



**Mor-Gran-Sou  
Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# POWER

## FOR GENERATIONS

Celebrating **75** years!

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
2021 Annual Report & Annual Meeting Notice

# OFFICIAL NOTICE

## MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

### 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

## POWER FOR GENERATIONS

**Friday, July 15** | Prairie Knights Pavilion | Prairie Knights Casino & Resort | 7932 Hwy. 24, Fort Yates, N.D.

Registration ..... 3:30-5:30 p.m. CT

**BUSINESS MEETING ..... 5:30 p.m. CT**

Call to Order ..... Casey Wells, chair

Introduction of Candidates ..... Casey Wells, chair

Voting and Collection of Ballots ..... Casey Wells, chair

**BUSINESS MEETING ..... 6 p.m. CT**

Recessed ..... Casey Wells, chair

Annual Meal of the Membership ..... 6-7 p.m. CT

Compliments of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**BUSINESS MEETING ..... 7 p.m. CT**

Reconvenes ..... Casey Wells, chair

Approve 2021 Minutes ..... Casey Wells, chair

Cooperative Update ..... Donald A. Franklund, co-general mgr./CEO  
Travis Kupper, co-general mgr./CEO

Financial Report ..... Alex Craigmile, CFO

Election Report, if available ..... Casey Wells, chair

Question and Answer ..... Casey Wells, chair

**OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Selection of Luck of the Draw Scholarship Winners

Presentation of Scholarship Winners

Presentation of Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Winner

Drawings

**ADJOURNMENT**

**You are cordially invited to attend  
the 75th Annual Meeting of the  
membership of Mor-Gran-Sou  
Electric Cooperative.**

**In order to get an accurate meal  
count, please return the RSVP  
banquet card enclosed.**

Voting for this year's annual meeting will take place electronically, by mail or in person as permitted by your cooperative's bylaws and policies. Members will be casting their ballot on three director positions and a bylaw change. If a member casts a timely vote prior to the meeting by mail or on-line, the member will not receive a ballot at the annual meeting. You are still welcome to join us the day of the annual meeting. Please look for your ballot packet after June 15th.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you plan to attend the annual meeting and require special accommodations, please call Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's office at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212 one week prior to the meeting.

**MEETING RULES**

The meeting will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

A nominee for the board of directors will be allowed up to two (2) minutes to address the membership.

Per present bylaws, there cannot be any nominations from the floor.

Questions can be asked from the floor. To obtain the floor, a member shall move to the microphone and identify himself/herself by name and address.

Questions can be submitted in written form. If all questions are not answered during the meeting, the responses may be put in the *North Dakota Living* magazine local pages or provided individually to a member.

# POWER FOR GENERATIONS: LOOKING BACK PROVIDES THE PATH FORWARD.

Message from Board Chair and Co-General Managers/CEOs



**Casey Wells**  
Board Chair

It is no secret FDR's New Deal and Rural Electrification Act of 1936 changed the course of history in rural America. The REA established distribution cooperatives across the nation and brought electricity, and prosperity, to the most remote areas of the country – including Mor-Gran-Sou Electric.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric was founded when neighbors worked together to bring electricity to our rural area. While big investor-owned power companies thought they couldn't generate enough profit therefore bypassing rural areas, the neighbors of your counties gathered together.

Back then, there were frequent meetings among neighbors to discuss the formation of the cooperative and once established, annual meetings became the "must attend" event of the year. We have been proud to provide this to our members for the past 75 years – on behalf of the member-owners – and continue the same commitment to provide the areas with electricity when others wouldn't.

Fast forward to today – and tomorrow. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric currently serves 6,215 members.



**Travis Kupper**  
Co-General Manager/CEO

We continue to see our world become more electrified, and we are prepared to power future generations as our overall energy demands grow.

The members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives were – and still are today – conveners for the common good. We exist to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, the members of the

cooperative. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve.

Each year we give back to our members through programs like Operation Round Up, scholarships, Youth Tour experiences, community sponsorships and more. Our impact (with your support) has grown.

While times and technology will continue to change, our commitment to you will not. As a cooperative, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

Our close connection to the community ensures we get a first-hand perspective on local priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments. We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you – because your electric co-op was built by the members, for the members.

We know our members have a valuable perspective. That's why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels, member satisfaction surveys or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you.

As we continue to look toward the future, you can be confident that Mor-Gran-Sou Electric will commit to explore new ways to help our members and our community, as we have done in the past. Over the years, as we've listened to you and your fellow co-op member-owners, we know that we have to keep pace as technology and consumer tastes evolve. As always, we welcome your participation as we plan for the future.

As we look ahead, we are grateful to be your power for generations.

# FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

By Pam Geiger, Secretary-Treasurer, and Alex Craigmile, Chief Financial Officer



**Pam Geiger**  
Secretary-Treasurer



**Alex Craigmile**  
Chief Financial Officer

This year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative celebrates its 75th anniversary. Your cooperative has witnessed financial challenges and opportunities throughout these many years, and we salute those before us who dedicated themselves to ensure the financial strength of Mor-Gran-Sou that we reap today. Thank you to the directors and employees, past and present – who worked for the membership of this great cooperative. We celebrate you the membership who are the foundation of this great cooperative. As we celebrate the past, we continue to move forward as good stewards of your cooperative's resources. Please allow us a few moments to encapsulate 2021's financial year in review.

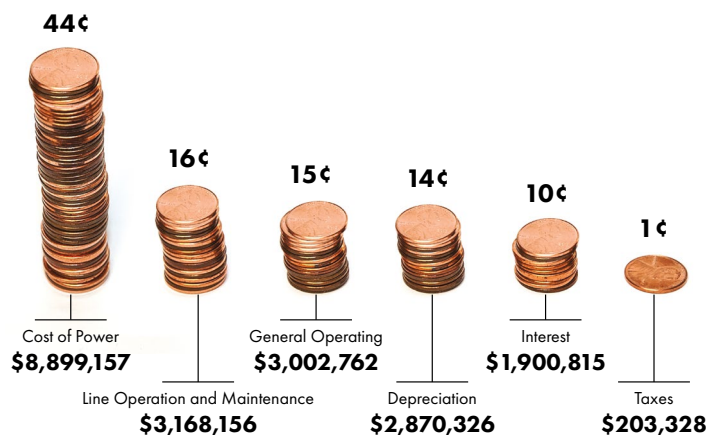
Again, in 2021, a general capital credit retirement was approved by the board of directors. In addition to the general retirement, Mor-Gran-Sou continues to retire capital credits to members who have reached the age of 80 and to estates of deceased members. The total dollar amount of capital credits returned to the members of Mor-Gran-Sou totaled \$1,109,192.

As we are required to each year, Mor-Gran-Sou underwent an annual financial audit of its 2021 financial year. Brady Martz & Associates, P.C., from Bismarck conducted this

audit. At the conclusion of their process, they presented the cooperative with an unmodified opinion. This opinion is the best report that can be received from an audit firm. The completed audit report has been reviewed and accepted by the board of directors. A summary of the audited financials is included in this annual report and will be presented at the annual meeting.

Lastly, we want to thank all of you for your continued patronage to the cooperative. If you have any questions concerning the financials, feel free to call Alex at the cooperative office or send him an email at [acraigmile@iea.coop](mailto:acraigmile@iea.coop).

## WHERE YOUR DOLLAR WENT



## MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE STATISTICS

### SERVICE AREA

Morton, Grant and Sioux Counties  
More than 4,700 square miles

### MEMBERSHIP

Total membership: 6,215

### MILES OF LINE

Underground distribution line: 854 miles  
Overhead distribution line: 2,617 miles  
Transmission line: 243 miles  
Distribution stations: 21  
Transmission switchyards: 5  
KWHs sold: 156,741,105  
Full-time employees: 21



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## INCOME STATEMENT

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

REVENUE	2021	2020
Residential	\$11,204,609	\$11,323,237
Seasonal	1,085,437	1,080,981
Irrigation	153,550	121,632
Commercial	7,378,895	7,678,334
Street Lights	188,479	183,133
Other Revenue	1,831,849	1,330,618
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$21,842,819</b>	<b>\$21,717,935</b>

EXPENDITURES		
Cost of Power	\$8,899,157	\$9,186,360
Line Operation and Maintenance	3,168,156	3,695,013
General Operating Expense	2,994,290	2,962,928
Depreciation	2,870,326	2,878,041
Taxes	203,328	194,301
Interest	1,900,815	1,954,501
Other Deductions	8,472	2,820
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$20,044,544</b>	<b>\$20,873,964</b>

Operating Margins	\$1,798,275	\$843,971
Non-Operating Margins	196,988	351,240
Power Supplier Capital Credits	404,949	428,566
Other Capital Credits	594,552	330,672
<b>NET MARGINS</b>	<b>\$2,994,764</b>	<b>\$1,954,449</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	2021	2020
Utility Plant	\$114,465,624	\$110,297,596
Less Depreciation	(\$38,704,537)	(\$36,747,594)
Net Utility Plant	\$75,761,087	\$73,550,002
Cash	482,338	408,423
Investments	12,825,244	12,859,684
Receivables and Prepayments	1,953,042	2,331,347
Material and Supplies	1,668,249	1,226,129
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$92,689,960</b>	<b>\$90,375,585</b>

MEMBER EQUITY		
Patronage Capital	\$36,564,868	\$34,679,296
Other Equities	5,124,434	5,066,305
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$41,689,302</b>	<b>\$39,745,601</b>

LIABILITIES		
Current Accounts Payable - General	\$555,568	\$502,674
Current Accounts Payable - Power	697,755	785,780
Current Maturity of Long Term Debt	1,716,931	1,962,253
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	7,295,193	4,924,373
Members' Prepayment and Other	2,246,011	2,562,312
Long Term Debt less Current Maturities	38,489,200	39,892,592
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$51,000,658</b>	<b>\$50,629,984</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$92,689,960</b>	<b>\$90,375,585</b>

## OPERATING STATISTICS: 2007 THROUGH 2021

	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
1. Number of consumers served (average)	7,221	7,432	7,546	7,814	8,196	8,428	8,553	10,025
2. Average kWh/consumer/month	1,680	1,543	1,557	1,639	1,534	1,525	1,562	1,302
3. Miles of line	3,846	3,794	3,792	3,806	3,819	3,844	3,585	3,714
4. Capital Credit Retirement	\$222,590	\$320,160	\$131,669	\$164,371	\$223,391	\$1,021,805	\$1,613,704	\$1,109,192

# MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

**July 16, 2021**

The 74th Annual Meeting of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held virtually on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. CDT via BEK Communications televised channels in order to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance of social distancing due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The meeting was also recorded and uploaded to the Mor-Gran-Sou web site that afternoon.

The theme was "Together We Make a Powerful Difference."

Via video, Mor-Gran-Sou Chief of Staff Jackie Miller welcomed all those watching the broadcast.

## **Call to Order**

The business meeting was called to order by Chair Casey Wells at 2:00 p.m. CDT.

In attendance at the live broadcast were:

Board of Director Chair Casey Wells, Mor-Gran-Sou Chief of Staff Jackie Miller, Manager of Administrative Services Cindy G. Ternes also serving as Recording Secretary; Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative Chief of Staff Don Mastel and General Counsel Rebecca Thiem serving as Mor-Gran-Sou's Legal Counsel.

## **Invocation**

Via video recorded earlier, Pastor John Amundson, serving parishes in New Leipzig and Mott, North Dakota, gave the invocation.

Chair Wells thanked all the men and women of America's military services and their families for their sacrifices to ensure freedom. The National Anthem was played.

Affidavit of Service of Mail

Chair Wells reported the Annual Meeting Notice had been mailed on June 15, 2021 and an Affidavit of Service of Mailing had been filed.

## **Quorum**

Chair Wells stated a quorum is 50 members in present or voting by mail. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all 2021 voting was done by mail-in ballots. He read the Declaration of Quorum. At call to order, there were 822 ballots received

by mail. This constituted a quorum for conducting business.

## **Appointments**

Chair Wells appointed General Counsel Rebecca Thiem from Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative as the Parliamentarian for the meeting. He explained the meeting would be conducted based on Robert's Rules of Order. He appointed Mor-Gran-Sou Manager of Administrative Services Cindy G. Ternes as Recording Secretary.

## **Nominations and Bylaws/Resolutions**

Chair Wells read the names of the Nominating Committee members. He noted an overview of the committee's activities during the past year was included in the Annual Meeting report sent to all members. The Committee had nominated, and the Board of Directors had accepted, the following members to run for the Mor-Gran-Sou Board of Directors in 2021:

- Steve Tomac, St. Anthony, ND - At Large position
- Kathy Tokach, St. Anthony, ND - Morton County position
- Chad Harrison, Fort Yates, ND and Lisa Kraft, Selfridge, ND - Sioux County position.

He reported the Board had charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the Board of any proposed Bylaw amendments and resolutions. Proposed Bylaw amendments or Resolutions were to be submitted to the committee by March 18, 2021. He reported no proposed revisions or resolutions were brought forward by the membership, the Board of Directors, or the Nominating Committee.

## **Introductions**

Chair Wells introduced the Mor-Gran-Sou Board of Directors via video: Casey Wells – Chair; Chad Harrison – Vice Chair; Secretary-Treasurer Pam Geiger; Directors Mark Doll, Vernard Frederick, Kathy Tokach, Bob Leingang, Rodney Froelich, and Jay Larson.

## **Questions from the Membership**

Chair Wells explained members had been encouraged to submit written questions in advance of the Annual Meeting. If possible, questions would be answered at the end of the broadcast. Answers may also be provided in the local pages of the North Dakota Living magazine or provided individually to the member posing the question.



## Scholarship Winners

Chair Wells commended the 2021 scholarship winners. A video of all winners, listed below, was shown.

- Laura Muggli - Basin Electric/Mor-Gran-Sou \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a Mor-Gran-Sou member dependent.

Mor-Gran-Sou's scholarship program presents a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior at each of the local high schools. The 2021 winners were:

- Isabelle Boyer - Elgin-New Leipzig Public School
- Jade Hoff - Flasher Public School
- Garrett Kuhn - Glen Ullin Public School
- Kacey Wanner - Hebron Public School
- Allison Fleck - Mandan Public School
- Cora Sicble - New Salem-Almont Public School
- Brashel Merlaine Silk - Solen Public School
- No applications received - Selfridge Public School
- No applications received - Standing Rock Community School
- No applications received - School outside service area

3C Construction and West Dakota Utility Services each extended a \$500 scholarship to its owners, of which Mor-Gran-Sou is one. There were no applications received for either entity this year.

## Youth Tour

Chair Wells explained the 2021 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour had been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Information on the 2022 Youth Tour will be released this fall.

## Co-General Managers/CEOs Report

Chair Wells introduced Co-General Managers/CEOs Donald Franklund and Travis Kupper. Via prerecorded video, they presented an update.

## Financial Report

Chair Wells introduced Alex Craigmile, Chief Financial Officer. Via prerecorded video, Craigmile presented the 2020 financial report.

## Luck of the Draw Scholarship Winners

In the past, high school senior winners had to be present at the Mor-Gran-Sou Annual Meeting to be eligible for the scholarship drawing. Due to the COVID pandemic, 2021 qualifying seniors submitted their names prior to the annual meeting and a drawing was held. Chair Wells read the winner's names - Zayne Fay and Taylen Thomas. Each student received a \$500 Luck of the Draw scholarship.

## Election Committee Appointment

Chair Wells announced the Election Committee was in place as appointed by the Board of Directors. He reminded all that due to the COVID pandemic, all voting was done via mail-in ballots only as no in-person meeting was held. All mail ballots were due in the Mor-Gran-Sou office no later than 4:30 p.m. CT on July 9, 2021. He reported the ballots have been tallied.

## Election Results

Chair Wells read the director election tally results. Each position is for a three-year term. The results were:

**At-Large:** Steve Tomac - 721 votes

Write-ins with one (1) vote each: Jim Krance, Terry Schantz, Dave Volk, Matt Bingert, Nick Vollmuth, Billy Fisher and Jim Boehm.

Steve Tomac was declared the winner.

**Morton County:** Kathy Tokach - 729 votes

Write-ins with one (1) vote each: Mike J. Miller, Jeff Schick, Kenny Graner, Shelly Leingang, Korrie Noonan, and Eric Schultz. Write-in Judge Barth received 2 votes.

Kathy Tokach was declared the winner.

**Sioux County:** Chad Harrison - 467 votes; Lisa Kraft - 276 votes

There were no write-ins.

Chad Harrison was declared the winner.

Chair Wells reported the mail-in ballots had included voting to approve the 2020 Mor-Gran-Sou Annual Meeting minutes. The results were 746 yes votes and 7 no votes, thus approving the 2020 Mor-Gran-Sou Annual Meeting minutes.

## Bill Credits

Chair Wells announced that each member who had submitted a mailed in ballot would receive a \$10.00 bill credit on their August electric bill.

## Adjournment

Chair Wells thanked everyone for tuning in via BEK television for viewing the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. CDT.

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PAM GEIGER  
Secretary-Treasurer

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CINDY G. TERNES  
Manager of Administrative  
Services  
Recording Secretary

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The initial meeting of the Mor-Gran-Sou Nominating Committee was called to order via conference call on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 at 6:05 p.m. (CDT) pursuant to the notice sent to all the members of the Nominating Committee. The following members, duly appointed by the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors, served on the 2022 Nominating Committee:

Jennifer Bonogofsky, St. Anthony  
Jackie Buckley, Mandan  
Rosie Erhardt, Mandan  
M. Curtis Feland, Almont  
Glenda Gross, Selfridge  
Donald Roth, New Leipzig  
Garek Murphy, Fort Yates  
Jim Neubauer, Mandan  
Yvonne Seidler, New Leipzig

A quorum of the members of the Nominating Committee was present for the initial meeting held via conference call, the two telephone conferences and at the final meeting held at the Flasher headquarters.

Bob Leingang represented the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors and was present to answer questions posed by the Nominating Committee.

At the initial meeting and by a unanimous vote, Jim Neubauer was elected to serve as chair and Glenda Gross was elected to serve as secretary.

The 2022 Nominating Committee was informed of the directorship positions open for three-year terms in Grant County, the Mandan Area, and Morton County.

The committee was further informed that notice had been provided as required by the bylaws in the December, January and February issues of the Current News and the local community pages of the North Dakota Living magazine, which notice included the March 10, 2022, deadline for submitting declaration of candidacy forms and a list of Nominating Committee members.

The Mor-Gran-Sou board also charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. All bylaw amendments and resolutions, either in writing or presented in person, were due by March 15, 2022, the date of the final meeting of the Nominating Committee.

At the March 15 Nominating Committee meeting, in the absence of Chairman Neubauer, Secretary Glenda Gross reported that Nominating Committee member M. Curtis Feland had submitted his resignation from the committee to run for a seat on the board. Jackie Miller, Chief of Staff, reported that the resignation will be reported to the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors at their March board meeting which resignation was accepted at its March 23, 2022 meeting.

As planned, the Mor-Gran-Sou Nominating Committee met on Feb. 10 and March 3 via telephone conference calls. At the final meeting on March 15, Secretary Glenda Gross reported that no bylaw amendments or resolutions were submitted to the Nominating Committee. The committee also had no bylaw amendments or resolutions to recommend to the board of directors.

Gross then called for nominations, which names would be reviewed by staff to preliminarily determine eligibility before being forwarded to the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors for final approval at its March 23 board meeting. The candidates forwarded and ultimately approved as eligible by the board of directors, were:

GRANT COUNTY	MANDAN AREA	MORTON COUNTY (3-Year)
Erika Horst* Elgin	Pam Geiger Mandan	Mark Doll New Salem
Scott Katus Watauga		M. Curtis Feland Almont
Ryan Petrick Elgin		
John Schmid Carson		
Myles Stoller* Elgin		
Jacob Tatro* Carson		

\*Erika Horst, Jacob Tatro and Myles Stoller withdrew their candidacy.



# MOR-GRAN-SOU BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Casey Wells**  
Grant County



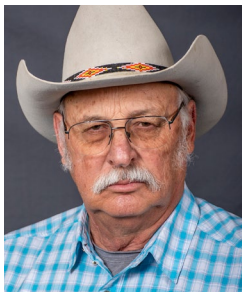
**Chad Harrison**  
Sioux County



**Pam Geiger**  
Mandan Area



**Vernard Frederick**  
Grant County



**Rodney Froelich**  
Sioux County



**Jay Larson**  
Morton County



**Robert Leingang**  
Mandan Area



**Kathy Tokach**  
Morton County



**Steve Tomac**  
At-Large

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ROLE IN OUR JOURNEY

As their time on the Mor-Gran-Sou Board draws to a close, we wanted to express our sincere gratitude to directors Vern Frederick and Jay Larson. Board service can be gratifying, exciting and challenging, and both Vern and Jay took on their Board duties with dedication, grace, and seriousness.

We are most grateful for their active leadership as thoughtful custodians of our organization and their immeasurable contributions to the success of Mor-Gran-Sou.

Vern Frederick served as a Grant County board director from 1990 to 1999 and 2004 to present day. Jay Larson served as a Morton County board director from 2016 to present day.

We certainly will miss working with you as a board director and look forward to staying in touch with each of you for years to come. Thank you for your faithful service to the cooperative and most importantly the membership of Mor-Gran-Sou.

***Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts, will be written the history of this generation.***

– Robert Kennedy

# MOR-GRAN-SOU SERVICE AREA

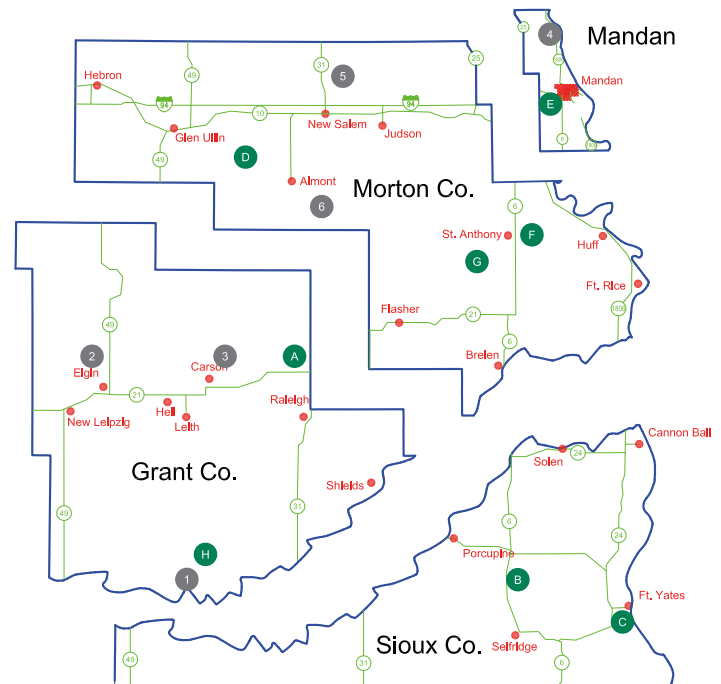
## CURRENT DIRECTORS:

- A. VERNARD FREDERICK
- B. RODNEY FROELICH
- C. CHAD HARRISON
- D. JAY LARSON
- E. BOB J LEINGANG
- F. KATHY TOKACH
- G. STEVE TOMAC
- H. CASEY WELLS

## 2022 CANDIDATES:

- 1. SCOTT KATUS/GRANT COUNTY
- 2. RYAN PETRICK/GRANT COUNTY
- 3. JOHN SCHMID/GRANT COUNTY
- 4. PAM GEIGER/MANDAN AREA
- 5. MARK DOLL/MORTON COUNTY
- 6. M. CURTIS FELAND/MORTON COUNTY

## Mor-Gran-Sou Director District Map



# 2022 PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT AND REVIEW OF CANDIDATES

The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members are being asked to vote on a proposed Bylaw Amendment and three board of director positions: one in Grant County, one in the Mandan Area, and one in Morton County. The Bylaw Amendment and candidates, along with their biographies, are listed on these pages.

## PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

The third paragraph of Section 404 titled "Tenure" of the current Mor-Gran-Sou bylaws includes a term limits provision regarding the election of directors.

The position of the MGS Board of Directors is that term limits should be eliminated because a director is always subject to not being elected when the term expires. In addition, term limits may prevent a director from serving on national boards. MGS is the only North Dakota electric cooperative with term limits for its directors.

The Mor-Gran-Sou Board of Directors is requesting a vote of the membership whether to delete the term limit provision as follows:

Each Board of Directors member shall hold three (3) year terms, with three (3) or less directors elected each year, unless

there are additional vacancies to be filled by the members under Section 407 of these Bylaws. Directors shall be elected by all Cooperative members at the annual meeting either in person or by mail vote.

Upon their election, directors shall, subject to Section 406 on the removal of directors, serve until the annual meeting of the members of the year in which their term expires or until their successors shall have been elected, qualified and begun their term of office.

~~All directors shall be limited to six (6) consecutive three (3)-year terms after which time they shall not be eligible for another term of office as a director until one (1) year has elapsed, at which time the director shall be eligible to serve another six (6) consecutive three (3) year terms.~~

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## GRANT COUNTY CANDIDATES



### SCOTT KATUS

**RESIDENCE:** Grant County, Watauga SD

**OCCUPATION:** Operate 4th generation ranch (homesteaded by great grandfather JC Spicer) on the Cedar River. Farm with two sons (fifth generation).

Operate cow/calf program, a bred heifer development program and a finish feedlot. Also raise numerous small grains and alfalfa. REA Hybrids seed corn dealer.

**FAMILY:** Wife, Heather, and four children

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from McIntosh High School in 1986 and Bismarck State College (BSC) in 1988 with associate of applied science degree in farm and ranch management.

**DEGREES and HONORS:** High school honor student-valedictorian; 1988 state and national PAS Champion in the beef industry; outstanding student in agriculture in 1988 – BSC.

**OFFICES/ORGANIZATIONS:** McIntosh-Watauga Equity Board 1999 – 2001; Corson County Fair Board 1997 to 2017, serving as president for 3 years; Winona Township board director 2012 to present; McIntosh Co-Op board director 2010 to present, serve as president for 8 years; Mor-Gran-Sou Nominating committee for 2 years – chair in 2002; North Dakota Stockmen's Association board director 2021 to present.

**HOBBIES:** Certified basketball official - varsity for boys and girls 1994 to present, hunting, fishing, and spending time with grandchildren.



### RYAN PETRICK

**RESIDENCE:** Grant County, Elgin

**OCCUPATION:** A 4th generation farmer/rancher; run cow/calf beef cattle and raise numerous small grains and hay. Also spent 16 years in the oilfield working numerous jobs from rig hand, rig supervisor, hot oil truck driver, safety advisor

and consultant.

**FAMILY:** Wife, Amanda, and four children

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Elgin/New Leipzig High School in 1998 and the North Dakota State College of Science, Wapeton in 2000 with an associate degree in

Micro Computers.

**OFFICES/ORGANIZATIONS:** Grant County Farmers Union Director 2019 to current. Served as board vice president 2020-2021, served as board President 2021 to present; Saxon at Ebenezer United Church of Christ 2021 to present.

**HOBBIES:** I enjoy hunting, woodworking, horseback riding, watching my kid's events and spending time with family.



### JOHN SCHMID

**RESIDENCE:** Grant County, Carson

**OCCUPATION:** President of Grant County State Bank overseeing \$45 million bank with a \$25 million agricultural loan portfolio. Commercial beef cattle and grain farming with his sons.

**FAMILY:** Wife, Sandra, and two children

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Eden Valley-Watkins High School, Eden Valley, MN in 1982, and the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, in 1986, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. In 1988, graduated from the North Dakota Bankers Association School of Banking, Bismarck.

**OFFICES/ORGANIZATIONS:** Lewis & Clark Regional Development Council Capital Fund Board, Current Chair, board member 1993 to present; Appointed by the Governor to the North Dakota State Banking board, Director 2014 to present; Appointed by the North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture Credit Review Board/Ag Mediation 2021 to present; past board director of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center served as chair and two-term director in the mid 1990's.

**HOBBIES:** Fishing, hunting, being in the outdoors and spending time with grandchildren.

## MANDAN AREA CANDIDATE



### PAM GEIGER

**RESIDENCE:** Morton County, Mandan

**OCCUPATION:** Tax specialist for Farm Credit Services of Mandan. Provides tax preparation, advisory and planning services. Also provides farm transition planning

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for farmers. My husband and I recently retired as fourth-generation rancher and the 5th and 6th generation now live on the farm.

**FAMILY:** Husband, Warren, and three children

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Wing Public School in 1977 and graduated from the University of Mary in Bismarck with Bachelor of Science degrees in accounting and business administration in 1987.

**OFFICES/ORGANIZATIONS/HONORS:** Past Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative director from 1998 to 2016 and 2019 to present, served as secretary/treasurer during tenure and obtained the Credentialed Cooperative Director designation; past member of the N.D. State Electrical Board (appointed by Gov. Schafer and reappointed by Gov. Hoeven) from 1998 to 2008.

**HOBBIES:** Reading, fishing, gardening and spending time with the grandkids.

## MORTON COUNTY CANDIDATES



### MARK DOLL

**RESIDENCE:** Morton County, New Salem

**OCCUPATION:** Runs dairy and beef cattle and small grain operation with his son.

**FAMILY:** Wife, Kristi, and four children

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from New Salem High School in 1976 and North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo, in 1980 with a degree in animal science.

**OFFICES/ORGANIZATIONS:** Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors 2003 to 2021, chairman for three years; Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative board director, vice chairman for four years, secretary for one year, serving as a director when initially incorporated; current director of Milk Producers for 11 years, serving as chairman during tenure; served on New Salem school board for 13 years and Land O'Lakes director for nine years.

**HOBBIES:** Camping, farming, and collecting antique Aladdin oil lamps.



### M. CURTIS FELAND

**RESIDENCE:** Morton County, Almont

**OCCUPATION:** Runs beef cattle and small grains operation.

**FAMILY:** Wife, Jamane

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Almont High School in 1984

**OFFICES/ORGANIZATIONS:**

Served on Almont School Board for six years, president for 3 years; Almont Rural Fire Department 1984-2012, director for 12 years; Lutheran Church Council 2016-2022, president for 6 years.

**HOBBIES:** Antique tractor and classic car restoration.

## WE ASKED THE CANDIDATES ...

**What do you believe is the role of a nonprofit board such as Mor-Gran-Sou?**

**Scott Katus:** "To represent the members and work with the administrative staff to achieve the short- and long-term goals of the Cooperative. Also, to keep the cooperative in a strong financial position to achieve these goals."

**Ryan Petrick:** "The role of a nonprofit board is to give direction and input from a member's point of view."

**John Schmid:** "To make decisions and provide direction promoting the mission of the organization."

**Pam Geiger:** "The board should be the voice of the member/owners and provide governance and policy direction on their behalf."

**Mark Doll:** "To set the direction for the management and staff to provide power to its members and return excess profits back to the members."

**M. Curtis Feland:** "To ensure the members of Mor-Gran-Sou have reliable electricity and affordable electricity."

**How would you describe Mor-Gran-Sou's mission? (Why do we exist?)**

**Scott Katus:** "Mor-Gran-Sou's mission is to provide a safe, reliable power source to its members while keeping it as affordable as possible."

**Ryan Petrick:** "Mor-Gran-Sou's mission is to provide reliable and affordable electricity to its patrons even during times of difficult world events."

**John Schmid:** "Mor-Gran-Sou's mission is to provide exemplary service, efficient and reliable power to its members and promote long term economic prosperity."

**Pam Geiger:** "To provide reliable and affordable energy and services to its member-owners."

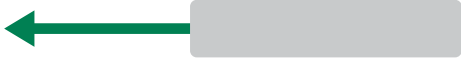
**Mark Doll:** "To provide reliable power to its members at an affordable price."

**M. Curtis Feland:** "To provide the most reliable electricity at the most affordable price."

**How do you envision Mor-Gran-Sou as an organization five years from now? Ten years?**

**Scott Katus:** "I would envision Mor-Gran-Sou being a strong growing cooperative that is a leader in the energy industry. The organization will serve the tri-county area using all resources available to keep the cost of energy to





an affordable level while maintaining the strength of the Cooperative as a whole.”

**Ryan Petrick:** “I see Mor-Gran-Sou implementing new technologies to better serve its patrons as well as continuing to share profits with its members and communities.”

**John Schmid:** “Five years from now I would be hopeful that Mor-Gran-Sou is providing safe reliable power to its members for them to maintain or improve their standard of living. Ten years from now hopefully Mor-Gran-Sou is continuing to provide important services to the members.”

**Pam Geiger:** “The cooperative will continue to see a shift in its membership from the rural to urban and rural residential communities. We will continue strategic partnerships with other cooperatives to best utilize collective resources.”

**Mark Doll:** “I believe that the IEA becomes a bigger part of Mor-Gran-Sou. As power supply’s change and members power needs change, MGS must adapt to the changes and the board makes the right decisions for the change. Looking forward ten years is hard, but one must plan for infrastructure and changes in member power needs.”

**M. Curtis Feland:** “I think with the growth in our service area, Mor-Gran-Sou will continue to be a very successful organization for many years to come.”

**What do you see as the biggest challenge this organization will face in the future? How would you recommend Mor-Gran-Sou face this challenge?**

**Scott Katus:** “One of the biggest challenges is keeping up with the rapid ever changing technology advances in the energy industry. Also, finding ways to provide for the rural areas at an affordable cost while expanding into the higher population areas.”

**Ryan Petrick:** “The biggest challenge for Mor-Gran-Sou will be the declining rural population and the advanced age of infrastructure. To overcome these challenges, Mor-Gran-Sou will foster relationships to promote industry and rural development in our service area.”

**John Schmid:** “I feel the biggest challenge is to provide cost effective power to the members in wake of the anti-fossil fuel organizations controlling the anti-carbon theme in the media. Mor-Gran-Sou can fare this challenge by being open to opportunities that arise in the industry as they develop.”

**Pam Geiger:** “The challenge will be finding the right balance between providing the membership with reliable and affordable electricity and services while providing the cooperative with the resources, human and otherwise, needed to achieve those goals.”

**Mark Doll:** “Dealing with wind, solar and electric vehicles and the costs associated with updating an aging system. Board must adapt to the future needs as they come.”

**M. Curtis Feland:** “To make sure that Mor-Gran-Sou can

maintain power to all members with the growing population. The best way to maintain this is with keeping up with the best and latest equipment and the most qualified employees.”

**Why should you be elected director of the Mor-Gran-Sou board?**

**Scott Katus:** “I believe that my past board experience in leadership roles has prepared me for the rigors and challenges it takes to serve on the Mor-Gran-Sou board. I started at a young age showing the willingness to be a leader in the community and have amassed the knowledge and experience it takes to qualify me for this position. I have the time and desire to play an active role in the management of the Cooperative.”

**Ryan Petrick:** “I have a strong personal confidence in a cooperative’s ability to serve its members. This belief was instilled in me at an early age from my parents, especially my father, Delwin Petrick, who served on this board for many years as well as many other organizations. I feel that the power is in the members and the board is the voice for them.”

**John Schmid:** “I am willing to donate my time and knowledge to help guide the organization to continue to be a first-class electrical cooperative providing electrical service and growing the Grant, Sioux and Morton County areas.”

**Pam Geiger:** “It has been a privilege to serve the membership as a director and I take my responsibility very seriously. I try to provide well-balanced input into the direction the cooperative goes. It would be an honor to continue serving.”

**Mark Doll:** “I am a forward thinker and a lot of what a board does is look toward the future. I like to work with a variety of board members while listening to their opinions and respect their input.”

**M. Curtis Feland:** “With the experience I have gained from being on several boards, I can represent and give the members of Mor-Gran-Sou an honest and positive voice as a director.”

**“History should be about every generation’s will to power.”**  
– Cody Wilson



# 2022 YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**Adam Gress**



**Clayton Marohl**



**Samantha Ellison**



**Jace Friesz**



**McKenzie Gerving**



**Jenna Gierke**



**Emily Morman**



**Meghanne Olsen**

## 2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 student scholarship winners, whose families are member-owners of Mor-Gran-Sou.

In the spirit of the Touchstone Energy® Cooperative value of commitment to community, Mor-Gran-Sou offers scholarship opportunities every year to assist in developing rural leadership in our region. Mor-Gran-Sou has awarded the following scholarships:

Elgin-New Leipzig Public School .....	\$500 .....	Samantha Ellison
Flasher Public School.....	\$500 .....	Jace Friesz
Glen Ullin Public School.....	\$500 .....	McKenzie Gerving
Hebron Public School.....	\$500 ...	No applications received
Mandan Public School.....	\$500 .....	Jenna Gierke
New Salem- Almont Public School .....	\$500 .....	Emily Morman
Selfridge Public School .....	\$500 ...	No applications received
Solen Public School .....	\$500 ...	No applications received
Standing Rock Community School .....	\$500 ...	No applications received
Home School or school outside service area .....	\$500 .....	Meghanne Olsen
3C Construction .....	\$500 ...	No applications received
WDUS .....	\$500 .....	Clayton Marohl, Solen
Basin Electric Power Cooperative/Mor-Gran-Sou ..	\$1,000 .....	Adam Gress, Mandan
Luck of the Draw .....	\$500 (2) .....	To be determined at this year's annual meeting

Mor-Gran-Sou will award two \$500 Luck of the Draw scholarships to be drawn at our annual meeting on July 15. All high school seniors who have graduated in the spring of 2022 and are dependents of Mor-Gran-Sou members, and have not previously been chosen for a Mor-Gran-Sou scholarship, are eligible. Students must attend our annual meeting and be accompanied with at least one parent or guardian and will be required to RSVP before the meeting.

## 2022 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR WINNER



**Wyatt Landeis**, an upcoming senior at Mandan High School in Mandan, represented Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative and the state of North Dakota on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C., June 18 through 24. During the Youth Tour, Landeis learned more about U.S. government, American history and the cooperative business model — not by reading a textbook, but by touring Washington, D.C.

## SERVICE AND SAFETY AWARDS



**Cody Graetz**

10-year service award and  
10-year safety award



**L. Brent Alkire**

30-year service award and  
30-year safety award



Members,

Is your contact information up-to-date? In today's world, communication is very important, and keeping connected with you is a top priority at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. In order to keep you informed, we need to know the best way to stay connected with you.

## EVERY MEMBER HAS A VOICE



As an electric co-op member, you have a say in how the co-op is run and the decisions that are made.  
Learn more about your electric cooperative at [www.morgransou.com](http://www.morgransou.com).



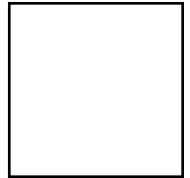


# Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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## Voting Instructions

**Voting by Mail:**

- Fill in the circle next to the candidate of your choice and your decision on the proposed Bylaw Amendment using a dark ink pen or No. 2 pencil.
- Sign your ballot as indicated. Ballots without signatures will not be counted.
- Do not mail or drop off at the Mor-Gran-Sou office.
- Detach and place into the enclosed postage paid return envelope. Mail to Survey and Ballot Systems, 7653 Anagram Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. Envelopes must be received no later than July 13, 2022. Please allow sufficient time for delivery.

**Voting Online:**

- Go to [directvote.net/MGS](https://directvote.net/MGS) to access the login page of the official 2022 election.
- Above and to the left is your **Member Number** and your **Election Password**. Use both numbers to log in.
- Once logged in, follow the online instructions.
- Online voting begins June 15, 2022, and ends at 11:59 PM Central, July 13, 2022.
- Do not mail this ballot if you plan to vote online or at the annual meeting.
- If you have any problems voting online, please email [support@directvote.net](mailto:support@directvote.net).

**SmartHub: Vote in the app or online**

- App: Open your SmartHub app, login and click the Vote Now button.
- Online: Login to your SmartHub online account and click the Vote Now button.

**Voting in Person:**

- You may vote at the Annual Meeting. The meeting begins at 5:30 PM Central on July 15, 2022 at the Prairie Knights Casino & Resort Pavilion, 7002 Hwy 24, Fort Yates, N.D.
- If a member casts a timely vote prior to the meeting by mail or on-line, the member will not receive a ballot at the annual meeting. You are still welcome to join us the day of the annual meeting.

PLEASE DETACH BEFORE RETURNING BALLOT

## 2022 Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. Ballot

To assist you in your decision-making process, please see the Annual Report, mailed June 1, which contains information on the proposed Bylaw Amendment and a biography of each candidate vying for a director position.

### MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use only black or blue ink or a No. 2 pencil.
- Fill in circle completely.

**CORRECT**  
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### Grant County Candidates

(Vote for one)

- ☐ Scott Katus
- ☐ Ryan Petrick
- ☐ John Schmid

### Mandan Area Candidate

(Vote for one)

- ☐ Pam Geiger

### Morton County Candidates

(Vote for one)

- ☐ Mark Doll
- ☐ M. Curtis Feland

### Proposed Bylaw Amendment

- This Bylaw Amendment would eliminate term limits for the MGS Board of Directors.
- ☐ Yes, I approve the proposed Bylaw Amendment
  - ☐ No, I do not approve the proposed Bylaw Amendment

Please sign below exactly as your name(s) appear(s). In the case of joint membership, either Member may sign. Business/Corporation/Trust/Partnership Memberships must be signed in the full Business/Corporation/Trust/Partnership name by an authorized officer, trustee, or partner, as the case may be, giving full title as such. Failure to complete this as instructed may invalidate your vote.

### Acknowledgement

Print Name of Member / Business / Corporation / Trust / Partnership

Signature of Member or Other Authorized Signature and Title

Date

DirectVote

Ballot must be received by July 13<sup>th</sup> to be counted. Ballots tabulated by Survey & Ballot Systems. 2022

## EVERY MEMBER HAS A VOICE. MAKE SURE YOURS IS HEARD.

In the past, Mor-Gran-Sou offered mail-in voting or voting in person at the annual meeting. This year, a third option, voting electronically will be available to the membership. To vote for your board representation and possible bylaw change, please watch your mailbox for your ballot packet which will include a ballot as shown in the sample, and instruction in a separate mailing around June 15. If you prefer, you may attend the annual meeting July 15 to cast your ballot. If you do vote prior to the annual meeting, you are still welcome to attend the meeting, however, you will not be handed a ballot when you register for the meeting.

**THIS YEAR, MEMBERS WHO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, ONLINE OR BY MAIL-IN BALLOT HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF 20 - \$25 BILL CREDITS.** If you are one of the lucky winners, Mor-Gran-Sou will automatically apply this prize to your electric bill; however, you must cast your ballot for an opportunity to win. **Mor-Gran-Sou will also have other door prizes available at the annual meeting.**