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**Commitment
to Community**

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Across the Manager's Desk

The holiday season is upon the Spirys and, of course, I hope to spend some time with my family and particularly our six grandchildren. I have three grandsons and three granddaughters who are all very special. As grandparents, we have the responsibility to spoil them as much as we can during the holidays and then send them home for their parents to straighten them out.

Most of you have heard of the Polar



ROGER SPIRY
General Manager

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Bear Plunge. Well at our home we annually have the Polar Bear Walk as a New Year's tradition. About midnight the entire family takes their shoes and socks off and runs one time around the house. The youngest grandchildren only need to walk from the house to the garage, but it is cold, you got that right! Trust me when I tell you the grandchildren look forward to this every year and they tell the story. What a great time of the year to spend with family and friends and develop some additional memories.

The end of the year provides an ideal time to talk about the rock-solid strengths of your cooperative, one of which is the strength of our employees. Every year we face challenges of some kind, and every

On the cover: *Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC president Shirley Deno accepts a plaque designating the group's selection as winner of the Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community award. Also pictured are Blackduck High School juniors Natalie Petersen-Menefee (left) and Nicole Delaney, who helped coordinate literacy efforts through reading programs at Blackduck Elementary School. See the full story on page 4.*

year the employees step up to any and all occasions and accomplish an extraordinarily high caliber of work. Their dedication brings value to this cooperative and your operation. BEC's turnover of employees is almost nonexistent. BEC's and my basic philosophy is to hire great folks, educate and train them for the jobs they do, expect attendance on time every day, and most importantly, keep them on board. Every employee has expectations of his or her employer and

the employer has expectations of them – and it works.

The cooperative puts an all-out effort into the equipment and hardware with which our employees work. It is of the highest quality and is

properly maintained to ensure safe and efficient work practices of the employees.

Financially, BEC is very strong and is viewed as a front-runner in ideas and technology for the area. Our strategies are really quite simple; find out where we can improve the electrical service that you need and put the resources in place to meet that need, while always attempting to put our members and their equity in the co-op first.

The diversification projects in which BEC is involved have done quite well for us financially, while at the same time providing a much needed service to our cooperative and the area. Cooperative Development LLC, a partnership with Paul Bunyan Telephone, owns the Technology Park adjacent to BEC's headquarters, is in the underground cable locating business, and installs underground cable for PBTC and BEC. Your cooperative is also a partner in Northern Safety & Security, a successful residential and commercial security business

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

Preventing ice dams



Anyone who has lived in a snowy climate has seen ice dams. They are thick bands of ice formed along the eaves of homes, causing millions of dollars in structural damage every year. Water-stained ceilings, dislodged roof shingles, sagging gutters, peeling paint and damaged plaster are familiar results of ice dams.

Ice dams need three things to form: snow, heat to melt the snow, and cold to refreeze the melted snow into solid ice. As little as one or two inches of snow accumulation on a roof can cause ice dams to form. Snow on the upper part of the roof melts, runs down the roof under the blanket of snow to the roof's edge and refreezes into a dam of ice. As more snowmelt runs down the roof, it pools against the ice dam, eventually backs up under the shingles and leaks into the structure.

The reason ice dams form along the roof's edge is straightforward. Heat leaking from living space below melts the snow, which trickles down to the colder edge of the roof (above the eaves) and refreezes. For every inch of snow that accumulates on the roof, it insulates the roof a little more trapping more heat from the living space in. This further heats the roof deck, continuing the problem.

Some prevent this by blocking the flow of melting snow into a house by installing a rubber membrane on the roof under the roof shingles. Other preventive measures are to seal all air leaks leading to the attic from the house, increase the thickness of insulation on the attic floor and install a continuous soffit and ridge vent system. The soffit-to-ridge ventilation system is the most effective ventilation scheme for cooling the roof. A conductive flow of air through the ridge vent and the soffit creates a continuous flow of cold air.

For areas with snowy winters, consider steeply pitched metal roofs. They are slippery enough to shed snow before it causes an ice problem. However, metal roofs are expensive and they are no substitute for adequate levels of insulation.

Placing electric heat tape in a zigzag arrangement on the shingles above the edge of the roof is a poor solution. The considerable amount of electricity it takes to prevent ice formation is expensive, and the heating must be done in anticipation of ice dam conditions, not afterwards. Over time, heat tape embrittles shingles, creating a fire risk. It's expensive to install and water can leak through the cable fasteners. Often the cables create ice dams just above them.

Source: Home Energy

Across the Manager's Desk *(Continued from page 2)*

based out of BEC's headquarters facility. BEC also leases office space on the second floor of our headquarters, which has helped the cooperative and its occupants. Hopefully this area will expand to other interested parties in 2005.

At the last board meeting a great deal of time was spent on BEC's 2005 budget and work plan. Each of the department managers gave a report on their specific areas of work. The departments again accomplished a lot this past year and made their recommendations for the next

year. The organizational chart, additional personnel needs and general plant purchases for 2005 were thoroughly reviewed and approved.

At the December board meeting the board reviewed the preliminary budget for 2005 along with the 2005-06 construction work plan. The construction work plan is our best projection of the new services, system improvements, plant replacements and special equipment requirements for BEC over the next two years.

Again, my congratulations to the

Blackduck Tri Sigma General Federated Women's Club on being selected for the first Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award. Well done!

And finally I would like to express my best wishes to each of you in 2005. It is my hope that you all make your greatest dreams come true with dedicated effort. As you look at the past year, just raise the bar a bit and go for it. Remember, a goal not set is a goal that is not there to reach.

Best wishes and until next month.



Touchstone Energy®

Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC wins local Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award

Beltrami Electric has named the Blackduck Tri Sigma General Federated Women's Club as the winner of its 2004 Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award. The recognition comes with a \$250 cash prize donated to a charity of choice and an engraved Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award plaque signifying Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC's commitment to community. The group selected the Blackduck Community Library as its charity of choice.

"Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC clearly demonstrates a strong commitment to community that we at Beltrami Electric value highly," said co-op spokesperson Jared Echternach. "We are very pleased to recognize this group's contributions to our local community."

Each year, Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC members identify unique projects designed to reach out to the community. This year's effort targeted literacy and included an outreach effort to increase literacy through the creation of reading opportunities in the community and abroad. The year-long effort included a fundraising drive for the Blackduck Community Library, reading programs at the Blackduck School, promotion of National Library Week, and a coordinated effort to send books to U.S. troops, and school bags and school supplies to children and teachers in Iraq.

Beltrami Electric sought candidates for the Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award, which recognizes individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to the local community. "This area is blessed with many individuals, groups and corporate citizens that are willing to donate time and effort to better our community," added Echternach. "We are pleased that as a Minnesota Touchstone Energy cooperative, we have this opportunity to recognize those who impact our community in a positive way."

Blackduck Community librarian Nance Kunkel nominated Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC for the award and praised the group for its longstanding community involvement. "These ladies do a great job for the library, even when we are not their special project," said Kunkel. "It's nice for the library to know we can count on the Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC."

Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC's history of community involvement can be traced back to



Beltrami Electric board president Jack Swenson presents Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC president Shirley Deno with a \$250 check in recognition of the group's selection as the recipient of the Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award. Also pictured, standing from left, are Blackduck Community librarian Nance Kunkel and Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC Community Improvement Program chairperson Jackie Barclay.

Minnkota Power, Otter Tail Power to host contractor programs

Minnkota Power Cooperative and Otter Tail Power will co-sponsor a series of professional contractor programs in 2005. This marks the 17th year of this successful program aimed at providing area trade allies with information on best practices in the heating/cooling, building and electrical trades.



Electrical Track

Date	Location	CEU
Feb. 1-2	Doublewood Inn, Fargo, N.D.	16 for N.D., Minn. and S.D. Electricians
Feb. 9	Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, N.D.	8 for N.D., Minn. and S.D. Electricians
Feb. 10	Northern Inn, Bemidji, Minn.	8 for N.D., Minn. and S.D. Electricians

Builders and Realtors Track

Date	Location	CEU
Feb. 9	Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, N.D.	8 for Minn. Builders and Realtors
Feb. 10	Northern Inn, Bemidji, Minn.	8 for Minn. Builders and Realtors
March 24	Doublewood Inn, Fargo, N.D.	8 for Minn. Builders and Realtors

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 per attendee and includes lunch. Payments must be received in advance to secure a spot. Courses are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. For registration information contact Marlene Shimpa at 701-795-4212.

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1908 when the group was officially known as the Young Ladies of Blackduck. In 1926, the YLB affiliated with the General Federated Women's Club and has operated as the Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC ever since. Shirley Deno, the group's president, emphasized the importance of collaboration on community projects like the literacy effort between Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC, the Blackduck Community Library and the Blackduck School. "When we work on projects together, it really gives us a sense of community," she said.

Blackduck Tri Sigma GFWC's award application will be submitted for consideration in the statewide Minnesota Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award. The statewide award recipient will be selected from approximately 20 local award winners throughout Minnesota. The winner will receive \$1,000 toward a community cause of choice. The Minnesota Touchstone Energy Commitment to Community Award will be presented in February during the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's annual meeting in St. Paul.

- Action Electric, Bemidji, 751-3712
- Benedict Electric, Benedict, 547-1589
- Bessler Bros. Electric, Lake George/Walker, 224-2472/266-3901
- Clearbrook Electric, Clearbrook, 776-3995
- Crunden Electric, Blackduck, 835-4127
- D-L Electric & Son, Bemidji, 751-0370
- Grace Electric, Bemidji, 760-3788
- Hand Electric, Bemidji, 586-3573
- Haubrich Electric, Bemidji, 759-1048
- Headwaters Electric, Bemidji, 759-2613
- L & A Electric, Park Rapids, 732-3692
- Lake Country Electric Inc., Bemidji, 751-9773
- Larson Electric, Bemidji, 759-1066
- LeClaire Electric, Bemidji, 766-5198/751-9737
- Lee Davis Electric Inc., Walker, 547-4175
- Lynn's Electric, Hackensack, 682-2738
- Mort's Electric Inc., Kelliher, 647-8128
- Myers Electric, Bemidji, 586-3406/556-9894
- Naylor's, Bemidji, 751-2620
- North Central Electric Inc., Blackduck, 835-7790
- North Country Electrical Services, Laporte, 224-2704
- North Star Electric, Blackduck, 835-6315
- Pete's Electric, Bagley, 694-2371
- Perkins Electric, Bemidji, 444-1422
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- T.R. Electric Inc., Bemidji, 751-0286
- Trosen Electric, Walker, 675-5757
- Wiebolt Electric, Bemidji, 444-8661

Contractors

Northern Lights CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

Boer goats, does and bucks 759-1349

Corner TV table \$55; Sears Kenmore dehumidifier, used 1 seas. \$85; Dirt Devil hand vac w/tachments \$20; tabletop humidifier \$30; 32" lighted star \$25 547-0151

Bell welding tents; 14" diamond concrete blades; 30-ton hydraulic jack; new Lincoln LN25 wire welder 759-9395

Used La-Z-Boy chair, mauve \$60; used fridge, green \$75; used Butch winch, fits in PU box \$2,000 647-8855

Kenmore fridge/freezer \$50 751-7920

APHA stud colt & AQHA chestnut filly, weaned, leading & ready for new Christmas home \$400 ea. 647-8256

Free 22x24 cabin, must be moved, on blocks, great hunting shack 755-1165

4 nice wood & metal patio chairs \$50; solid oak drop leaf table \$75; 6 maple Ethan Allen dining chairs \$250; oak veneer dining table \$50 612-245-0678

Martin wood burning corner fireplace, zero clearance \$500 763-420-6006

Double seat go-cart \$300 224-2221

Topper for Chevy short box, Phoenix by Guidon, like new \$700 obo; '91 Arctic Cat EXT El Tigre 530, good cond. \$900 obo; '91 S10 Chevy Blazer 4 dr., elec. windows, locks, 4x4 \$1,000 335-2387

Belgium Browning 300 Win. Mag auto, scope, case, shells \$650 obo 612-802-1097

Water htr., 40 gal., gas; wedding dress, sz. 8-10; Chinese geese, 3 white; couch 751-4604

Seasonal trlr., Lost Acres Resort, Kitchi Lake 835-6414

Topper for '90s Dodge, some hail dents otherwise good, tan \$50 647-8352

12, 2x4 fluorescent light fixtures, T12 bulbs 335-2006

2 upright pianos appraised at \$800 and \$1,000, best offer 243-2625

'93 Ford F150, 6 cyl. manual \$2,000 368-2701 or 751-3136

'98 Lancer 2000 power wheelchair, access., new gel cell batteries, charger, runs well \$585 751-1148

36x80 bi-fold closet door set w/hardware, good cond. \$20; footboard for qn. bed; car bike rack \$15; '84 Ford Bronco II, 4x4 works, recent tune-up, new gas tank, little rust, 45K on rebuilt motor \$900 obo; '16' Alumacraft, 35 hp. Jonserud w/trlr., runs great, floor w/2 seats \$1,500 obo 755-8327

'88 Olds Delta 88, 3.8 liter V6, many new parts \$1,100; full-size bed, frame, mattress, box spring 759-1737 lv. msg.

Triple window in 1 unit, 106"x60" \$40; pre-hung door, 32"x80" \$25 586-2541

Oak BR set, qn. headboard, nightstand, 7 draw dresser 64Wx34Hx18D, mirror 40x50 exc. cond. \$2,000; wedding, pew bows, standard bows, bridesmaid bouquets, both white and cream; TV house antenna \$35; like new, 4 brass ext. lights for house/garage \$10 ea.; collectors item Dayton-Hudson '99 Christmas Ms. Bear, never used, non-smoking home \$100 751-0980

2 new refrigerator coolers in crate, great for garage \$160 ea.; cut, split, oak firewood \$80/cord 444-9688

'96 Honda 300EX 4-whlr., new chain & sprocket \$2,000 751-6783

8x10 metal shed \$100 firm; 3 rolls of chicken netting & heat lamps w/lights 224-3618

Sm. sofa 36Wx64L, multi-colored beige background, exc. cond., 2 yrs. old \$200 751-1239

Straw bales, sm., sq. \$2 ea.; oak firewood, cut & split 751-0408 lv. msg.

'89 GMC van, good cond. \$5,000 obo 224-2408

Women's x-country ski pkg.; used inside doors w/hardware; used storm door; used floor registers; exterior lights 751-0949 or 556-9594

Musical instruments, Vito clarinet \$500, black Samick guitar w/deluxe carrying case, Matrix tuner \$150, First Act children's guitar \$10 all like new 751-9357

Jenn-Air countertop range in 27x50 island, includes 2-burner coil, 1 glass top and grill/griddle \$200; Kenmore wall oven and micro-conv. in wood unit \$200 obo 335-6724

'90 Pontiac Grand Am 2.5 engine for parts, does run \$300 854-7478

'93 1/2 ton Chevy 4x4, long box, nice \$4,000 obo; lg. clipper fanning mill, all screens incl. \$1,500 obo; '83 Ford 1/2 ton 4x4 flatbed w/snowplow \$1,500 obo 335-2336

Cat Cutter \$250; free rabbits w/cage per rabbit; upright freezer, works fine \$20 759-0539 or 500-730-1814 or 556-4038

Maple syrup equipment, evaporator with SS welded flat pan approx. 2x4 \$300, 2 250 gal. stainless steel milk storage tanks w/covers, \$200 ea., misc. supplies 759-2544 or 751-2242

Refrigeration compressor unit, worked when removed \$75, 2 SS 5 gal. milk pails \$25 ea., Delaval No. 75 vacuum pump w/1 1/2 hp. elec. 220/110 V, single-phase motor \$75 759-2544 or 751-2242

Guinea pigs & rabbits 467-3282

'97 Arctic Cat Cougar 550, mint cond. 2,195 mi., helmet, cover, hand/thumb warmers, new carbides, extra belt, spark plugs & plug toolkit \$2,500 obo 759-4691

Seasoned oak firewood, cut & split 751-7678

'84 Chevy work van; full size fiberglass topper; alum topper for S-10; steel truck toolbox 224-2674

'93 GMC Suburban, 4WD, 3rd seat, loaded, new Wrangler tires, very good cond., must sell \$3,000 835-4738

Lab pups, yellow and black, AKC, OFA, CERF, first shots, dewes, great hunters/pets, both parents on site \$350 ea. 224-2562

Black bunk bed, single top, double futon mattress on bottom \$100 444-3028

8" power ice auger; Eskimo Lodge portable 4-person ice fishing shelter 444-8149 after 7 p.m.

Older Ariens Sno-Thro snowblower; 6" hand ice auger 243-2445

Dbl. pedestal oak table and 6 chairs \$600; chest of drawers 759-8501

'98 Dodge Caravan, exc. cond., 126K, \$4,500 obo 243-2633 or 556-6125

'99 Venture repairable dual sliders towing pkg., alloys w/good rubber, 121K \$2,000 obo 760-7377

'92 Ford Escort, new tires & clutch, runs good make offer 854-7406

14x70 '76 MH, good cond. \$3,000 obo 335-0086

40 rolls 2-ply paper Verifone 250 printer, 4 ink cartridges \$30 obo 679-3715

Commercial bun slicer, used 2 mos. \$1,200 new, sell for \$600 679-3655

'97 Olds Silhouette van, loaded, 90K \$5,995 835-6532 or 835-7859

Corn-fed beef; '73 Chevy Impala, 2 dr. 760-1907

'97 Ford Taurus GL, 125K, newer tires, runs good, \$2,700 obo 785-2997 or 556-5180

Wood burning stove, complete, good cond.; bikes; carpet; ice house sled 335-8945

Pomeranian pup, purebred, shots, vet checked, adorable orange-sable, male, 5 mos. old \$250 224-2303

4-yr. Ashland scraper \$1,700 835-7764

Sliding glass patio door, standard size \$50 444-7477

Lab & springer mix pups, ready for New Year \$275 751-9759 lv. msg.

Wheat, ready for grinding \$100/44 gal. drum 335-0132

'96 Chevy 1500 Waldoch Conv. Van, exc. cond., exc. runner & tires, high mi. \$7,250 obo 335-8821

Fireplace tools/screen, brand new \$30; antique curtain stretcher \$40; dolls, various prices; white linen table cloth, no stains \$30; collectible Snowden cookie jar, NIB \$25; sm. bathroom cabinet/sink \$35; topper, fits 7' S-10/Jimmy \$75; 444-5343

'03 Chevy Cavalier, AC, AT, cruise, tilt, CD, 4 dr., 43K, 1 owner, like new, sacrifice \$7,700 243-3040

3 new Marvin wood windows, dbl. hung 36 x 31 \$100 ea., \$240 ea. retail; '59 Chevy dump truck w/pow, 16,000 gvw, duals, 12' plow, may need some work, paid \$900 make offer 243-2145

Ariens 8 hp. snowblower, like new, less than 70 hrs. \$400 335-8574

Free well-trained long-hair black shepherd, 11 mos. old, to right owner 835-7569

'89 Plym. Acclaim, 4 cyl., AT, 4 dr., 110K, clean, runs good \$850 751-3235

'98 Toyota Camry \$6,000; '93 Buick Century \$750; Weider 148 weight bench \$50; 265 fuel tank \$25 586-2328

Wild rice hullers w/feed system, conveyor and piping; wood burning fireplace, complete w/chimney sections & roof jack 335-6859 eve.

Like new fiberglass topper w/bed liner, fits '99-'05 Chevy or GMC ext. cab \$650 586-2978 or 751-4577

16' lengths of pine log siding, 2x8 \$250 for all 20+ lengths of siding obo 444-9774

'90 Geo Storm hatchback, 5 sp., 110K, red w/black/gray interior, runs well, new front tires \$950 243-3036

20" TV, works \$100; VCR, works \$25; DVD, works \$25; '89 Plym. van, doesn't run, tranny 80K, 3.0 motor 195K, '90 Dodge van, runs, 3.0 motor 143K \$525/both 755-1380

'98 450S Honda w/winch & snowplow; '00 Ford Ranger 4x4 PU; '68 Ford CobraJet motor, runner 224-2113

American Saddlebred, 7 yrs. old, grandson of Baron de Bastrop, you register, must sell, best offer 647-8876

Trundle bed, white metal w/brass, like new 759-1284

Parts for '84 508 Cat skidder, rear ends, winch, grapple, blade, fuel tank etc. 835-6410

Sliding glass bathtub door, up to 60" opening, nice shape, complete \$25 759-2748

5 hp. snow blower, used 1 yr., like new 835-6537

'89 Chevy 1500, 2WD, 4.3, 5 sp., 146K, new tires, tune-up, good runner \$1,000 751-3095

Benelli Nova 12 ga. pump shotgun, 3 1/2" camo w/in-stock recoil reduction; Saiga 7.62x39 semi-auto rifle, 3x9x40 scope lots of ammo \$300 ea. 701-772-7317

Wanted:

Doll buggy 854-7354

Claw foot bathtub 444-4558

Free firewood; used wood burning fireplace w/piping if avail.; perennial bulbs; black dirt 335-7914

Old fashioned over-the-head hair dryer 444-9878

Double glider swing, wood/metal 444-1912

Grapple forks for bobcat 586-2426

Snow blowers and snowmobiles that don't run 224-2486

Female sheltie pup 224-3499

Farmall Super A or A tractor 335-7838

Upright freezer in good cond. 835-4596 or 760-6214

Used treadmill in good cond. 647-8914

Used elliptical exercise machine 224-3466

Vintage John Deere 2-cyl. tractors for parts or restoration; Roll-O-Matic front end under \$100 444-8297

2-bottom trip plow, tandem disk and drag suitable for John Deere B without hydraulics 647-8993

Used rotating pizza oven 444-3028

Collector looking for beer cans from the '30s, '40s and '50s 760-0470 or 335-6897

Volkswagon, '89 onwards for parts or restoration 335-0132

Kitchen cabinets 467-3486

Long-hair calico or tabby kitten, prefer female 835-7569

Used 320 or 400 amp. meter base w/multiple fuses, reasonably priced 760-7377

Int'l. T340 Cat Crawler; tranny for '96 Dodge Grand Caravan 3.3 835-5760

70-90 hp. outboard motor w/controls 751-9668

Purebred black Pomeranian, purebred English pointer, both from '05 spring litters 759-0080 eve./wknd.

Several older alum. chassis Arctic Cat snowmobiles, repairable or junk for parts 759-2748

Addresses Needed:

Sam J. Goggeley Sr.

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Corner Cupboard: Barbeque hot wings

Ingredients:

- 50 chicken wings
- 1 pint of Beer's Black Dog barbeque sauce
- 2 tbsp. Habanera sauce (or more if hotter wings are desired)
- Celery
- Bleu cheese dressing

Directions:

If baking:

Using a non-stick baking sheet, bake chicken wings at 400° F for 40 minutes turning once. While wings are baking, in a saucepan combine the Beer's Black Dog barbeque sauce and Habanera sauce. Heat on low, stirring occasionally. When wings are done, pour them into a large mixing bowl and add sauce mixture. Mix thoroughly until wings are coated.

If deep frying (preferred method):

Heat oil in a deep fat fryer to 375° F. Cook wings in fryer until slightly crispy (approximately 10 minutes). Wings cook better in smaller batches. While wings are frying, in a saucepan combine the Beer's Black Dog barbeque sauce and Habanera sauce. Heat on low, stirring occasionally. When wings are done, shake them in a brown paper bag to remove excess oil. Once shaken, pour wings into a large mixing bowl and add sauce mixture. Mix thoroughly until wings are coated.

If grilling:

Preheat an outdoor or indoor grill to a high heat. Lightly grease the grill. Reduce heat and cook wings until slightly crispy turning frequently to avoid burning. While wings are grilling, in a saucepan combine the Beer's Black Dog barbeque sauce and Habanera sauce. Heat on low, stirring occasionally. When wings are done, pour them into a large mixing bowl and add sauce mixture. Mix thoroughly until wings are coated.

Serve with celery sticks and bleu cheese dressing.

Trading Post rules

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Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Nov. 24, 2004. All directors were present. Also present were general manager Roger Spiry, Sid Sletten and Kay Olson.

The following reports were given:

- The manager made his monthly report, including discussion of the 2005 work plan and budget and the safety committee reports.
- Sid Sletten reviewed the October financial report and work order inventories.
- Sid Sletten and Sam Mason reported on the office services and marketing departments, including the 2005 general plant purchases and personnel needs.
- Dan Edens and Greg Todavich reported on line services, including line clearing, spraying, pole testing and the 2005 general plant purchases and personnel needs.
- Rich Riewer reported on the engineering department, including meter programming, testing and maintenance, mapping, the staking program, and the 2005 general plant purchases and personnel needs.
- Rich Riewer presented the preliminary 2005-06 construction work plan.
- Lyle Robinson reported on the Minnkota board meetings.
- Frank Zentek reported on the new director orientation meeting.
- Jack Swenson, Frank Zentek, Lyle Robinson, Arnold Christianson and Adrian DeVries reported on the NRECA Region VI meeting.
- The manager and Emmet Weidenborner reported on Cooperative Development LLC.

Also discussed were:

- The annual meeting.

The following actions were taken:

- General plant purchases and personnel needs for 2005 were approved.

The January board meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

Don't take this Minnesota winter for granted.



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