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***Mor-Gran-Sou wishes our members a colorful autumn filled with plentiful treasures.***

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New to this year's annual meeting was the conferral of two Luck of the Draw scholarships. They were given to two students who registered and attended the annual meeting. Member Services Manager **Julie Armijo** extended congratulations to **Gavin Miller** and **Cassie Pierson**, on behalf of Mor-Gran-Sou. We thank these students and their families for being active and involved in their electric cooperative.

Prairie Knights Casino and Resort provided a delicious meal, compliments of Mor-Gran-Sou.

# Mor-Gran-Sou holds annual meeting

BY JACKIE MILLER

Members of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., met at the Pavilion of Prairie Knights Casino and Resort north of Fort Yates on July 20 to conduct their business at the cooperative's 71st annual meeting. This year's theme was, "Aligning for the Future."

The afternoon began with registration from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. CT. Prior to a delicious banquet served at 6 p.m., a solemn prayer was offered by Director Vernard Frederick, a licensed lay minister for the United Church of Christ. Mor-Gran-Sou Board Director Chad Harrison provided a warm welcome to the members.

Chairman Leland "Judge" Barth dropped the gavel at approximately 5:30 p.m. CT and the business meeting was underway. 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.

The reorganization meeting was held at the board meeting on Aug. 29.

Mor-Gran-Sou was honored to have a number of guests attend the meeting, including Senator Heidi Heitkamp and Representative Kevin Cramer. Both briefly addressed the membership. While Senator John Hoeven was unable to attend, he provided a video update.

After the greetings, 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. 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.



Linda Urlacher, president of the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., shared what the organization has accomplished in 2018. The foundation oversees the Operation Round Up 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. The foundation board members, who are also Mor-Gran-Sou members, will meet and disburse funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations or agencies in the Mor-Gran-Sou service area.

Dedicated to the development of young leaders in its service area, Mor-Gran-Sou expanded its scholarship program this year, awarding one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from each of the high schools within its service area. Faculty members from each respective school chose a student to receive these funds. Students recognized at the meeting included Sam Dart from Elgin-New Leipzig Public School; Autumn Bertch from Flasher Public School; Kyle Schulte from Hebron Public School; Katelyn Schmidt from Mandan Public School;

Jaret Lennie from New Salem-Almont Public School; and Jayce Archambault from Solen Public School. The \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative/Mor-Gran-Sou scholarship was awarded to Kathryn Slavick from Mandan. Several of the students were unable to attend the meeting. Dart, Lennie and Schulte attended and thanked the membership for the assistance in furthering their education and careers. Schmidt sent a letter of appreciation, which was shared by Director Tomac.

Mor-Gran-Sou also awarded two "Luck of the Draw" scholarships to students who had registered for the meeting and attended with a parent or guardian. The goal of these scholarships is to encourage the younger generation to attend, and learn about the cooperative business model of one member, one vote — and to show how their voices and votes will count. Recipients included Gavin Miller and Cassie Pierson.

This past June, Evan Friesz of New Leipzig participated in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. He and other delegates from across the state

and nation learned from and about each other while participating in events that showcase our nation's rich history, U.S. government, the cooperative business model and rural electrification. Unable to attend the annual meeting, Friesz sent a letter explaining his highlights and gratitude, which Director Tomac read for the membership.

Chief Financial Officer Alex Craigmile presented the financial report to the membership. He said Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. audited the 2017 financial statements of Mor-Gran-Sou and presented their report to the board of directors with an 'unmodified opinion,' the highest opinion they can give.

The board of directors and staff of Mor-Gran-Sou wish to thank our members for participating in the 71st annual meeting of the membership, and look forward to meeting your electrical needs in the future. ■

### Bill credit winners

This year, members who voted in person at the annual meeting or voted by mail-in ballot had a chance to win one of 15 \$25 bill credits. Mor-Gran-Sou automatically applied this prize to the winning members' electric bills.

The lucky winners included:

- Kenneth Bahm, Selfridge
- Dennis Doll, Almont
- Wilbert O. Fisher, Solen
- Marshall W. Flagg, Bismarck
- Jeff Frederick, Mandan
- Tom Herman, Bismarck
- James Hopfauf, Flasher
- Matt Kuhn, Glen Ullin
- George Leingang, Solen
- Eric Ohman, Mandan
- Chris Pack, Mandan
- Warren G. Smith, Mandan
- Jeff Striegel, Carson
- Vernon Stuhlmiller, Mandan
- Dennis Turpin, Mandan



Mor-Gran-Sou MSR II **Patty Kluge** counted ballots with member **Dennis Doll**, **Jeff Striegel** (background) and other members of the Election Committee partnered with Mor-Gran-Sou employees to count ballots. The process was overseen by Director Casey Wells.



# UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

The following list contains the names of current or former Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative 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.

If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from Mor-Gran-Sou, 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 following list should be prepared to provide proper personal identification.

## What are capital credits?

So, you like receiving those capital credit payments, but you're not sure why you get them. It's simple, really. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is a nonprofit business. We exist only to provide goods and services to you, our members; not to make a profit for a shareholder or investor. Cooperatives are operated to provide at-cost electric service to their members.

When all the expenses are paid, the cooperative's margins are credited to you in the form of capital credits. As the financial condition of your cooperative allows, you are paid these capital credits. In the meantime, your capital credits are your equity in the cooperative.

Refunds are allocated based on the amount of business a member does with the cooperative — the more electricity used, the larger the capital credit check.

If you have questions about your capital credits or would like a more detailed explanation, contact Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

**NOTE:** This is part one of three. The next two installments will be published in the October and November local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

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Mor-Gran-Sou Linemen **Cody Graetz** (left), **Brett Fleck** (right) and Lead Man **Jason Jahner** (center) frame a pole with assistance from NDAREC Safety Instructor **Steve Homes**, who was on-site conducting a safety evaluation in August.

## Despite summer storms, Mor-Gran-Sou maintains exceptional system reliability

WITH RANDY RESSLER, MANAGER OF OPERATIONS, MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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.

No one likes it when the power goes out. It's an inconvenience for you, our members; and it's work for your cooperative to coordinate and

complete the restoration process. That's our job, and we are happy to do it and serve you. We are glad those severe weather warnings have slowed, for now.

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. I'm happy to report that 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



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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. One of our ongoing projects is replacing overhead power lines with underground cable. This year, linemen are replacing three-phase overhead with underground from the Lark Switchyard to the Cannon Substation and several other locations throughout our service area.

We plan to add a drone for system maintenance in the future. Right now, we are test-driving technology that will help us patrol power lines in some of

our more remote areas of the system. The drone will give us broader, wider and higher views of each individual pole and piece of equipment.

Technology continues to improve and reduce the number of power blinks and outages on our system. When your power blinks, it means the system is doing its job in trying to clear the fault. When that's not possible, it will open a breaker to prevent a line from burning down. While those power blinks can be a nuisance for you, they are preventing system damage and ultimately reducing the time of your outage.

Maintenance is a key to system reliability. We've been trying to keep you up-to-date on the progress of our operations department. As we have shared in the local pages of *North Dakota Living*, on Facebook and at your annual meeting, Mor-Gran-Sou's linemen have been busy building new services, completing substation and system improvements, and converting some overhead power lines to underground, to continue giving you safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

Maintenance can certainly reduce the number of power outages caused by storms, but it does not stop them. If you do experience a power outage, please call 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212 to report it. A dispatcher will ask a standard set of questions including, "Did you check your breakers?" and "Do your neighbors have power?" These questions provide helpful information for our linemen, who are trying to determine the extent of the outage.

Once we are aware of the outage, we use our meter-reading technology to verify you are out of power. That's when we roll with a line crew.

If you call to report your outage and it's not answered immediately, please continue calling. If we have a transmission outage, a larger number of people may be out of power and

calling at the same time. Your call is still important, so we thank you for your patience and information.

Depending on the size of the outage, we may provide updates on our Facebook page. Please do not report your outage on Facebook. While it's a great communications tool for our members, it is not a direct line to dispatch. We still need you to call 800-750-8212 and answer those standard questions, so we can log your information and ultimately give you the most efficient service.

It seemed like a lot of our severe storms happened during the evening and night hours. Mor-Gran-Sou always has linemen on-call who do their best to fix the outage in a timely manner. Know that it can take time to pinpoint the cause of the outage, load supplies, travel to the location and ultimately fix the problem. Our line crews might also be working on an outage that was called in prior to yours, depending on the path the storm took. Please know that we will work as efficiently as we can, with safety in mind, to restore your electric service.

We thank you for weathering those storms together with us and showing your support.

In the end, it was just another summer for your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative. We did see more severe storms in our service area, and that weather pattern may continue into the fall and winter. As always, please be prepared for a power outage. If you feel you cannot be without power for whatever reason, you might want to look into how a portable electric generator can provide what you need during an outage. You will need a licensed electrician for proper installation, and for your safety and the safety of our linemen.

As the storms continue to roll, our line crews will continue to roll, and Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will continue striving to provide you with exceptional electric service. ■

# MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE *board meeting highlights*



## Meeting date: July 20, 2018

- Approved the June 26, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes
- Approved a work order inventory and a special equipment inventory
- Reviewed and accepted the June financial report
- Reviewed and accepted the attorney and director's expense reports for June
- Accepted format, location and time change for October Board meeting
- Approved creating the Transmission Maintenance Group entity as a cooperative
- Approved Southwest Power Pool Resolution
- Heard the Co-General Managers/CEOs update, and reports on several meetings attended
- Heard reports from various meetings the directors attended
- Held Executive Session

## Upcoming regular board meeting date:

Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.  
at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant near Beulah

Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m. CT  
in the Mor-Gran-Sou board room in Flasher

Nov. 28, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. CT  
in the NDAREC board room in Mandan

Members are welcome to attend the board meetings at any time. Please contact Mor-Gran-Sou at [cternes@morgransou.com](mailto:cternes@morgransou.com), or call 800-750-8212 or 701-597-3301 to confirm the meeting date and location if you wish to attend.

To place an item on the agenda, please contact Board Chair Leland "Judge" Barth or Co-General Manager/Chief Executive Officer Donald Franklund at least one week in advance.

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