



MOR-GRAN-SOU
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Serving Morton, Grant and Sioux counties

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JUNE
2025

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

JOIN US AT YOUR ANNUAL MEETING

 4 p.m. CT- Registration

5 p.m. CT- Business meeting with a meal to follow

 Thursday, June 12

 Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's Mandan Service Center

Check C2 for details!





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Join us at your Annual Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting on June 12 in Mandan! We will be hosting this year's meeting at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's Mandan Service Center once again at 2719 34th St NW. Join us for a valuable opportunity to engage with CEOs, directors, employees and other cooperative members. At this meeting, we'll report on current initiatives, discuss our financial health and outline priorities for the coming years. Additionally, members will have the opportunity to vote on bylaw amendments and board of directors.

As a member of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, you received a 2024 Annual Report. In addition to the Annual Report, members received a voting ballot as well as voting information. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric wants every member's voice heard, that is why we make it easy for all members to vote, whether through mail, online or in person. You are welcome to vote online and by mail before June 10. Please keep in mind to mail your ballot a few days before the deadline to ensure your ballot is collected by the deadline date and counted for the election. We encourage you to join us at our Annual Meeting whether you voted early or opt to vote in person.

Director candidate information

Over the past few years, we have been bringing

you information about each candidate by video! This gives you a chance to learn a bit more about each candidate running in the 2025 election. View the candidate videos by visiting our website or scanning the QR code below.

The following individuals are running for election in 2025, listed in the order they will appear on the ballot:

Grant County

Ryan Petrick – Elgin

Mandan Area


Pam Geiger – Mandan

Rocky Schlosser – Mandan

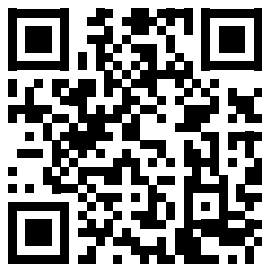
Tess Schmidt – Mandan

Morton County

Mark Doll – New Salem

We invite you to stop by for our Annual Meeting June 12 in Mandan for an evening filled with food, camaraderie and to learn more about your electric cooperative. There will be door prizes, giveaways and a chance to win exciting prizes like Medora Musical tickets and bill credits. Additionally, every member who attends will receive a special thank you gift. We look forward to seeing you there! 

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MEET THE 2025 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES AS WELL AS RSVP FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING!



COME SEE US ON JUNE 12
AT OUR MANDAN SERVICE CENTER LOCATION (2719 34TH ST NW, MANDAN)

MESSAGE FROM MEMBER SERVICES:

Energy Resource Conservation loans



Julie Armijo


Chief of Staff/Member
Services Manager

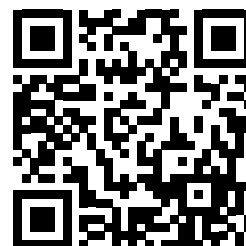
Did you know Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative provides a variety of loans for members? We offer loans for alternative energy, energy resource conservation, economic development, marketing and more. Today, I want to share more about the Energy Resource Conservation loan (ERC).

ERC is a low-interest loan that can assist members in making energy conservation improvements to their homes and businesses. Funds from an ERC loan can be used toward materials and labor for installation of

weatherstripping, storm doors, windows, heat pumps, electric heating and cooling systems as well as other projects. Members can borrow up to \$3,000 at a 5% interest rate for up to 84 months. Loan payments are added onto your monthly electric bill.

To apply for an ERC loan, an application form must be filled out and submitted.

Loan applications are reviewed and assessed by Mor-Gran-Sou Electric. More information on this loan can be found by scanning the QR code, visiting our website or calling our office at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212. 



ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Two \$500 Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarships will be drawn at our Annual Meeting on June 12. All high school seniors who are dependents of members and have not previously been chosen for a co-op scholarship are eligible. Students must register and attend the Annual Meeting with a parent or guardian.

**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER**





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MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Understanding your cooperative infrastructure



Jason Bentz

Co-General Manager/CEO

As a member of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, you are part of a cooperative that takes pride in delivering safe and reliable electricity to our communities. While you're familiar with the services we provide, you might not always know who owns and maintains the various components of the electric system that brings power to your home or business.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's responsibility

As your electric cooperative, we own and maintain the distribution system that brings electricity to your home or business. This includes:


- **Power lines:** These poles, wires and cables transport electricity from the substation to your property.
- **Transformers:** These essential devices step down high-voltage electricity from transmission lines to a usable voltage for homes and businesses.
- **Substations:** These facilities reduce the voltage from the transmission lines, making it safe for local distribution.
- **Meters:** These devices measure the amount of electricity used by each member, ensuring accurate billing.

What you, the member, own

While we own the majority of the infrastructure up to your property line, there are some areas where your ownership comes into play. Typically, this includes:

- **Service entrance:** This is the electrical wiring beyond where our system connects to your home or business, usually from the meter to your electrical panel or circuit breaker box. But sometimes the meter is not near or on the building, so from wherever the meter is located is the member's responsibility.
- **Electrical panel and wiring inside your home:** Everything that happens within your home's walls, from the panel that distributes power throughout your home to the outlets and light fixtures, is your responsibility to maintain and upgrade.

Understanding who owns what is more than just a matter of curiosity. It's about ensuring the safety, efficiency and longevity of your electrical service. It also helps you know who to contact when something goes wrong, and it clarifies the roles and responsibilities between you and Mor-Gran-Sou Electric.

As always, our team is here to help. If you ever have questions about what's covered by your co-op membership or need clarification on how to care for your portion of the system, don't hesitate to reach out. 

JOIN US FOR TOUCHSTONE ENERGY MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE BISMARCK LARKS!



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 14

TIME: 6:35 PM (GATES OPEN AT 5:35 PM)

LOCATION: BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALLPARK

YOUR TICKET IS ONLY \$5 AS A THANK YOU FOR BEING A TOUCHSTONE MEMBER!

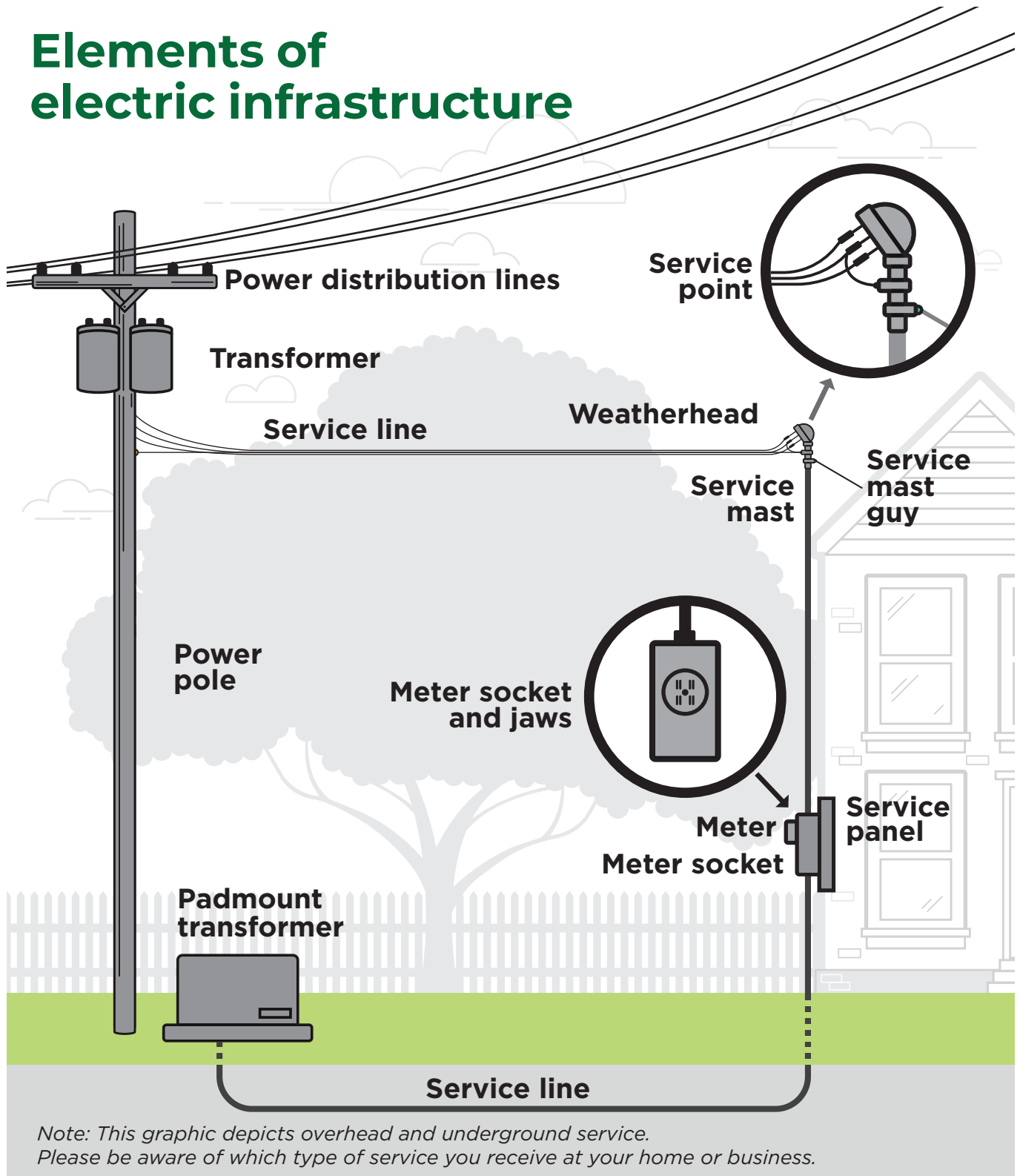
SCAN THE QR CODE TO THE RIGHT TO CLAIM YOUR \$5 TICKET!


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The power of human connections®





Elements of electric infrastructure



*Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service.
Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home or business.*

This graphic is for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect the exact setup between the co-op and a member's service installation.

MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS: Summer projects progress



Gary Fitterer

Manager of Operations


As we continue through summer, crews are hard at work on various projects throughout our service area. These projects are diligently planned by our engineering and operations department.

A few of the projects crews are working on throughout our service territory are changing out overhead oil-circuit reclosers with trip savers and installing substation oil containment berms.

Trip savers are a breaker device installed sporadically, starting from the substation to the consumer at the end of the line. They are used to help with sectionalizing lines during power outages and are oil free, which requires little to no maintenance. Containment berms are installed around substation transformers and help ensure member, environment and co-op safety by containing oil from the substation transformer if a spill would occur.

Various projects focusing on system reliability in the Almont and Carson areas include:

- Replacing 4 miles of overhead power line with new single-phase underground cable from the Cannon to the Grant Substations located south of Carson.
- Southwest of the Grant Substation, 5.5 miles of overhead single-phase conductor will be replaced with new single-phase underground cable to help reduce outages, improve voltage issues and increase load capabilities with the Cedar Substation located south of Elgin.
- The North Almont Substation will be upgraded for a line reroute by installing 2 miles of underground cable, allowing the co-op to retire 2 miles of overhead power lines.
- Installation of a new 1.25-mile tie line west of the North Almont Substation. The new tie line will allow the co-op to retire 3 miles of aged overhead line.

While our crews remain busy throughout the coming months, we know our members are hard at work as well. We'd like to take this time to remind members to be aware of power lines and electrical equipment. Whether you are baling and stacking hay, spraying fields or enjoying time in your yard, take a moment to look around and stay aware of your surroundings to help prevent accidents. At the end of the day, safety remains a priority for you, our members. 



SAFETY STARTS WITH ME: Summer safety reminders


Summer brings many of our favorite activities, such as being outside and spending time with family and friends. As you find yourself spending more time outside enjoying the longer days, we want to remind you about a few safety tips to ensure everyone stays safe this summer.

"We want to remind members our infrastructure, such as power lines and pad-mounted transformers, carry extremely high voltages. If contact is accidentally made, the results can be dangerous," says Brett Fleck, journeyman lineworker. "Here are a few tips to remember when you are spending time outside this summer."

- **Plan before you plant.** If you plan to plant trees or shrubs, keep them at least 10 feet away from electric infrastructure, such as power poles, power lines and pad-mounted transformers (the big green boxes). This ensures line crews have enough room to safely work in and around our infrastructure if needed.
- **Always look up.** Before trimming trees, flying kites or working on a roof, be aware of overhead power lines. These activities can pose serious safety risks if contact is made with power lines, potentially causing power outages, injuries or even electrocution.
- **Stay away from substation fences.** Substations house high-voltage equipment that can be dangerous. Please do not loiter around or do not climb substation fences.
- **Stay clear of downed power lines.** Always assume



downed lines are live. Stay at least 35 feet away and report them immediately to the cooperative.

Your safety is important to us. We hope you keep these safety tips in mind, so you and others can enjoy these summer days. Additionally, follow us on social media at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric to stay up to date on cooperative information, including weather threats and outages. 

Idle services to be retired

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative continues to retire idle services throughout the co-op's service area.

What does Mor-Gran-Sou consider to be an idle electrical service?

It is a service that does not make any payment to the cooperative, but continues to receive regular maintenance. Your cooperative's procedure is to post a detailed list in our communications material to keep members informed of the idle services that will be retired. This is the first notice of this group of idle services to be retired.

Prior to this detailed listing, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric 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 to be retired. The following idle services will be retired at the cooperative's convenience:

Morton County

T134 R84 Section 3 NW 1/4

Sioux County

T131 R80 Section 27 SW 1/4
 T131 R80 Section 29 SW 1/4
 T130 R80 Section 10 SE 1/4
 T134 R79 Section 27 NE 1/4
 T134 R79 Section 27 NW 1/4
 T134 R79 Section 35 SW 1/4
 T133 R79 Section 13 NW 1/4
 T133 R79 Section 14 NE 1/4
 T130 R80 Section 13 NE 1/4
 T130 R80 Section 13 NE 1/4



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MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 26

The board of directors meeting of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative was held on March 26 at the Mandan Service Center in Mandan. Chair Steve Tomac called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Also present were Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's co-General Managers/CEOs Travis Kupper and Jason Bentz, Chief Financial Officer Alex Craigmile, Manager of Operations Gary Fitterer, Chief of Staff/Member Services Manager Julie Armijo, Interim General Counsel Andrew Fergel and Executive Assistant Connie Hill.

Consent agenda: The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Strategic items: Bentz and Kupper presented the co-general managers' report, which included updates on various Basin Electric Power Cooperative meetings, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's PowerXchange conference and others. Several additional Basin Electric board documents were available for review.

Department reports: Craigmile provided a financial report. Fitterer reviewed the operations


report, which included an update on line patrol, line maintenance projects and a crew update. Armijo provided a member services report on upcoming member meetings, annual meeting information and cooperative programs. Chief Information Officer Charlie Dunbar provided a report. Fergel provided a general counsel report on projects he is working on.

Action items: Action items were discussed and resolved.

Discussion/general information: The board reviewed the 2025 strategic plan and other items.

Executive session: The board entered an executive session.

The meeting concluded with the adjournment. Secretary-Treasurer Pam Geiger certified the accuracy of the minutes.

Next meeting date: The next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. CT June 25 in Mandan. 



The original **HIGHWAY 21 TREASURE HUNT**

June 20-21 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. MT

Discover treasures on North Dakota's original 100-mile rummage sale. Citywide sales in St. Anthony, Flasher, Carson, Elgin, New Leipzig, Mott, Regent and New England.

For more information, call 701-584-2172 or visit the Highway 21 Treasure Hunt Facebook page.



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