 70-cubic-yard bucket, which is used to remove the overburden soil from the coal. After a stop for lunch at the Square Butte Creek Golf Club House, we will make our way to the Garrison Dam and tour the hydro-electric plant.

On the third day, we will take a guided tour of Fort Mandan and the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, at Washburn, N.D. After a stop in Carrington, N.D., for lunch, we will make our way back to Bemidji.

The cost to members for the three day trip is \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy, which covers the bus, hotel, tours and all meals. Members who have not been on this trip in the past are encouraged to go. To sign up, complete and return the form below or go to our website at [www.beltramielectric.com](http://www.beltramielectric.com) and submit a registration form.



Milton R. Young Station



BNI Coal Mine

### Power Plant Tour Registration Form

*Please print names of participants the way you would like them to appear on your name tags. Your payment will be refunded if the tour is cancelled or if you cancel your reservation at least two weeks prior to the trip. We will send further details prior to departure. Return form with check for \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy to: **Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619***

Names of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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