

POWERING *the future*

EXPLORING A NEW ENERGY & SERVICE CENTER



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Mission

Crow Wing Power serves members with safe, reliable power and a responsive team that takes pride in every connection.

Values

- ✓ Member Ownership
- ✓ Safety First, Always
- ✓ Reliable Energy, Every Day
- ✓ Responsive by Nature
- ✓ Respect and Pride in People

SAFETY RISKS ARE INCREASING



Highway 371 access is becoming more dangerous.



Large trucks and pole trailers require wide turns and ample timing entering and exiting.



Potential median closure limits safe exits.

An Aging Facility

1968

Constructed in 1968 for recreational dealership, *Brainerd Sports Craft, Inc.* Purchased in 1978 and remodeled to fit needs of Crow Wing Power.

1978-2021

Since its early years, the facility has evolved through several remodels and additions to keep pace with growing member and employee needs (1978, 1995, 2002).

2025

Initiated a facility study with Cooperative Building Solutions to assess the current and future needs of the cooperative and its members.

What are we trying to solve?

Improve safety when entering and exiting Highway 371, including potential median changes proposed by MnDOT.

Providing indoor storage to improve equipment reliability and year-round readiness.

Create a centralized operations hub to improve coordination between departments and provide space for all-employee meetings and training.

Provide space that supports efficient use of modern equipment and evolving operational needs and communication.

Where are we at in the process?

Planning & Exploratory Phase



Conducting a request for proposal for architect and contractor.



Evaluating safety, cost, and long-term value.



Identifying key decision points through the process.

Options Considered in Planning

A

Update Existing Facility

- Improve current structure while working within existing limitations.
- Construct a storage building to house trucks and equipment.
- Continue working with MnDOT to address Highway 371 safety concerns.
- Replace and maintain critical infrastructure (boilers, fuel tanks, HVAC, etc.)
- Explore updates to office spaces to better support employees.

B

Build a New Energy & Service Center

- Designed to meet today's operational demands and future needs.
- Improved safety, access, and workflow.
- Centralized campus for all departments and services.
- Purpose-built storage for trucks and equipment.
- Long-term investments for reliability and member value.
- Property south of Baxter owned by Crow Wing Power.

What's Next

The Board of Directors will make decisions based on:

Safety, Reliability, and Fiscal Responsibility

As the project progresses, there are built-in off ramps at key stages, allowing the Board to pause or adjust direction if needed.

Our Board of Directors and staff will continue through due diligence through every phase, carefully evaluating safety, cost, and long-term value for our members.

We are committed to keeping members informed every step of the way:

- Dedicated project webpage at cwpower.com.
- Regular updates and communications.
- Town hall-style meetings for questions and feedback.



Our Commitment

This isn't just about a building— it's about ensuring Crow Wing Power can continue to safely and reliably serve our members for generations to come.