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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.*

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## Mor-Gran-Sou members attend annual meeting

Mor-Gran-Sou members attended their cooperative's 71st annual meeting held July 20 at Prairie Knights Casino and Resort near Fort Yates. This year's theme was, "Aligning for the Future."

This year, Mor-Gran-Sou members were asked to vote for three board directors: one for the At-Large position, one for the Morton County position, and one for the Sioux County position. The three incumbents retained their positions on the board, including Mark Doll, New Salem; Bonnie Tomac, St. Anthony; and Chad Harrison, Fort Yates. Doll is the At-Large representative, Tomac is the Morton County representative, and Harrison is the Sioux County representative. Mor-Gran-Sou thanks Tim L. Kuntz, Mandan, and Marcie Kahl, Solen, for campaigning to serve their electric cooperative.

Co-General Managers/Chief Executive Officers Donald Franklund and Travis Kupper captured this year's theme in their interesting and informative report to the membership.

Franklund noted electricity makes life easier. "We don't value electricity; we value what it does for us," he said. From powering a complex server room to a simple children's toy, electricity is an integral part in our everyday work and play. Aligning for the future allows Mor-Gran-Sou to better understand the impact we have on the digital world — and its impact on us.

New to the annual meeting this year was a booth manned by some of Mor-Gran-Sou's linemen, who showed a map of the cooperative's service area and visited with members about projects in progress this summer. In his report to the membership, Kupper referred to the map and noted the time spent and money invested in maintaining a reliable electric system.

For a complete recap of the annual meeting, read the summary published in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



Member Services Manager Julie Armijo awarded new "Luck of the Draw" student scholarships to Gavin Miller and Cassie Pierson.



MSR II Patty Kluge counted ballots with Dennis Doll, a member of the Election Committee. Jeff Striegel (background) and more members also participated.

## 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:

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Signature



## Mor-Gran-Sou maintains exceptional system reliability

Severe weather was the story of our summer here at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. We received a lot of much-needed rain in our service area, but with that rain came lightning, high winds, hail and even funnel clouds. It was an active weather pattern — and that meant a lot of activity at your electric cooperative.

Because we had more severe weather events this summer, it may have felt like there were more power outages. We had a few transmission outages caused by lightning that resulted in more members being out of power at one time, but our co-op did not experience a larger number of actual outages.

The Member Satisfaction Survey we completed this past year indicated system reliability is very important to you. Mor-Gran-Sou still has an exceptional reliability rate based on SAIDI and ASAI, which are the System Average Interruption Duration Index and the Average System Reliability Index. When taking into account the total duration of interruptions and Mor-Gran-Sou's membership, our system's reliability rate is 99.7 percent.

Every year, our construction work plan includes making improvements that maintain and strengthen the system. As utility industry standards and technology evolve, we are able to make changes to the transmission and distribution system that can benefit Mor-Gran-Sou and its members.

In the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn how technology continues to improve, and reduce the number of power blinks and outages on our system.

Also learn about the dispatch process following a power outage, and how your information is important in aiding the restoration process.

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## Cooler weather is on the way and the heating season is upon us. Is your electric meter breaker on?

Members, if your home or business has a sub-meter for the separately metered electric heat rate, please make sure your heat meter breaker is turned on inside your electric panel. In fact, if you have a heat meter, please make sure the breaker to the meter is turned on all year, to ensure Mor-Gran-Sou receives meter readings. If the breaker is off, your electric heat kilowatt-hour usage will not be reflected on your bill.

*The Separately Metered Heat rates run Oct. 1 through April 30.*

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## Unclaimed capital credits

The September local pages of *North Dakota Living* contain the names of current or former Mor-Gran-Sou members who have unclaimed capital credit checks that were mailed in December. These checks have either been received but not cashed, or returned to Mor-Gran-Sou by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Mor-Gran-Sou personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

The list is the first installment of three, and contains names listed A through G.

If you know the whereabouts of people on this list, please have them contact our office at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large, but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties.

Persons who wish to claim checks from the list published in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living* will need to provide proper personal identification.