



# CURRENT NEWS



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Electric Cooperative**

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## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Chair.....Leland "Judge" Barth  
Vice Chair.....Casey Wells  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Bonnie Tomac

## Directors:

Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,  
Lance Froelich, Chad Harrison,  
Jay Larson, Bob J. Leingang

## Co-General Managers/CEOs:

Donald A. Franklund  
Travis Kupper

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*Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.*

*We also aspire to meet the Touchstone Energy® Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.*

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

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## Attend — and vote — at the annual meeting

At the annual meeting on **July 20** at **Prairie Knights Pavilion** near Fort Yates, five Mor-Gran-Sou members will vie for one of three board director positions including: one for the At-Large position, one for the Morton County position, and one for the Sioux County position. The candidates include:

### At-Large:

Mark Doll, New Salem  
Tim L. Kuntz, Mandan

### Morton County:

Bonnie Tomac, St. Anthony

### Sioux County:

Chad Harrison, Fort Yates  
Marcie Kahl, Solen

Vote on July 20! **When the meeting is called to order at 5:30 p.m. CT, no further ballots will be distributed at the registration table.** Meal tickets will be available until 6 p.m. Please plan on being there in time to vote.

### Please note the meeting schedule:

3:30 p.m. CT – Registration begins

5:30 p.m. CT – Business meeting call to order; election of candidates

6:00 p.m. CT – Business meeting recessed; banquet served

7:00 p.m. CT – Business meeting reconvenes

## Idle services to be retired

Mor-Gran-Sou continues to retire idle services in our service area.

An idle electrical service does not make any payment to the cooperative, but still receives regular maintenance. Mor-Gran-Sou's procedure is to post a detailed list to keep members informed of those idle services that will be retired. This is the third and final notice of this particular group of idle services to be retired.

Prior to this detailed listing, Mor-Gran-Sou personnel have already contacted, or tried to contact, the property owner and affected property owners based on the information available. If someone comes forward and is willing to pay the line retention fee, we no longer consider it an idle service. However, if no one comes forward, the line is then put on a list and will be retired. The following idle services will be retired at the cooperative's convenience:

### Grant County

T133 R85W Section 12 NE 1/4

### Morton County

T134 R84W Section 3 NW 1/4

T139 R83W Section 28 SE 1/4

### Sioux County

T130 R80W Section 12 SE 1/4

T130 R80W Section 14 NW 1/4

T131 R80W Section 27 NE 1/4

T133 R79W Section 8 NE 1/4

T133 R79W Section 11 SW 1/4

T134 R79W Section 23 SW 1/4

T134 R79W Section 29 SW 1/4

T134 R82W Section 22 SE 1/4

## Also in the July North Dakota Living local pages ...

- Hay bale safety near power lines & poles
- Strong storms cause damage
- Touchstone Energy® anniversary
- Board minutes ... and more

## Opt into the Operation Round Up program

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is offering Operation Round Up to its members. It is a program in which Mor-Gran-Sou members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies to the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation Board, who are also Mor-Gran-Sou members, will meet and disburse funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations or agencies. All of the money raised by members stays in our local communities.

On average, participating members donate about \$6 a year. The most a member would ever contribute a month is 99 cents. The donation will be tax-deductible, and members who participate will receive a summary on their last billing statement of the year.

All rounded-up funds flow directly into the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., and are overseen by the board of directors. Mor-Gran-Sou personnel will administer the program as a service to the foundation.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212. To opt in, fill out the form below and return it to the co-op.

### I wish to participate in Operation Round Up at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Yes, I agree that Mor-Gran-Sou, through the Operation Round Up program, has my permission to round up my monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. I understand I have the option to opt out with a 30-day written notice to the co-op.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email the form to [jarmijo@morgransou.com](mailto:jarmijo@morgransou.com); or mail to: Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. / P.O. Box 297 / Flasher, ND 58535

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Signature

## G&T REPORTS

*Each year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative asks our power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), to update our members on the accomplishments and challenges of our generation and transmission cooperatives. The following is a condensed update. The full reports can be read in the July local pages of North Dakota Living.*

### BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

The bond we build with our membership is our most important asset. We see members during meetings held throughout the year. These are where tough conversations happen, input is gathered and decisions are made.

Our monthly board meeting structure has changed to include committee meetings before convening the board meeting. This has provided more detailed information for the directors, and it should enhance our members' representation on the board.

Last year, we discussed challenges at Dakota Gasification Company (DGC) including low commodity prices. There's greater fuel competition in the markets. With the volatility of wind generation, there is uncertainty for daily resource operation in the marketplace. We're making the case with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the regional transmission organizations to receive proper compensation for our coal baseload generation as it remains on standby when the wind blows. Our board of directors and membership are discussing DGC's future and options.

Innovation is happening throughout the membership and among our employees. Every day, we plan for the future and adhere to a path of strategic cost management in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Basin Electric was built to serve our membership — the consumer-owners at the end of the line.

In our bond with our membership, the cooperative difference shines brightest — and it is illuminating our path forward.

### WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION (WAPA)

In December 2017, WAPA celebrated 40 years of serving its customers with clean, renewable, reliable, at-cost hydropower and related services. But we, as an organization, are far from over the hill.

In our 40th year, we are focused on preserving the value of WAPA — from the reliable hydropower energizing rural America, to reinvesting in the expansive critical energy infrastructure that delivers it, to the role we play in protecting the grid from ever-increasing physical security and cybersecurity threats.

Much has changed over the past four decades, but our mission remains the same: to help keep the lights on for more than 40 million Americans. It is an enormous responsibility, an enormous privilege and a legacy we are committed to continue far into the future.

The hydropower outlook for 2018 is strong, due in large part to near-record precipitation in Montana this winter. Snowpack in the mountains above the reservoirs is more than 130 percent of average and run-off will be high.

We will celebrate a major accomplishment in having repaid the drought costs incurred during multiple years of drought. Nine years after the drought, and one year earlier than our goal, we have repaid \$843 million in deferred drought costs thanks to collaboration with our customers to develop the drought adder.

As our role as a wholesale power and utility provider morphs to respond to the opportunities presented, we remain committed to working with all our customers to continue providing the same value to you we have for the past 40 years.