



# CURRENT NEWS

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## Directors:

Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,

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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.

**Lights. Comfort.  
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**Annual  
Meeting**

**RESCHEDULED FOR VIRTUAL CONNECTION**

**AUG. 20 ON BEK TV**

Watch for information in the coming weeks  
to learn how you can vote by mail-in ballot  
for the open board of director positions.

## Annual Meeting rescheduled Aug. 20 on BEK TV

Due to the COVID-19 emergency declaration and limitations on public gatherings, the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors has decided for the safety of its members to reschedule the 2020 Annual Meeting as a virtual meeting, which will be televised on BEK TV on Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. CT.

Voting for this year's Annual Meeting will take place by mail, as permitted by your co-op's bylaws and policies. The voting will include the election of the board of director positions for Grant County, Sioux County and Mandan Area.

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

## Mor-Gran-Sou announces candidates seeking board of director positions

Five Mor-Gran-Sou members are vying virtually for one of three board director positions up for re-election. In 2020, 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 board of directors set March 10 as the deadline for receiving members' completed declaration of candidacy forms. The Nominating Committee met for a final time on March 19. At that meeting, the committee declared that the candidates' names they received be forwarded to the board of directors for approval. Upon confirmation of eligibility at its regular board meeting on March 25, the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors approved the following list of candidates:

### Grant County:

Casey Wells, Carson

### Mandan Area:

Stan Boehm, Mandan

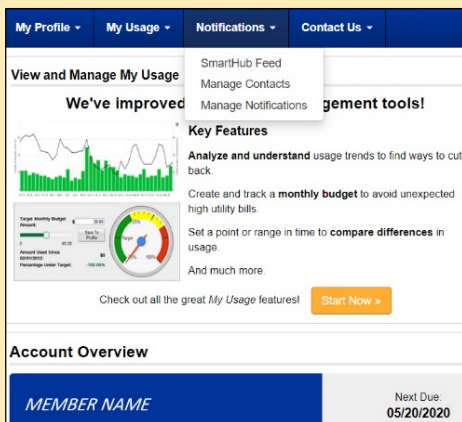
Bob J. Leingang, Mandan

### Sioux County:

Rodney Froelich, Selfridge

Randal J. White Sr. Selfridge

More information will become available at a later date as to how members can vote online.



## Sign up to receive text messages

Innovation is a core value at Mor-Gran-Sou. As advancing technologies become available, we utilize them to benefit our membership.

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

Please sign up for this additional communications tool through SmartHub!

To read and follow the steps, refer to the June local pages of *North Dakota Living*, or give Julie a call at Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212, and she will walk you through it.

Thank you, members, for giving us another way to communicate with you and keep you up-to-date!

## Also in the JUNE issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Thank you, dairy producers, for your hard work/commitment to community
- Safety poster coloring contest winners
- Medora-area cooperative discounts
- Happy Father's Day!
- Board meeting minutes ... and more



## Keeping our electric system as reliable as possible

Tree trimming and tree removal in the right-of-way is a regular part of your electric cooperative's operations. Mor-Gran-Sou, like all electric utilities, is required to maintain appropriate clearance between trees and electric transmission and distribution lines. Trees need to be trimmed, and in some cases removed, to minimize potential power blinks and outages, and to eliminate fire and safety hazards due to trees contacting energized electric lines.

Mor-Gran-Sou will have crews operating within our service area starting in June. Work will occur system-wide.

The tree-trimming crews are working on your cooperative's behalf to help keep our electric system as reliable and safe as possible.

## Pole testing underway

Mor-Gran-Sou began annual pole testing in May, starting in Morton County north of the Cannonball River near Solen. When work in the north area is complete, ending around Huff, testing will continue in Sioux County, working from Solen south to the South Dakota border.

The inspection consists of team members accessing all cooperative distribution lines using four-wheelers, and testing each pole for rot and other damage.

For your safety and theirs, do not approach the pole testing crew. We wish to be prudent and continue practicing social distancing.

Thank you for your understanding as we make the system as reliable as possible.



## Youth Tour cancelled

The annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, scheduled this year from June 20 to 26, was cancelled mid-April due to COVID-19.

Brynn Gaebe won Mor-Gran-Sou's essay contest this spring. She is the daughter of members Lance and Terryl Gaebe.

The trip was cancelled to protect the students, and we support the decision.

We also know Brynn was looking forward to traveling to our nation's capital and exploring museums, memorials and monuments for one amazing week of learning.

Mor-Gran-Sou has offered to send Brynn on next year's Youth Tour, scheduled for June 19 to 25, 2021. She has accepted! Thank you, Brynn, for waiting a year. It will be worth it! We know the pandemic will continue to evolve, but it is our hope to still give you that hands-on history lesson and help develop your leadership skills in Washington, D.C. We look forward to having you represent Mor-Gran-Sou on next year's Youth Tour!



**Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed Friday, July 3, to honor the Independence Day holiday**

Mor-Gran-Sou wishes our members a **Happy Fourth of July**, as we celebrate our history and heritage! Line crews will be available in case of an emergency or power outage by calling 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212.