



# CURRENT NEWS

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## Directors:

Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,

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Bob J. Leingang, Kathy Tokach

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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.

## Annual Meeting rescheduled for Aug. 20 on BEK TV

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Mor-Gran-Sou membership will be held as a virtual meeting, televised on BEK TV on Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. CT. Voting will take place by mail, as permitted by your co-op's bylaws and policies.

Five Mor-Gran-Sou members are vying virtually for one of three board director positions up for re-election. This year, the three board positions sought include: one for the Grant County position, one for the Mandan-Area position, and one for the Sioux County position. The approved list of candidates includes:

### Grant County:

Casey Wells, Carson

### Mandan Area:

Stan Boehm, Mandan

Bob J. Leingang, Mandan

### Sioux County:

Rodney Froelich, Selfridge

Randal J. White Sr., Selfridge

Watch for details in the ballot packet you will receive on or around July 20.



## 'I have a question'

Use this space to ask a question or make a comment. Time is allotted at the end of the virtual meeting to address. If the question is in written form and you want your question answered, please include your name and address.

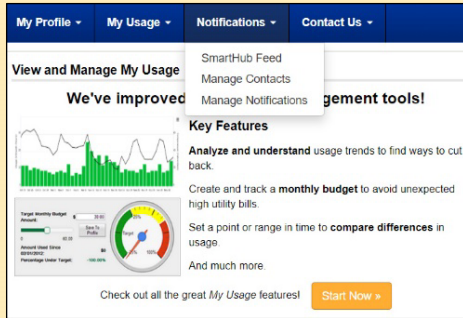
Anonymous questions or questions from non-members will not be answered.

Please provide your name and address:

To submit your question or comment, mail to: Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297. You may also call 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3995, and ask for Jackie; or log into SmartHub and use Contact Us, or email us at [info@morgransou.com](mailto:info@morgransou.com).

**Please have all questions submitted by 4:30 p.m. CT, Friday, Aug. 7.**

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



## Sign up to receive text messages

One of the communication tools offered by SmartHub is text messaging. These timely messages will alert our members to planned power outages, billing information, upcoming events and other important notices.

You will not be able to reply or text the co-op. This tool is only set up for Mor-Gran-Sou to send, and not receive, messages.

Please sign up through SmartHub! If you would like assistance in walking through the steps, give Julie a call at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212.

Thank you, members, for helping us keep you up-to-date!

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started!



## Stack hay AWAY from high-voltage power lines

There must be 10 feet of clearance between hay bales and power lines.

Keep in mind that summer's warm temps can cause power lines to sag.

Find another spot away from those hot, high-voltage lines — that under certain conditions can cause fire, injury or death.



## G&T REPORTS

Each year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative asks our power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), to update our members on the accomplishments and challenges of our generation and transmission cooperatives. The following is a condensed update. The full reports can be read in the July local pages of North Dakota Living.

### BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly changing, and these extraordinary times require exceptional measures to deal with the health risks that affect us all. We are doing everything we can for the safety of our employees and members.

Additionally, our focus is to assure the continuity of business functions, as we ensure 3 million members across nine states have reliable electricity, along with continuing our operations at Dakota Gasification Company.

It's inevitable that the effects of this pandemic hamper our business. Low commodity prices impact Dakota Gas, and affect the production of oil in the Williston Basin. Oil production is slowing, and in some cases, halted. We are closely monitoring this, as our pre-pandemic load forecast showed immense growth, for which we were making plans to buy and build generation capacity. The related financial impact and duration of this economic slowdown due to the pandemic cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

We will continue to work with our members to find new ways to support them.

As we face uncertainties, our strong network of people will bring us through this challenging time. Our board, membership and employees are in this together.

### WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION (WAPA)

The partnerships and common goals WAPA and our customers share are the stable foundation that progresses WAPA toward a relevant and valuable future.

Being a progressive organization takes stability in our purpose, finances, people and operations. Remaining a stable organization requires making progress in our ability to deliver on our mission in a changing energy world, modernizing our operations, securing our financing and developing our people into thoughtful, collaborative leaders capable of carrying on our legacy.

Since 2013, we have returned about \$2 billion to the Treasury, helping pay down that debt and ease pressure on cash flow.

We continue to improve our business processes with the goals of better predictability, cost containment, and making sure we are properly managing the lifecycle of our assets.

We continue to find, evaluate and implement best practices to maintain our extensive transmission assets.

As we operate at cost, WAPA is prioritizing funds and focusing on essential tasks beyond the immediate pandemic-related activities.

Working together with our customers and the industry at large, WAPA is continually seeking ways to better understand our customers' specific and unique needs, manage the challenges and opportunities before us, and develop better tools for communicating and working together that yield tremendous results.

## LIHEAP now offers crisis emergency program

Qualifying households may contact the human service zone office (county social services) to request an application. For help completing and submitting an application, contact Community Options at 800-823-2417 ext. 140.

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

- When thunder roars, seek shelter indoors
- Always assume downed power lines are energized
- Medora-area discounts available for members ... and more