

## Meeting Highlights

### MARCH 2025

Crow Wing Power's Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday,

March 27, 2025. A quorum of directors was present.

President Mark Ronnei opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
- COO Report
- CFO Report

Directors reported on meetings they attended on behalf of the Cooperative.

The following actions were taken:

Approved March Consent Agenda.

Approved Minutes of February 20, 2025, regular board meeting.

Approved new real estate advisor for Market Analysis of the Xcel building.

Approved Resolution for proposed Bylaw revisions for Ballots.

Appointed New CEO

Approved Account Authorization Changes.

Approved Director Expense Reports for February 2025.

Members can review detailed minutes by logging into their SmartHub account. Log in is located on the homepage of our website.

## Coffee with the Coop

We're bringing "Coffee with the Co-op" to you—our valued members! This is your opportunity to connect with our new CEO, Tim Thompson.

Check the schedule to see where we'll be from 7:30-9:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Join Us!



5/6 - Pine River

5/13 - Crosslake

5/8 - Emily

5/16 - Pierz

From 7:30am-9am each morning

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[cwpower.com/events](http://cwpower.com/events)

## 2025 ELECTION VOTING

Ballots for the Director elections will be mailed in May to all members. The voting process will conclude on the morning of our Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for June 14, 2025, at Brainerd Curling Club, where the elected directors will be announced.

Crow Wing Power retains the services of Survey and Ballot Systems, an independent contractor, to conduct the election in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

Voting Opens May 16, 2025.

Visit:

[cwpower.com/director-elections](http://cwpower.com/director-elections) for candidate bio information and proposed restated bylaws.

### How To Vote:

#### Online

• **QR Code:** From a mobile device, scan the QR code printed on the detachable stub of the enclosed yellow return envelope marked for "Official Ballot Use Only" and it will take you to your personal ballot page.

• **SmartHub:** Vote in the app or online.

App: Open your SmartHub app, login and click the "Vote Now" button.

Desktop: Login to your SmartHub account and click the "Vote Now" button.

#### Mail

To be counted, mailed ballots must be sealed in the "Secrecy Envelope" and inserted into the final "Official Ballot Use Only" return envelope. Ballots must be received at the post office box designated on the yellow return envelope prior to 10:00 a.m., June 14, 2025. Read and follow directions carefully. Two official envelopes are enclosed: a white "Ballot Secrecy Envelope" and a yellow Business Reply Envelope marked "Official Ballot Use".

# RSVP the Annual Business Meeting

Mark your calendar and join us for Crow Wing Power's 2025 Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 14, at the Brainerd Lakes Curling Club.

Enjoy a light meal and connect with fellow members. Check-in will be at 8:30 a.m., before we begin the official business meeting at 10 a.m. The meeting will include important updates, election results, and presentations about your Cooperative.

This year, we're excited to partner with the Arbor Day Foundation to offer free energy-saving trees—available on a first-come, first-served

basis with limited quantity.

Our staff will help members determine the best planting locations to maximize energy efficiency and ensure safety. Plus, don't miss your chance to win great prizes. We'll have drawings for bill credits, solar lights, and battery-powered lawn tools.

To help us plan for meals and seating, please RSVP by June 2, 2025, at [cwpower.com](http://cwpower.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## LARJP Receives the 2025 Impact Grant

We're proud to announce that the Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project (LARJP) has been awarded the 2025 Crow Wing Power Community Trust Impact Grant—a \$20,000 boost that will help expand restorative services for youth right here in our community.

This year's two other Impact Grant finalists, Lakes Area Pregnancy Support and Interfaith Caregivers, each received \$5,000 to support their vital community efforts.

Additionally, the Crow Wing Power Community Trust Board awarded \$38,000 to 24 other nonprofit organizations in the cooperative's service territory through regular quarterly grant funding.

We'd like to thank the more than 86% of Crow Wing Power members who make Operation Round-Up® possible by rounding up their electric bills each month. Your spare change is truly making a difference. Read the entire article at [cwpower.com/blog](http://cwpower.com/blog)

## MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Unfortunately, electrical hazards often go unaddressed until it is too late.

Safe Electricity has the following tips to help you find and correct hazards that may be lurking around the home:



Never use an indoor extension cord for outdoor use. Use an extension cord specifically for outdoors; they are heavier and less likely to be damaged.



Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools, like ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning poles. Lower your long equipment when moving it. Carry ladders and other long items horizontally.



Do not plug a generator into the wall to avoid back feed. Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect appliances to the outlets on the generator.



Remember, always call 811 before you start any digging project!

