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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.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE: ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?



In a notable inaugural speech, John F. Kennedy spoke his famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." His words urged Americans to take actions that

benefited the greater good. In essence, Kennedy was saying our country thrives when we all contribute our talents to the common good.

On a smaller scale, I think the same can be said about our co-op, specifically with regard to our board members. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's board members are community-minded individuals with a variety of skill sets. Our board is made up of farmers, ranchers, business owners and much more. We rely on their many talents to help us make informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Our directors live right here in the co-op's service area, and we consider them the eyes and ears of the community because they provide their perspective on important community issues.

What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's board means you're making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the

community it serves. On a granular level, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric board members typically provide input and guidance on: budgets, co-op goals and direction, co-op's community/charitable contributions, capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology, renewable investments and energy mix, co-op's role and involvement in economic development.

Opportunity to serve

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's board elections will be held on July 15. If you are interested in becoming a director, call our office or refer back to our monthly newsletter or last month's issue of North Dakota Living.

While you don't need to be an expert in electricity or business to run, you do need to have a passion for the community and a willingness to actively serve and learn. We continue to look for individuals who can represent the full gamut of the members we serve. Our board meets on a regular basis, and we offer specialized training opportunities to help board members make informed decisions. Board members gain a deeper understanding of the electric utility industry, the cooperative business model and local economic development efforts.

Ultimately, our board is the community pulse for the co-op and helps keep us on the right track. We love our community and want to help it thrive. If you share the same commitment and want to contribute to the greater good in a tangible way, I hope you learn more about our board and how you can contribute.

To learn more about Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's director election process and 2022 details, please visit morgransou.com.

Travis Kupper

SAFETY STARTS WITH ME: GARY FITTERER

Electricity is a powerful resource and is the backbone of our daily lives. Although it powers our lives, it has become so commonplace that people sometimes forget the importance of using it safely. But no one makes electrical safety more of a priority than your local Touchstone Energy cooperative – Mor-Gran-Sou Electric.

“Safety is embraced as a core value at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric,” said Gary Fitterer, Operation Manager. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric’s actions and decisions reflect a commitment to safety at all levels of the cooperative and our employees help our members create a safe work environment and system.

Mor-Gran-Sou employees practice safety and rely on it every day. “It is important to tap into their knowledge with these tools and tips to reduce preventable accidents and help keep every co-op member safe in and around their homes,” said Fitterer.

That is why Mor-Gran-Sou Electric is launching a new safety campaign – Safety Starts with ME – which will highlight what each of our employees do to keep our members safe.



Gary Fitterer
Operation Manager
Mor-Gran-Sou Electric

SAFETY STARTS WITH ME

And how can you help? If you see something that you think is unsafe – say something and let us know. Keep informed on safety measures by

reading about them monthly in the ND Living magazine, on Facebook, Instagram or our website.

A PHONE SURVEY MAY AWAIT YOU!

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be completing a random residential telephone Member Satisfaction Survey.

Performed by Odney Advertising and Ironwood Insights, this survey will take place in March. If you receive a call from Odney Advertising or Ironwood Insights on behalf of Mor-Gran-Sou, please take time to answer the questionnaire.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes. By participating in the 2022 Member Satisfaction Survey, Mor-Gran-Sou receives better insight into how we can better serve you, the member-owner.



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated as a Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of director, please contact Julie at Mor-Gran-Sou by calling 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.

All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the written declaration of candidacy form to the Mor-Gran-Sou office by the March 10, 2022.

Read more in the February issue of *North Dakota Living*.



Congratulations to Doug Nagel, Mor-Gran-Sou General Foreman on his retirement!

We wish you the best on your future endeavors and thank you for your 25 years of service!