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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: SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING



Mor-Gran-Sou's Annual Meeting is scheduled right around the corner, and we cannot wait to see you there – in person! As many of you know, the purpose of an annual

meeting is to hold the election for the board of directors, share important financial information, occasionally vote on other matters such as by-law changes and of course—the great door prizes!

Mor-Gran-Sou annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors—or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the “errands of life” and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections. Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like Mor-Gran-Sou to bring together all members of our local communities.

Mor-Gran-Sou annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. Mor-Gran-Sou exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to its consumer-members. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of all members and to serve the long-term interests of our service area. This is

where you can help. As a member of the community, you have a perspective that is valuable—and we invite you to share it with the co-op.

The annual meeting is also the time to vote for new board members who will represent you—the members of the co-op. Board members are local consumers, just like you.

Perhaps you may feel that you have nothing to add to the discussion, so there is no need to attend the annual meeting. However, every energy bill you pay to the co-op helps ensure better service and reliability for the whole community. Your dollars are reinvested locally into improvements that impact the reliability and affordability of your energy, and Mor-Gran-Sou wants to hear from you to better inform our decisions as we plan for power for generations.

If you have not attended the annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members. Mor-Gran-Sou is connected to you by more than just powerlines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting.

  
Travis Kupper

## ATTEND MOR-GRAN-SOU'S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Members: Join Mor-Gran-Sou on Friday, July 15, 2022, for the 75th annual meeting in the Pavilion at Prairie Knights Casino and Resort near Fort Yates, N.D. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

In an effort to deliver the results of the election to the membership before the close of the annual meeting, Mor-Gran-Sou follows this meeting format:

3:30-5:30 p.m. CT – Registration

5:30 p.m. CT – Business meeting call to order, election of candidates

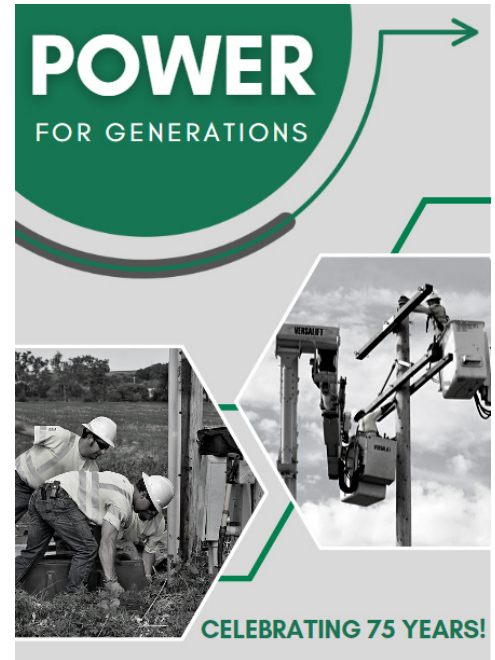
6:00 p.m. CT – Business meeting recessed; annual meeting banquet served

7:00 p.m. CT – Business meeting reconvenes

Mor-Gran-Sou will host a delicious meal for you to enjoy, plus members will have a chance to hear co-op updates and meet this year's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and scholarship recipients.

Again, this year – we will award two (2) \$500 Luck of the Draw scholarships to be drawn at our annual meeting on July 15. All high school graduated seniors who are dependents of Mor-Gran-Sou members and have not previously been chosen for an MGS scholarship, are eligible for this scholarship. Students must attend the annual meeting and be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian and will be required to RSVP before the meeting. Look for the registration booth the night of the annual meeting to fill out a registration form for the scholarship drawing.

This year, members who vote in person at the annual meeting or vote by mail-in ballot have a chance to win one of 20 - \$25 bill credits. If you are one of the lucky winners, Mor-Gran-Sou will automatically apply this prize to your electric bill; however, you must cast your ballot for an opportunity to win.



Consult your annual meeting packet, which was sent early June, for more information.



## SAFETY STARTS WITH ME: JASON JAHNER

"Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers," said Jason Jahner, Mandan Area Foreman. "In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous

jobs in the U.S."

The hard work and exhaustive labor are tough but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous—even deadly—when farming near electrical equipment. Every year, we see collisions where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages.

"One critical part of safety around electricity is awareness," explains Jahner. "It's important to remember that farm machinery is vulnerable to hitting power lines

because of its large size, height and extensions. Being aware of the location of overhead power lines and planning a safe equipment route can help reduce accidents."

If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.

- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.

- If your equipment comes into contact with an energized or downed power line, contact 9-1-1 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.

- Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, please remember these safety tips.

## 4th of July Closing

In observance of the 4th of July holiday, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric will be closed on Monday, July 4. Line technicians will be available in case of an emergency outage.