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#### Directors:

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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<sup>®</sup> Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.



## Thanks, members, for attending

The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors, management staff and employees thank you, our member-owners, for attending the 71<sup>st</sup> annual

meeting of the membership held July 20. We appreciate the interest you continue to show in your electric cooperative.

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. Incumbents Mark Doll, Bonnie Tomac and Chad Harrison retained their positions on the board.

We thank Tim L. Kuntz of Mandan and Marcie Kahl of Solen for campaigning to serve their electric cooperative.

To learn more about Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting, read a summary in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



## Don't put safety on autopilot

Global Positioning System (GPS) technology provides farmers with real-time, accurate location data about a field. While GPS can help the driver plant

straight rows and maximize potential, it can give a false sense of security. Mor-Gran-Sou reminds our members not to put safety on autopilot.

When the GPS is set, drivers still need to be aware of navigation issues.

Farming equipment is vulnerable to hitting power lines because of its large size, height and extensions. Depending on the type of GPS system used, it might not have the ability to autonomously avoid utility poles.

Members, please evaluate your fields regularly, looking for low-hanging lines when entering a field, turning in end rows, leaving

the field and driving back to the farm. Also, be aware of shifting ground conditions.

Your safety matters. Working together helps ensure the safety of all!



ATTENTION MEMBERS: The billing statement you received on or around Aug. 3 contains a line item indicating your 2017 capital credit allocation. The information shown on that billing statement is not the retirement, but the allocation. This is the only statement you will receive concerning your 2017 capital credit allocation. Please retain the August billing statement as a permanent record of your 2017 allocation.

#### What is a capital credit allocation?

This information is provided each year as an official record of your capital credits. Since Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is a memberowned cooperative, at the end of each year we allocate all our profits (the money left over after all expenses are paid) to you, our member-owners, based on how much energy you bought during the year. These allocations are called capital credits. By allocation, we mean that we assign your share of the margins to a holding account in your name. Capital credits are used by your cooperative for operating funds, and at some later date, paid back to members as the financial condition of the cooperative permits. These amounts are not payable at this time and do not represent cash, but rather your equity in our cooperative.

## Also in the AUGUST issue of North Dakota Living:

- Chasing the storm ... near Carson
- Youth Tour recap with Evan Friesz
- Beat the heat this summer
- Holiday closing for Labor Day
- Board meeting minutes & more

## Have a power outage? CALL US!

Members, if you have a power outage, please CALL US ... do not contact us via a Facebook comment or message, as our page is not monitored 24/7. By calling us, employees will log the call and alert the line crews. 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212

## Look up and look around ... Farm equipment is on the move



While farmers focus on the ground when sowing and harvesting, looking up is just as important – especially when operating farm equipment near power lines.

For your safety, make sure you have at least 10 feet of clearance between power lines and your combines, grain augers, pickers, balers and front-end loaders.

Keep in mind that uneven ground and shifting soil conditions can put you in harm's way.

Look up and look around when operating equipment. Power lines and poles may be closer than you think.

If you see a power line issue that may need Mor-Gran-Sou's attention, please call the co-op at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212. Or, send an email to safety@morgransou.com with location information and a photo, if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all.

**Mor-Gran-Sou** 



Linemen Brady, Cody M. and Gary





# Committed to community and country

Electric Cooperative

According to Merriam-Webster's dictionary, patriotism is "the love for or devotion to one's country." Perhaps no other day of the year evokes such a sense of patriotism than Independence Day. With flags rippling on porches and store fronts, and local parades and marching bands adorning main streets, together we show support for community and country.

At Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, we believe another form of patriotism is engagement in public and civic life. By being active and involved, our goal is to

help improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Employees with Mor-Gran-Sou have helped sponsor rodeo events and walked the parade route for years, handing out candy and visiting with members. It's one way we show we care.

Mor-Gran-Sou thanks the military men and women who serve or have served, and know this is the land of the free, because of the brave.

