



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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**Departments**

Member Service . . . . . Option 3  
Engineering . . . . . Option 4  
Marketing . . . . . Option 5  
Operations . . . . . Option 6

**After-Hours Outage and Emergencies:**  
**541-536-2165 or 800-752-5935**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday  
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Closed Fridays and holidays

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President**

Vic Russell, Fall River

**Vice President**

Dick Luebke, Sunriver

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Tanna King, Chemult

Daniel Jansen, Christmas Valley

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Ron Cass, La Pine

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Board meets the fourth Monday  
of each month at the co-op office.

**STAFF**

**General Manager**

James "Jim" Anderson

**Engineering Manager**

Tom Weller

**Operations Manager**

Terry Dunn

**CFO/Accounting Manager**

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Raymond Kindley

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# Manager's Message

October is National Cooperative Month. Midstate Electric Cooperative, along with 830 other distribution co-ops across the United States, is celebrating the benefits and values cooperatives bring to our members and communities.

But what is a cooperative? Simply put, it is a member-owned business. We operate on a not-for-profit basis. Our primary mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members.

Because we are locally governed, each member gets a voice and a vote, which is an integral part of the process by which the co-op runs. Midstate's leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board members, who help set long-term priorities for the co-op, also live locally on co-op lines.

We know our members have a valuable perspective, so we continually seek your input. We encourage you to weigh in on important co-op issues and participate in co-op elections.

By paying your electric bills, you provide the cooperative operating capital. In return, you get more than just power. We allocate portions of the capital to co-op programs, economic development, community engagement, sponsorships, scholarships and more. Capital credits may be retired and refunded back to you as the cooperative's financial condition warrants.

Cooperatives are based upon seven principles that date back to 1844. Visit our website to learn more about the Seven Cooperative Principles we follow in our daily business practices.

**Safety Reminder**

In the aftermath of August's thunderstorm in La Pine, it was brought to our attention that residents attempted to cut trees off power lines to clear the roads. Although

these residents intended to help the community, they were putting themselves at risk of fatal injuries.

Power lines carry thousands of volts of electricity. Even if a line appears to be de-energized, it can still be live or become live at any moment during the restoration process or from backup generators. Our lines are high-tension and could throw debris into the air and cause injuries.

Power lines do not have to be sparking or making a humming noise to be live. Never approach a scene where a line is down or damaged. If a power line is blocking the entrance to your driveway, do not attempt to drive over it.

With winter weather approaching, we could see an increase in downed lines across our service territory. I want to reiterate the importance of keeping yourself and others away from danger.

Please allow Midstate employees and other emergency personnel to safely repair our utility equipment and remove any downed trees and debris. Any time you see a fallen or damaged power line, immediately call 911, then report it to Midstate by calling 541-536-2165 or 800-752-5935.

**Co-Ops Vote**

The 2022 midterm elections are Tuesday, November 8. We encourage our members to register to vote and support candidates who advocate for co-ops, hydroelectric power and keeping Oregon green.

**Jim Anderson**  
CEO/General Manager

