

# McLeod Cooperative Power NEWS

May 2020

## Ballots to be mailed to all members on May 26

### *Please VOTE and mail back your ballot*

The postponement of this year's Annual Meeting also postponed mailing of ballots to members. This year ALL members will receive a ballot to vote on whether to approve the proposed Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Members in Districts 1, 2, and 3 will also receive a ballot for the director election in their district. Due to the issues with COVID-19 the Cooperative is asking all members to please complete their ballot(s), seal them in the BALLOT ENVELOPE for confidentiality, then put that envelope in the yellow postage-paid return envelope, and put it in the U.S. Mail. Ballots received by June 15 will be counted by the Nominating Committee.

#### Candidates for the MCPA Board of Directors include:

##### District 1:

Kari Berg and Oria Brinkmeier

##### District 2:

Joe Griebie and Daryl Luthens

##### District 3:

Andrew Heimerl and David Resch

Profiles on the candidates will be included in each election ballot.

#### Voting on update to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

It is beneficial for the Cooperative to update its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to address changes that have occurred in the law, to modernize outdated language, to include developments in technology, and to provide legal protection for the Co-op. This update will also provide for efficiencies and cost savings in the operation and administration of the Cooperative. It will also change the Co-op's principal place of business to the address of the new combined facility effective September 1, 2020.

Proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members casting ballots to be approved. The proposed changes are available for review on the Co-op's website [www.mcleodcoop.com/about/co-op-info](http://www.mcleodcoop.com/about/co-op-info) and a copy will be mailed to each member with their ballot.



#### McLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION GLENCOE, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS OF McLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION:

You are hereby notified that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Members of McLeod Cooperative Power Association will be held at the Hutchinson Event Center at 1005 Hwy. 15 S. Plaza 15, in the City of Hutchinson, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, on June 16, at 10:00 a.m. to take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors and committees.
2. The election of directors of this association for director districts numbers 1, 2 and 3. The polls for the election of directors will be opened at the meeting place at 9:30 a.m. and will be closed at 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, for voting by members who have not returned their ballots by mail.
3. To vote on proposed Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The polls for the Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be opened at the meeting place at 9:30 a.m. and will be closed at 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, for voting by members who have not returned their ballots by mail.
4. To transact any other business which may properly come before said annual meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated at Glencoe, Minnesota this 26th day of March 2020.

Doug Kirtz, Secretary

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MCPA Annual Meeting will consist of only a short business meeting. Only a quorum of 50 persons is sought to conduct the meeting. No meal will be served. There will be no entertainment and no grand prize drawing. Preventive distancing and sanitation measures will be employed for attendees. Any members with a fever, cough, or COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone with at-risk health issues or weak immune systems, are asked not to attend the meeting.**

## Changes coming to the Co-op newsletter next month

Starting with the June issue, the MCPA NEWS may look a little different, with a glossier paper and new layout. It will be four pages instead of eight. We hope you like the new look.

To accommodate the four-page format some articles will be shorter and include summaries instead of so much detail. May will be the last issue to include the classified ads. The outage summary will no longer be included. Timely information on larger outages is often posted on the Co-op's Facebook page.

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## 2020 National Electrical Code adoption delayed

**A**doption of the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) has been delayed and it will not be effective in Minnesota on July 1, 2020, as anticipated. The Board of Electricity received 25 valid requests for hearing regarding the adoption of the 2020 NEC. That hearing has been rescheduled to Aug. 19, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2017 NEC will remain in effect until the adoption process is complete.

- All permits, installations and inspections will continue to be

issued or performed under the 2017 NEC.

- All electrical license examinations will continue to cover material from the 2017 NEC.
- Continuing education courses will be reviewed and approved under the 2017 NEC or 2020 NEC.

Another update will be sent when an effective date for the 2020 NEC is determined. For more information contact [dli.rules@state.mn.us](mailto:dli.rules@state.mn.us).

## Manager's Message — by Carrie L. Buckley, General Manager



### Business as Usual During Unusual Times

**A**s I write this on April 26, we are into our second month of our hybrid work at home plan due to the pandemic. We are all working under some sort of social distancing guideline. It is unusual to say the least.

However, we are conducting our usual business. Since the pandemic plan was put into effect, staff continues to meet weekly, sometimes more often to coordinate efforts and monitor our cooperative's performance. From a financial perspective, McLeod Cooperative Power Association is doing reasonably well. Although our March financial results were lower than budgeted, we have determined that is largely due to the mild weather. Operationally, we are also doing reasonably well. Power restoration and new services remain our top priority, while repair and maintenance occur as needed.

Our employees are not only making this unusual way of business work adequately, but they have found creative ways to continue to do great work by communicating through Zoom, through Teams, and frequently, through an old-fashioned phone call. Our Board of Directors has conducted two meetings by Zoom Video Conferencing. At each meeting, our usual business including our strategic updates were very productive.

I applaud our employees for adapting to the new work requirements and making sure we still provide critical and essential services to our members, and do it in a safe manner. This can be a stressful time for employees and members alike. I

thank all of you for your continued cooperation.

We are all wondering, perhaps praying, when will we be able to get back to normal? I don't think it is any surprise when I say, there will be a new normal for some time into the future. As the state and federal officials have consistently said, the virus will dictate our new normal. It seems fairly certain that social distancing will be part of our new normal.

Even this year's Annual Meeting will be different. Due to steps to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's annual meeting will be a brief business meeting that will include the director election, bylaw vote, and only essential meeting requirements. We will need to have a quorum of 50 members present to conduct business. Members attending will be seated apart from each other in the ballroom to adhere to social distancing requirements, with masks and other safety protocols in use. We ask that members with COVID or other symptoms or any members with health risks do not to attend. This year there will be no coffee or meal served, no entertainment, no speeches, and no prize drawings. Our Board of Directors regrets having to make this change to our Annual Meeting, however, they hope that by later in the year members will be allowed to join us at an open house for our new building, including some food and refreshments.

Stay safe and healthy.  
Carrie

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## Board of Directors

Directors are members of the cooperative and are elected to act in the best interests of the co-op with the same care that an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. Directors set policy, approve strategy and are charged with fiduciary responsibility of the cooperative. Directors do not

oversee day-to-day operation of McLeod Co-op Power. Administration of maintenance, electric service, and operations are the responsibility of employees and staff, under the direction of General Manager Carrie Buckley. Members with questions or concerns about service, billing, outages or other service-related matters should call 1-800-494-6272.

### District 1 - Oria Brinkmeier, 320-485-2554

Hollywood Twp. in Carver Co., Winsted Twp. in McLeod Co., Victor, Woodland, & Franklin Twps. in Wright Co.

### District 2 - Joe Griebie, Vice President 320-779-1101

Hassan Valley, Sumter & Rich Valley Twps. in McLeod Co.

### District 3 - David Resch, 952-449-1793

Bergen, Helen, & Glencoe Twps. in McLeod Co.

### District 4 - Doug Kirtz, Secretary-Treasurer [dkirtz@mcleodcoop.com](mailto:dkirtz@mcleodcoop.com), 320-583-7673

Boon Lake, Brookfield, Osceola, Kingman, Preston

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### District 5 - Allan Duesterhoeft, 320-587-9134

Lynn & Acoma Twps. in McLeod Co. & Ellsworth Twp. in Meeker Co.

### District 6 - Gary Burdorf, 507-964-5815

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### District 7 - Randy Hlavka, GRE Representative [rhlavka@mcleodcoop.com](mailto:rhlavka@mcleodcoop.com), 320-583-0037

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Collins & Round Grove Twps. in McLeod Co, Martinsburg, Bandon, & Wellington Twps. in Renville Co., Grafton, Moltke, Bismarck, Transit, & Alfsborg Twps. in Sibley Co.

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## Congratulations to 2019 Washington D.C. Youth Tour winner Evan Lee on his appointment to West Point

**M**cLeod Co-op Power is proud of all of its Washington D.C. Youth Tour winners/ participants. We know the applicants for our competition are some of the brightest and the best. Last year's tour participant Evan Lee of Lester Prairie is especially deserving of recognition as he recently received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, in New York state.



Back on February 10, Evan was called to the school office for a phone call. He was not expecting it to be a call from Congressman Collin Peterson officially appointing him to West Point, a four-year Army service academy. His parents, Mike and April Lee, were present when he received the phone call. Evan's dad is a principal and his mom a substitute teacher for the Lester Prairie school district. The family are members of McLeod Co-op Power also.

Evan said, "They told me to remember that date — February 10, 2020 — as a day that will change my life."

Evan became interested in attending the military academy after Cadet Fury from Winsted visited his school and spoke about his attendance at West Point. Evan said, "The challenge intrigued me. I wanted to learn more things." He added, "Now I have a sense of pride and patriotism and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve my country."

As he heads off to West Point in late June, he is not yet sure of his major but is leaning towards something in math or science. He anticipates the academy will be physically challenging and the academics will be hard.

We wish Evan the best in his noble pursuit.

While visiting with Evan, he was able to share some thoughts about last year's Washington D.C. Youth Tour. Had it not been for COVID-19 and the postponed annual meeting, he would normally have updated members on his trip during the Co-op's annual meeting. Evan shared that the overall experience was excellent. "We got to see EVERYTHING in D.C.! We saw the government, historical, and tourist sites, all in one trip," commented Evan.

He said he learned a lot about cooperatives and how government works. He also said that going on a trip where you did not know any of the other kids definitely helped build his confidence. He made friends with other students from Minnesota and across the U.S. After the tour, he and other students have kept up with each other on social media.

Evan's message to other area youth is to encourage them to apply for the Washington D.C. Youth Tour trip. "It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that you would not get to experience if you went to D.C. by yourself," said Evan.

## Winner Malli Ryberg is awarded \$1,000 college scholarship in lieu of Washington D.C. trip



**T**his year's Washington D.C. Youth Tour contest winner was Malli Ryberg of Buffalo Lake. She is a senior at BOLD High School. She is the daughter of Co-op members Brian & Sandy Ryberg.

After being selected as the winning applicant, NRECA had to cancel this year's youth tour due to COVID-19 issues. So, the Cooperative will be awarding a \$1,000 college scholarship to Malli instead. She plans to attend Minnesota State in Mankato to study graphic design.

**This event has not been cancelled yet. It will be dependent upon the status of the virus and CDC recommendations for large events in June.**

# BASEBALL CLINIC

**FREE**

## Arlington, MN

### Saturday June 6, 2020

*Arlington Baseball Field*

Open to Boys and Girls  
 6-9 year olds: 10:00 AM  
 10-13 year olds: 11:30 AM

Register at [www.playballmn.com](http://www.playballmn.com)  
 Equipment is provided  
 Kids should bring a glove

*Clinic will be moved to Sibley East High School if inclement weather*

Hosted by McLeod Cooperative Power Association and Arlington Baseball Association

**If you see our employees working in your area, wave, but please keep your distance. We want to keep our crews and our community healthy and safe. Please call the office if you need to speak to someone from the Co-op. Thank you for cooperating.**



## Member Photo Contest



Submit your best scenic photo by August 1 to [dehrke@mcleodcoop.com](mailto:dehrke@mcleodcoop.com). Contest rules and details are on the Co-op's website [www.mcleodcoop.com/photo-contest-for-2021-calendars-now-open/](http://www.mcleodcoop.com/photo-contest-for-2021-calendars-now-open/)



# The Emergency LED Bulb stays lit even during an outage

Never be left in the dark again! Emergency LED bulbs automatically light up during a power outage.

An LED Emergency Bulb works like an energy-saving bulb during regular use and switches to emergency light during a power outage, running on a lithium-ion battery. Thanks to a smart-charging feature, the light bulb can automatically refill its battery when the switch is ON.



The LED Emergency Bulb provides the same soft white light as a 60-Watt LED light bulb (800 lumens). Its lifespan of 25,000 hours equals 2.85 years of accumulated use. Once the power goes out, the bulb switches to battery mode and will operate for six hours. Once the power returns, the bulb recharges automatically.

### Other features include:

- Use like a regular LED bulb. Simply, insert the bulb into a suitable single socket like a regular LED bulb.
- The bulb can even be removed and carried around the house for light. Hang it from a hook (included) or activate the bulb by hand.

The Emergency LED Bulb is a safer alternative to candles during emergencies. It is more flexible than a traditional flashlight. Keep the bulb in your lamp or take it with you to hang in a place with no electrical outlets. Whenever the switch is ON, the Emergency LED Bulb uses the electricity to produce light and charge its battery back-up. It stops charging when the switch is OFF or the battery is fully charged.

The Emergency LED Bulb cannot be used in multi-light fixtures, ceiling fans, or dimmable switches. It costs approximately \$65 and can be purchased in a variety of stores and online.

## New Minnesota technical standards for distributed energy resources to take effect July 1

In Compliance with Minnesota Statute 216B.1611, McLeod Cooperative Power is updating the technical requirements for distributed energy resource interconnections. The existing technical requirement document will be replaced with the Technical Interconnection and Interoperability Requirements (TIIR) and Technical Specification Manual (TSM). These new documents can be found after June 1, 2020, on McLeod Co-op Power's website access to its NOVA Power Portal at [www.mcleodcoop.com/services/renewable-energy/](http://www.mcleodcoop.com/services/renewable-energy/) page. These requirements become effective July 1, 2020 and all new DER systems and DER system additions applied for interconnection after July 1, 2020 will be required to meet these updated requirements.

## The challenges of power outage restoration

Knowing how to build and repair electric lines out of a bucket is ordinary work for our linemen. However, occasionally they are presented with greater challenges to just get to the electric line to make repairs. Lineman skills can sometimes include navigating safely through water and climbing a pole to do powerline work.

On April 4, a car struck two poles in Boon Lake Township in Renville County. The car broke off both poles at the ground line, causing a power outage for 35 electric members in that area.

One of the linemen needed to kayak to the nearest pole and then climb up the pole. He had to cut in an isolator to be able to back-feed the line to get consumer's power back on until repairs could be made and poles replaced.

The Co-op would like to thank our member who borrowed their kayak to the crew.



# 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below.  
Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



# Recalling some highlights of the past three decades

By: Sue Pawelk

McLeod Co-op Power launched a newsletter in November of 1940 to keep its members informed of progress. Our Co-op has published a newsletter to members every month since. It is the official communication with members.

This May issue of the MCPA News is the 322nd monthly newsletter I have had the privilege to write and publish for the Co-op. It has been one of my favorite job duties, as I enjoyed meeting and interviewing members, and writing articles I thought that the membership would enjoy. As I retire after almost 27 years at MCPA, I was asked to recap some of the memorable events during those years.

There were the unusual events in the 1990s that stick in my mind, such as the letter we received from a member (instead of a phone call) to report that their power was out. It is hard for us in today's technology age to remember people not having a telephone or a cell phone.

There was also the afternoon that one of our front office employees received a telephone call from a member saying that they saw a stowaway in one of our bucket trucks. Could this be a joke? She radioed out and asked the linemen if there was a goat in their bucket truck. They turned around and two beady eyes were staring back at them through the window. Apparently, while the linemen were not looking, the goat jumped in, travelled with them many miles down the road, and enjoyed the ride so much that when they got it back home, it refused to get off. It had to be coaxed off with treats.

## MCPA has had a rich history over the past 84 years. Some of the milestones that I recall from the past few decades include:

**1992** — DirecTV was a fledgling corporation in need of financial partners to help fund the launch of its first satellite into space. Rural electric co-ops had the capital, customer base, and marketing infrastructure to promote TV over a small dish. This was a new innovation. The only pay-TV in the rural area was off of huge 10-16 ft. satellite dishes. The Co-op bought the franchise rights for all of McLeod, Sibley, and Renville Counties and the western half of Carver County for \$415,000. Never did we guess that satellite TV would grow into such a huge industry, DirecTV into such a giant of a company, or how this would impact McLeod Co-op Power.

Two satellites launched in 1994. Co-op members lined up to plop down their \$699-\$899 to get on the waiting list to reserve their equipment. The first MCPA members had service in August of 1994. Back then programming packages had 17 channels for \$16.95 per month or 38 channels for \$29.95 per month.

The DirecTV years were busy with exhibiting annually at four county fair booths from 1993-2004. In the 1990s DirecTV was the only provider of any small dish TV service. It was something new and wonderful that everyone came to the fair booth to see. Offering the service required four additional employees, as our subscriber base quickly grew to over 5,000 customers.

In 2004, DirecTV purchased back the exclusive programming rights for \$7 million. This was a good payback on the Co-op's initial investment. The sale helped keep rates stable at a time when wholesale energy rates were climbing. It was also used for our first meter reading system (the

Turtle), WildBlue internet service, financing electric system construction, and establishing an economic development revolving loan fund.

**1995** — Computer upgrade from dumb terminals to personal computers. Members could now receive one bill, not two, if they had a load management meter. Members still read their own meters until 2004-2006 when the Co-op transitioned to Turtle AMR. (No one complains about not having to send in that meter reading, as getting that reading was sometimes a challenge).

**1997** — Winsted on the Lake was the Co-op's first large housing development.

**1999** — MCPA was a founding partner in Heartland Security Services.

**1999** — Great River Energy formed through the merger of Cooperative Power and United Power Association.

Through the 1990s participation in Coal Creek Tours was a highlight for members. It was enjoyable taking a bus full of members to tour the coal mine, power plant, DC line, and other North Dakota sites.

**2000** — The electric grid and our systems survived Y2K with no glitches.

**2000** — MCPA began providing contract services to the City of Arlington for line maintenance.

**2001** — Lake Allie ESSD wastewater system was constructed. MCPA assists with billing.

**2003** — MCPA launched its website.

**2004** — Operation RoundUp Program started.

**2005** — Ecomonic Development Loan Fund established. First loan to Buffalo Lake EDA to rebuild grocery store and bakery after tornado.

**2007 - 2020** — Co-op has had steady interconnection of member-owned wind or solar installations. A variety of renewable energy sources added by our power supplier and made available to members.

**2015** — Community Solar Array was built and commissioned.

**2016** — AMI Metering deployment completed.

**2017** — MCPA launches Facebook page and automatic generator sales/installations.

**2019** — Electric vehicle Ride & Drive Event at Crow River Winery.

**2019-2020** — Construction of all-in-one-site garage/warehouse/office.

**2020** — Bylaw revision proposed. COVID-19 pandemic causes postponement of annual meeting and employees to work remotely.

Our primary focus at MCPA is reliable and affordable delivery of electricity. Our employees do that automatically every day. Some of the "extra" services on the list are ways MCPA supports the community and improves the quality of life for our electric members.

## SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS — April 28, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of McLeod Cooperative Power Association was held via teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All nine board members were participants, as well as the attorney and senior management.

### Highlights of the meeting included:

New facility construction is proceeding quickly. Construction is on-schedule.

The mailing of ballots for the proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws had to be deferred until May 26 due to postponement of the Annual Meeting until June 16. There was a necessary addition to the bylaws related to the expiration of a director's

term of office. The original resolution for the Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws passed in December 2019 was rescinded and a new resolution approving it with the language addition was approved.

A marketing strategy presented by Fahey Sales Auctioneers and Appraisers was approved to list for sale the existing Cooperative headquarters building at 1231 Ford Avenue and the bare lot on the northeast corner of 12th Street and Ford Avenue in Glencoe.

The annual Audit Report was presented to the board via teleconference by the accounting firm of Eide Bailly LLP for financial statements as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

General Manager Buckley reported on COVID-19 measures implemented. Most employees continue to work from home as much as possible per the Governor's Executive Order. Crews continue to be dispatched from home utilizing two vehicles to respond to outages, new services, and service orders. Engineering employees are performing field work as necessary by using appropriate PPE and social distancing. The office remains closed to walk-in traffic. The staff is in the process of developing a COVID-19 preparedness plan as employees begin to return to the workplace.

The Board approved the sale of the 2014 Ford Edge to the General Manager upon her retirement for the proposed purchase price of \$8,787.



MCPA News Ads —

For Sale Miscellaneous

- Steel roofing various lengths up to 18ft. 320-583-5395
- 353 Detroit motor & radiator. 320-582-1534
- Butcher pigs sold by whole/halves, custom processing/private. 320-583-2523
- 8 in cement tile. 320-587-4437
- Rolls woven wire. 320-587-4437
- 2003 GMC Envoy, 4200 motor for parts/repair, 247,800 miles. 320-522-2167
- New Anderson fixed windows, tan. \$40/each. 320-510-0404
- White steel siding 2 1/2 sq. \$399/bo. 320-510-0404
- Green vinyl siding (1 box). \$50/bo. 320-510-0404
- One rebuilt 10hp 1ph, two used 5hp 3ph. 320-979-6313
- Cleaned old Chicago style brick. 8¢/each/obo. 320-864-6523
- 16 in patio blocks, red brick color. 320-864-3274
- 2 bags insulation R11-50 sq ft, 3 1/2 X 15 1/4 40 ft. \$5/each. 320-864-6511
- Martin house, excellent condition. BO. 320-864-3282
- 8 metal shelving units 3ft X 1ft X 6ft. \$10/each. 320-420-2649
- OSB panels 32in X 32in X 7/16in. \$1/each. 952-353-2351
- 55-gallon steel drums w/removeable lids. \$15/each. 952-353-2351
- 1616H AGCO lawnmower/weights/chains/snowblower. \$500/bo. 320-583-3023

For Sale Farm

- Feed storage tank 260 bu. 320-583-5395
- 4 section spring tine drag w/fold up evener. 320-583-3364
- Durabilt HD round bale feeder. Excellent shape. \$150/obo. 507-381-8280
- Round bale corn stalks. 320-582-1534
- 4 in Air Systems grain dryer to bin. 320-582-1534
- 12ft field cultivator with wings w/2 bar mulcher. 320-583-3364
- JD Model 60 tractor. Runs good. \$1,975. 320-328-4404
- Oster clip master cow clipper. Like new in case. 320-587-6863
- Three front-end self-unloading wagons for silage/haylage. 320-587-6863
- Two walk-behind antique horse plows. 507-326-7721

Wanted

- Used metal straight T-post. 320-779-7384
- Unwanted riding lawn mowers. Free pick-up. 320-587-9207

Giveaway

- Queen hide-a-bed, you move, ideal for cabin/basement. 320-583-0471
- Firewood, you cut & haul. Not responsible for accidents. 320-864-6511
- 18.4 X 38 tractor tires. 320-583-2747

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New building progress continues



Even though a lot of industries have been shut down due to COVID-19, building construction was not one of those jobs that was idled. Contractors have continued work on the Co-op's new facility over the past few months.

As of mid-April, finish work on the interior of the building is almost completed. Walls have been painted and yellow safety paint has been applied to appropriate areas in the warehouse/garage. The concrete has been polished and cabinets installed. Outside work, such as the parking lot, may be getting done by the time you read this newsletter if conditions have remained dry.



Meet the people behind your power

We do our best to fix problems before they ever cause an outage through tree trimming and equipment maintenance. I have been privileged to work for the members of McLeod Co-op Power for several decades, keeping homes lit and farms operating.

**Dan Schade**  
Operations & Engineering Manager  
Little League football and baseball coach  
Church/community volunteer  
Retired as Glencoe Fire Dept. after 24 years

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# Special manufacturer rebates to upgrade your Electro Industries boiler or plenum heater



Electro Industries’ boilers and plenum heaters have been heating homes across the Co-op’s service area for over 40 years. If you have an Electro-Mate or Electro-Boiler in your home now, you know the comfort and reliability that this Minnesota-made equipment provides.

Electro Industries is offering existing owners of their boiler and plenum heater products the chance to upgrade and modernize their equipment and get a manufacturer’s rebate for doing it. Rebates of \$50-\$200 are available

when you upgrade to the latest Electro Industries technology or replace their current boiler with a 200% efficient Nor-Aire Heat Pump Boiler.

Contact McLeod Co-op Power Energy Management Specialists at 1-800-494-6272 for a list of rebates available and details on the latest boilers, heat pump boilers, mini-boilers, and plenum heaters from Electro Industries.



# Marathon – Hot Water For Life.



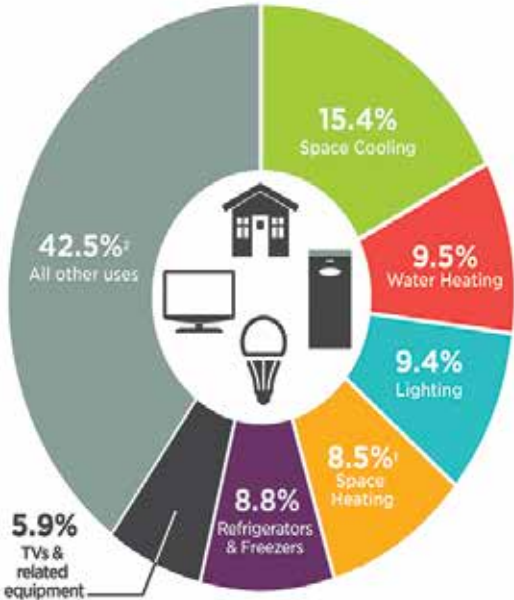
For many people the demands of work and family leave little time for leisure. With busy lives, who has time to deal with a water heater that needs frequent attention and replacement? Today, when people look for reliability and durability—they choose Marathon water heaters.



# How Americans Use Electricity

New data shows that 42.5% of electricity consumption in American homes comes from the combined use of appliances and equipment like clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, computers and related equipment.

Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2017.  
 \*Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps. \*Includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, computers and related equipment, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.



# Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

For safety, plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines



Please do NOT plant trees beneath power lines or within the distance range shown on the diagram. This is critical to help the Co-op contain future tree trimming costs.

The MCPA office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



Electric outage calls are answered 24 hours a day at 1-800-927-5685.





## Helping you to pay your electric bill

**M**cLeod Coop Power has temporarily suspended service disconnections, late payment fees, and credit card convenience fees to support our members during the COVID-19 pandemic. **These disconnect suspensions are not bill waivers. Members are still responsible for their bills as they would be under Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule. Members need to contact the Co-op to set-up a reasonable payment plan.** The payment plan can be designed based on the financial circumstances of the customer and the hardships caused by the pandemic. Setting up and following a payment plan will extend you the same protections under Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule. If you cannot make full payment, you are asked to call our office at 320-864-3148 to make the minimum payment and establish a payment plan.

**Members that have lost their jobs or a portion of their income due to the pandemic are encouraged to apply for financial help with their electricity bills through Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program**, as well as filing for unemployment benefits. The deadline for applying for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program has been extended to July 1st. Income eligibility has been changed. Eligibility is now based on the most recent full calendar month of income, making assistance available to a lot more households. The amount of assistance available per consumer has also been increased. Please call your county Community Action Program (CAP) agency to determine if you qualify for help to pay your electric bill. Visit our website for a listing of CAP agencies in our service territory at <https://www.mcleodcoop.com/services/energy-assistance/>

Taking these simple steps will keep your account out of delinquent status and help avoid a large multi-month balance when the pandemic is over.

### Resources are available for small businesses also

A variety of resources are available to small businesses through Minnesota's Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) office. These materials are available at <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/employers>

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz issued Small Business Assistance Executive Order 20-15 on March 23, allowing the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to create an emergency loan program to help Minnesota small business owners with immediate assistance to meet their families basic needs during COVID-19 closures. The minimum loan amount is \$2,500 with a maximum of \$35,000.

DEED has also implemented the Minnesota Small Business Loan Guarantee Program to support banks and other lenders extending capital to small businesses in Minnesota with less than 250

employees that have been affected by COVID-19. The program will provide an 80% guarantee — up to a maximum of \$200,000 — for machinery or equipment purchases, maintenance, or repair; expenses related to moving into or within Minnesota; and working capital when the working capital is secured by fixed assets.

The US Department of Agriculture has a complete list of resources available for farmers and ag industries at [www.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usda.gov/coronavirus)

ENERGY WISE MN

Visit [energywisemn.com/promotions](http://energywisemn.com/promotions) to learn more and complete a quiz for your chance to win a \$500 energy credit!

**WHETHER TEMPS RISE OR FALL, YOUR ENERGY BILL WILL STAY COOL.**

Take advantage of these hot promo rebates when you install a qualifying, energy-saving air source heat pump!

Air Source Heat Pump	Promo Rebate
≥ 8.2 HSPF	\$1,000
≥ 9.0 HSPF	\$2,000

Air source heat pumps provide **home cooling and supplemental heating**, using **72% less electricity** than conventional air conditioners and furnaces.

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.

**Rebate good April 1 through June 30, 2020**

## Why a rebate based on HSPF?

**T**he Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) rates a system's heating efficiency, making it the cool climate equivalent of Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER). If your property is located in a colder climate you should be shopping for a system with a higher HSPF.

To receive an ENERGY STAR label, an air source heat pump must have a SEER above 15 and a HSPF above 8.2 for single packaged systems, and 8.5 for split systems. Extra large rebates are being offered until June 30 for the installation of qualified heat pumps with the higher HSPF ratings shown above.

