

A newsletter from Arrowhead Cooperative

The High Line

By Line

July 2018, vol. 23



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Arrowhead Cooperative's 65th Annual Meeting

Over 160 members and guests joined us last month for Arrowhead Cooperative's 65th Annual Meeting. After a hearty breakfast prepared by the Cook County Vikings Softball team, we gathered in the Arrowhead Center for the Arts for the meeting.

Our guest speaker this year was Jon Brekke, Vice President & Chief Power Supply Officer at Great River Energy (GRE). Just days before Arrowhead Cooperative's Annual Meeting, GRE had their own annual meeting and made a major announcement. GRE committed to the goal of achieving 50% renewable energy by 2030. Jon Brekke explained GRE's decision to set this voluntary goal, ahead of any regulation requirements. Member cooperatives like Arrowhead have pushed for GRE to expand their renewable energy portfolio. Wind energy is GRE's lowest-cost new generation resource. In 2020 they will complete construction of a 300-megawatt wind farm and achieve 30% renewable energy generation.

After the updates from GRE, Arrowhead Cooperative's management team gave their reports and took questions from the members.

Before wrapping up the meeting, Board President Scott Harrison announced the results of the director elections:

- District 2 (Maple Hill/Colvill): Bob Nesheim
- District 4 (Rosebush/Devil Track): Mike Littfin
- District 5 (Cascade/Pike Lake): Stan Tull

After the meeting ended member names were drawn for door prizes.

THANK YOU

To all the local businesses that provided donations for the door prizes!

- Betsy Bowen Studio
- Clearview General Store
- COMO Oil & Propane
- Cook County Whole Foods Co-op
- Great Gifts, Lutsen
- Hedstrom Lumber
- North House Folk School
- North Shore Music Association
- North Shore Winery & Sawtooth
- Mountain Cider House
- Superior National Golf at Lutsen
- Tall Tale Yarn Shop
- Wild Country Maple Syrup
- WTIP

2018 Operation Round Up Grants Awarded

The Arrowhead Cooperative Operation Round Up Board met on Thursday, June 14th to award funds to the 2018 grant applicants.

There are so many wonderful things going on across the county! After careful consideration, the Board voted to award funds to nine projects for a total distribution of \$24,745.88 of members' donations.

- Birch Grove Community School received \$3,119.88 for the purchase of computer tablets for student use.
- Clay Club at ISD 166 received \$1,250.00 for supplies and snacks for students participating in the program.
- Cook County Community YMCA received \$2,000.00 for materials for the new Generations Room.
- Cooperation Station received \$2,696.00 for the Nature Play Program.

- Grand Marais Art Colony received \$1,700.00 for materials for their Community Art Access program.
- Good Harbor Hill Players received \$2,000.00 for the Summer Solstice Pageant.
- Safe Routes to School received \$1,980.00 for the Bike Safety Rodeo.
- Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association received \$5,000.00 for new interpretive signs at Sugarloaf Cove.
- Superior Cycling Association received \$5,000.00 for bike trail bridges.



Sign up today for the 2018 Coal Creek Tour!

The 2018 Coal Creek Tour is September 25-28. The cost of this tour is \$425 per couple or \$375 per single. The fee includes:

- 3 nights at Souris Valley Suites in Minot, North Dakota
- Tour of Coal Creek Station & Falkirk Mine
- Admission to Norsk Hostfest
- Tickets to see Tanya Tucker live
- Meals (lunch 3 days)

The trip is fun, educational, and entertaining. If you are interested, call Sandy Petty at the Arrowhead office at 218-663-7239 for more information.

The registration deadline is July 20, 2018. Please make check payable to Arrowhead Cooperative. The tour bus leaves from the Cooperative Light and Power office in Two Harbors at 7:00 am Tuesday, September 25th and returns to Two Harbors at approximately 6:00 pm on Friday, September 28th.



continued . . . *2018 Operation Round Up* *Grants Awarded*

When Arrowhead Cooperative members participate in Operation Round Up automatically round up their monthly electric bill and put that money in a fund that provides grants to nonprofit organizations in our community.

If your electric bill is \$74.63, we can round it up to \$75.00 and invest the additional 37¢ in the Operation Round-Up Trust.

The average annual contribution is \$6.00 and the most a member could contribute in a year is just \$11.88.

Since May 2003 Operation Round Up has awarded 263 grants for \$322,831.00.

Thank you to the many Arrowhead Cooperative members who contribute to this program!

Sign up today!

Join fellow Arrowhead Cooperative & CLP Members as we travel to North Dakota for the Annual Coal Creek Power Plant Tour.

Tour dates: September 25 - 28, 2018
Tour costs: \$425 double or \$375 single

Tour includes: transportation in a modern coach bus, three nights at the Souris Valley Suites, tickets to the Norsk Høstfest and Tanya Tucker live in concert, a full-day tour of Coal Creek Station and Falkirk Mine, and three lunches.

Registration deadline is July 20, 2018.
Preference given to first time travelers.

First & Last Name (traveler one)

Daytime & Mobile Phone (traveler one)

Emergency Contact (traveler one)

First & Last Name (traveler two)

Daytime & Mobile Phone (traveler two)

Emergency Contact (traveler two)

Amount Paid: \$425 375

Know What's Below: Call 811 Before You Dig

Homeowners need to remember that every digging job first requires a call to 811 at least two business days before digging to get utility lines marked -even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. We have a short season for getting outdoor work done on the north shore and we would all like to get our projects underway as quickly as possible. But speed is never worth a safety risk. Take the time to call and have underground utilities located so that you can safely dig.



Minnesota established Gopher State One Call (GSOC) in 1988 as a non-profit organization to provide a state-wide call center for individuals and professional excavators. For thirty years GSOC has coordinated locate services to excavators free of charge. Minnesota State law requires everyone from homeowners to professional excavators to contact Gopher State One Call (GSOC) before starting any excavating project if you are using machine-powered equipment of any kind. You may be simply installing a new mail box or planting a tree, whatever the project may be, contact GSOC before getting started.

The Process for Safe Excavation

1. File a locate request.
Call 811 or 800-252-1166, or use the GSOC App on your mobile phone, or go online to gopherstateonecall.org.
Submit your request at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before your planned start. You'll need specific information about the work site and surrounding area.
2. GSOC processes the information and uses specialized mapping software to detect possible conflicts with underground utilities. GSOC then contacts each underground facility operator in the excavation area (like Arrowhead Cooperative).
3. The underground facility operators dispatch locators to the site to locate and mark the horizontal location of underground facilities with color-coded flags and paint.
4. Confirm that all the facility operators have done their locating by checking your ticket online.
5. Remember to always hand dig within the tolerance zone of underground facilities.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, July 4
Friday, July 20
Thursday, July 26

Independence Day; office closed
Electric & Broadband bills due
Board of Directors Meeting



Welcome Lacey Kimball

Welcome to Arrowhead Cooperative's new Load Management Electrician, Lacey Kimball. Lacey is a long-time resident of Cook County and has worked as an electrician in our area for a number of years.



Lacey brings a vast knowledge of off-peak heating systems, energy efficiency, and demand management systems. Lacey will be focused on managing Arrowhead's load management system, maintaining our radio receiver fleet, helping members with energy efficiency, and working with members on our off-peak heating programs. When not helping Arrowhead members you can find Lacey spending time with family and friends, enjoying motorsports and the outdoor splendors of Cook County!

Right-Of-Way

Rights-of-way clearing has paused while our contractors complete their assessments. We anticipate clearing will resume in July. Our contractor will continue contacting members from the Gunflint Lake area down through the mid-trail area to discuss ROW maintenance on their property. Keep in mind, clearing and hazard tree removal can happen at any time, in any area as needed.

What can you do to help?

- Please be sure the right of way is clear of personal items to ensure the mowers and equipment can pass through with ease.
- Brushing and/or mowing your private right-of-way from the meter to your home, following your electric or fiber line, would be extremely helpful. The suggested width is 10 feet for both overhead and underground services.

Please mark survey pins, sprinkler systems, septic systems, well heads, wire or fencing with a five foot permanent reflective marker post within the right-of-way, and remove any personal items that may be damaged by flying debris. Arrowhead Cooperative will not accept liability for damage of these items if not notified. If you do not live at your service address, please call the office to inform us of known obstacles in your right-of-way.

Arrowhead Cooperative encourages members to contact the office with any questions or concerns regarding Right-of-Way clearing.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Look for LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

Source: energy.gov



Arrowhead Cooperative True North Broadband

Post Office Box 39
5401 West Hwy. 61
Lutsen, Minnesota 55612-0039
Phone 218-663-7239
Toll Free 1-800-864-3744
Fax 218-663-7850

www.arrowhead.coop
www.truenorthbroadband.com

Interim General Manager: Jenny Kartes
Board President: Scott Harrison
Newsletter Editor: Sara McManus and Yusef Orest
Cooperative Board Meeting last Thursday of each month @ 9:00 a.m. with the exception of November and December due to the holidays.

