



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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#### Departments

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

**After-Hours Outages 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

Dick Luebke, Sunriver

##### Vice President

Ron Cass, La Pine

##### Secretary/Treasurer

Tanna King, Chemult

Daniel Jansen, Christmas Valley

Garry Journey, Crescent

Vic Russell, Fall River

Alan Parks, Fort Rock

Gil Ernst, Gilchrist

Bud Kendall, La Pine

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

#### STAFF

##### General Manager

James "Jim" Anderson

##### Engineering Manager

Tom Weller

##### CFO/Accounting Manager

Jami Steinhauer

##### Information Services Manager

J.D. Powers

##### HR and Communications Manager

Sina Streeter

##### Marketing Manager

Britni Davidson

##### Operations Manager

Brian Sharr

##### Attorney

Raymond Kindley

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## Get Involved With Your Co-op

As we have communicated in recent months, our rates have increased effective with your February billing statements. This adjustment ensures we can maintain the services our members have come to expect and support ongoing enhancements to our infrastructure.

If you haven't reviewed the rate increase brochure mailed to you, please visit our website for comprehensive details about this adjustment, including responses to frequently asked questions. You can use our rate calculator on the website to input your energy use and determine the impact of the new rate on your bill. We understand any rate adjustment can be a concern, and we assure you that we are dedicated to keeping our services affordable.

Rising costs are not the only difficulties we are facing. Current federal litigation regarding hydropower is putting our electricity at risk. The lower Snake River dams provide hydropower for thousands of Americans, but a draft agreement could lead to the breaching of the dams and jeopardize our access to affordable and reliable electricity. If the draft agreement is finalized, energy costs will increase, the chances of rolling blackouts will skyrocket, and access to hydropower will disappear.

We are working with the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association to remind lawmakers about the importance of hydropower to the Pacific Northwest. We can't fight this battle alone. We need your help! You can join Voices of Cooperative Power, a network of electric co-op members working together to influence elected officials who energy policy decisions that

affect our co-ops and, by extension, our way of life.

Elected officials need to hear from our members—the voters. The more people they hear from, the more lawmakers pay attention to what Oregon electric cooperatives are saying. Visit <https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/lrsdregister> to sign up and make your voice heard.

Another way to get involved in your electric cooperative is to participate in our upcoming board of directors election.

Positions on the Midstate Electric Cooperative board for Districts 1, 2 and 8 are up for election at the annual meeting May 18. Candidates to represent those districts may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members who reside in the corresponding district.

Petitions are open. The submission deadline is March 7.

This is a unique opportunity for passionate individuals within our community to contribute their insights, experiences and perspectives to our leadership team. Your voice matters. We encourage you to consider this opportunity to be a driving force in the decisions that shape the trajectory of our electric cooperative.

The challenges we face today require collective action, and we are grateful for your ongoing support and trust. Together, we can navigate these changes, build a more sustainable tomorrow and continue to power our community.

**Jim Anderson**

**CEO/General Manager**

*"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." —Maya Angelou*