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ANNUAL MEETING PREP!

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING.

The 2024 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 a.m., is fast approaching, and we are preparing for another exciting event hosted here at Itasca-Mantrap.

We encourage you to participate in the cooperative by attending the Annual Meeting, which provides a unique opportunity to stay informed about all matters concerning Itasca-Mantrap. You'll hear updates on our current operations and insights into the direction of the cooperative.

Your attendance allows you to actively engage in the decision-making process that shapes the cooperative. And if you haven't already done so, you can vote in our Director election.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting is as follows:

- Reports of Officers and Directors
- Presentation from Tyler Officer (2023 Youth Tour Delegate)
- Announce director election results
- Any other business that may properly come before the meeting

On June 12, our office will be closed at 11 a.m. so we can be ready for your arrival at 11:30 a.m. We will re-open after the Annual Meeting at 2 p.m.

We can't wait for you to join us at Itasca-Mantrap on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 a.m.



CEO UPDATE

BY CHRISTINE FOX, PRESIDENT-CEO

As we gear up for our 83rd Annual Meeting, I find myself reflecting on the countless conversations I have had with many of you over the years. These informal exchanges with our members are what truly make Itasca-Mantrap's annual gathering a highlight for me. Your insights and perspectives bring immense value to our discussions and energizes each member of our team.

For those who have yet to experience our annual meeting, I urge you to join us this year. Your input is invaluable and plays a vital role in shaping the direction of our cooperative. During the event, we will provide updates on ongoing initiatives, discuss our financial standing, outline our priorities for the years ahead and hear from our 2023 Youth Tour representative. Most importantly, we are here to listen to you. Look for us proudly sporting the new Itasca-Mantrap logo, and do not hesitate to strike up a conversation.

This is also the time when you can vote for directors who will represent your interests and those of our community on the cooperative's board. As a member, you hold the power to influence our community's energy future.

Electric co-ops like ours are governed democratically by the members we serve. By participating in the annual director elections, you play a crucial role in determining the individuals who will make

pivotal decisions regarding our cooperative's future and our local energy requirements.

Our Board of Directors comprises community-minded individuals with diverse skills. We rely on their expertise to guide us in making informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Our directors, all of whom reside in our service area, are the eyes and ears of our members and community, offering unique perspectives on various local topics.

To make voting as accessible as possible, we offer multiple avenues for participation. Whether you prefer to vote in person at the annual meeting, mail in your ballot, vote online via the Itasca-Mantrap website, or utilize SmartHub, the choice is yours.

I encourage you to consider attending the annual meeting. We will share a meal, provide updates on Itasca-Mantrap's endeavors, engage in conversation about your energy queries (or any topic on your mind), and even offer a token of appreciation for your presence, along with the chance to win a prize. Save the date: June 12th at 11:30 a.m. Itasca-Mantrap is where you will want to be!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Itasca-Mantrap Co-op. Electrical Ass'n. was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Itasca-Mantrap office.

A quorum of directors was present.

Approved:

- Consent agenda
- February financials, subject to audit
- Appointment of Operation Round Up Trust Board directors

Reports heard:

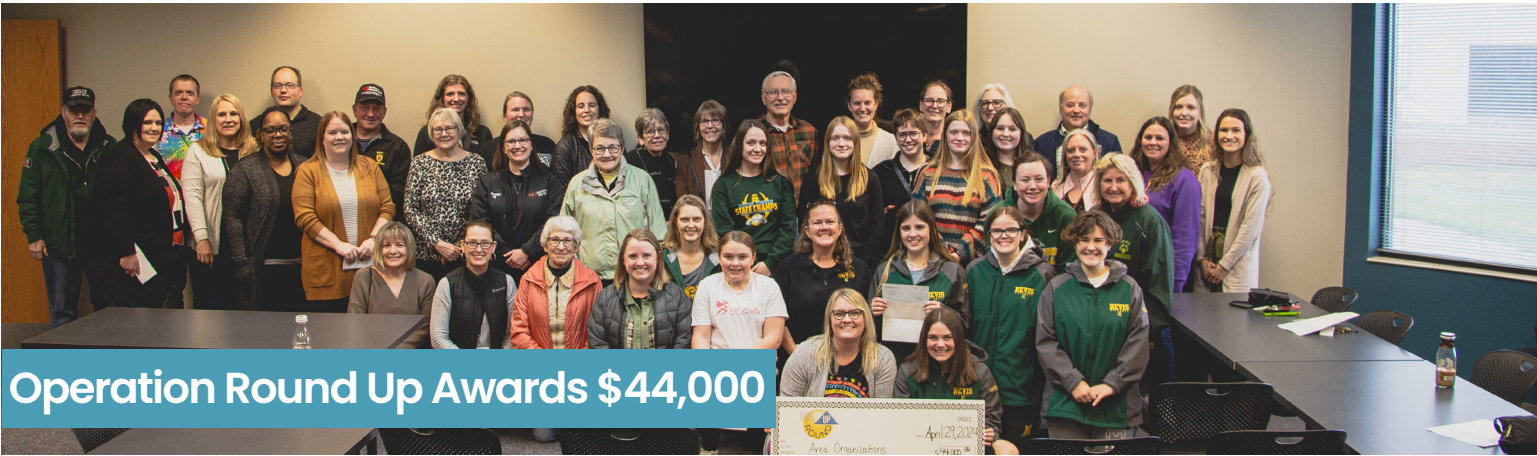
- Operations and Safety
- Marketing and Member Services
- Financial
- CEO
- Privacy Committee
- Meeting attendance

Reviewed:

- Changes to Itasca-Mantrap's membership
- GRE Power Cost Adjustment detail for February 2024
- Distributed Energy Resource Facilities
- Member Satisfaction Survey
- Changes to Administrative Policies #2, Miscellaneous Charges and #8, Disconnection and Reconnection Guidelines.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.



Operation Round Up, a charitable program unique to electric co-ops, is designed to provide financial assistance to non-profit or community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the local area served by Itasca-Mantrap.

The Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently awarded \$44,000 in Operation Round Up grants for 80 civic projects in the Itasca-Mantrap and surrounding areas. Applications received indicated a need for more than \$138,000.

Since the program's inception in 2006, the Operation Round Up Trust Board of Directors has awarded more than \$1.3 million to local organizations. The Operation Round Up Trust Board meets twice a year to select grant recipients from the applications received. Operation Round Up is possible thanks to the generosity of Itasca-Mantrap members.

The next application deadline for Operation Round Up is Monday, September 16, 2024.

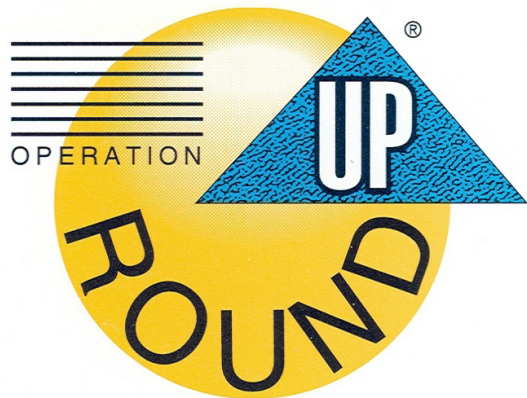


Pictured far left are the Operation Round Up Board Members **Standing (L-R):** Barb Boeckman, Ron Ahmann, Jen Magnussen, Carol Winskowski **Sitting (L-R):** Carol Van Nyhuis, Steph Carlson, and Lisa Koppelman.

Vacating the Board after serving the maximum term is Carol Winskowski (pictured left). Thank you for your service, Carol!

BIO Girls.....	\$ 500	Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area	1,000
Carsonville Fire & Rescue	1,300	Lutheran Social Service of MN/LSS Meals	
Family Safety Network	2,000	Hubbard County	2,000
Hackensack Area Fire Rescue Department.....	1,000	Lutheran Social Service Menahga Meals	1,500
Heartland Arts	250	Northwoods Arts Council.....	300
Heartland Arts	250	Osage Bait & Tackle	2,000
Heartland Homes	1,000	Park Rapids Area Library	600
Helping Hands through Century PTA.....	1,500	Park Rapids Farmers' Market.....	435
Hubbard County 4-H Club-Targets & Trails	200	Park Rapids Fire Department.....	1,000
Hubbard County Historical Society	550	Park Rapids Panther Club.....	750
Kinship of the Park Rapids Area	675	Park Rapids Youth Baseball	400
Kitchen Sink Productions Inc	500	Pine Point Community Council.....	600
Lakes Area Dive Team.....	2,000	Voyageurs Area Council	400

Walker Bay Theater.....	750	Indian Education Program.....	450
YMCA Camp Olson.....	300	Indian Education Program	
Youth Emergency Shelter & Supports (YESS)	1,000	– Strive to Achieve.....	350
Heartland Lakes Community School.....		Small Group Chairs.....	80
Field Desks for Outdoor Classrooms	400	Project Play, Build, and Jump in K	250
Menahga Public School		End of the year art, and summer fun	125
Business Professionals of America	300	Zero Dark Thirty – No Paint Left Behind.....	300
Nevis Public Schools		Count All Her Bones Novel Unit	300
High Interest/High Demand Supplemental		High School ALC – Cooking Skills for Life.....	200
Lending Library.....	500	High School ALC – Native American Studies ...	125
Title 1 Decodable Books.....	500	Business Professionals of America	500
Fourth Grade Robotics & Science Enrichment.....	500	Sensory Calm Down Corner with Tools.....	250
Flexible Seating First Grade Classrooms	500	Bird Feeder Stations – STEM.....	100
Growing with S.T.E.A.M.	150	Park Rapids Clay Dusters.....	500
Science, Math & Reading Enrichment –		Speech Booster Club	400
3rd Grade & Early Intervention.....	500	PR Bands – Euphonium Replacement.....	1,800
Flexible Seating Kindergarten Classrooms		Pine Point School	
& Resource Room.....	500	1st Grade – Foodie Friday	250
Flexible Seating Resource Room	500	1st Grade – Lighting Up 1st Grade	500
Second Grade Math & STEM Resources	350	TOTAL	\$44,000
Second Grade Decodable Books.....	500		
Elementary Classrooms Math Enrichment	560		
Go Zen Mental Health Support Activity	500		
Upper Elementary MN Authors Book Club.....	500		
Nevis Elementary Calm & Collect Reset Center	500		
ADSIS Decodable Books Classroom Libraries K-3.....	500		
Nevis Girls Softball Program – Pitching Machine.....	500		
Nevis High School PE9 – Fishing Rod Building	300		
PBIS.....	150		
Nevis Post Prom 2024	700		
Nevis Preschool	500		
Special Education – Cooking in the Classroom	150		
Special Olympics – Recreation & Leisure Skills	150		
Recess Items Rescue.....	300		
Nevis Robotics Team 3102.....	500		
Math Stackers for kindergarten learners.....	250		
Speech Department – Early Literacy-			
Based Speech Therapy	300		
Speech Department – Sensory Speech Therapy	200		
Park Rapids Area Schools			
2nd Grade – Art Supplies & Organization.....	100		
Classroom Rewards to Celebrate			
Student Success	100		
Unlocking Literacy: Empowering Readers.....	100		
Kindergarten Fresh Start.....	200		
Spread Kindness.....	200		
High School Esports Club – Equipment.....	300		



THANK YOU

for your continued support of the
Operation Round Up program to help
local civic and charitable
organizations.



POWERED UP ENERGY FORUM

Save the date! On July 26, join us for an electrifying event: the 'Powered Up Energy Forum,' brought to you by Itasca-Mantrap and Minnesota Power. We're excited to extend this invitation to all who are passionate about renewable energy.

Immerse yourself in discussions about renewable energies led by industry experts. With the latest advancements in solar power and sustainable transportation solutions, you'll have ample opportunities to explore the renewable and sustainable energy space.



But wait, there's more! Get behind the wheel and experience the future of transportation firsthand with the latest electric vehicles, provided by local dealerships.

Don't miss your chance to connect with leaders in the field, gain invaluable insights, and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of renewable energy. Join us at the American Legion in Park Rapids, and let's ignite change together. Don't miss out—mark your calendars for the 'Powered Up Energy Forum' on July 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Together, we'll power up towards a greener tomorrow!

YOUR SOURCE FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING

Take advantage of our additional promotional rebates when you install a qualifying, energy-saving ducted/ductless air source heat pump! Don't miss out on this deal starting July 1 to August 31!

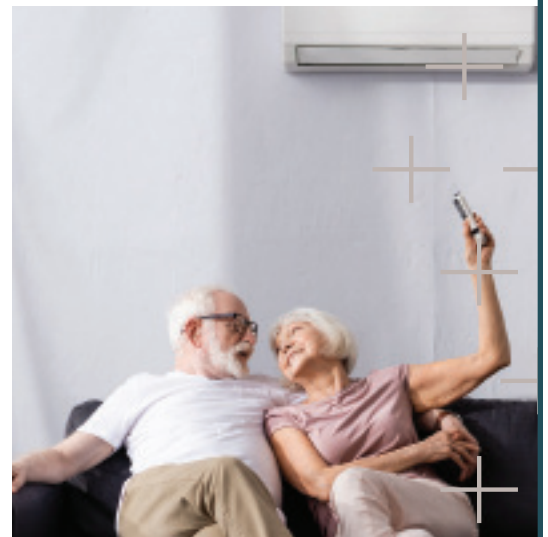
Efficiency Rating Requirements	Regular Rebate	Promo Rebate
≥14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 HSPF2	\$750.00	\$850.00
≥15.2 SEER2 & ≥8.1 HSPF2	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00

Efficiency Rating Requirements	Regular Rebate	Promo Rebate
≥14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 HSPF2	\$150.00	\$200.00

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts are subject to change without notice. Installed centrally ducted ASHPs must be separately metered and controlled and must be installed by a participating quality install contractor to qualify for rebate.

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Itasca-Mantrap Electric Cooperative is an
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Office closed on Wednesday, June 19, in
observance of Juneteenth and
Thursday, July 4, in observance of
Independence Day.

LOCAL BUSINESS BIG SAVINGS

AVAILABLE IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS



Scan here to check
out local participating
businesses!



Or go to our website
under the “community”
tab and click
“Co-op Connections”

Itasca-Mantrap Electricity Bill Payment Options

Pay through
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app



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