



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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#### Departments

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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

Steven R. Miles, 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

##### Assistant General Manager

Sina Streefer

##### Engineering Manager

Tom Weller

##### CFO/Accounting Manager

Jami Steinhauer

##### Information Services Manager

J.D. Powers

##### HR and Communications Manager

Britni Davidson

##### Operations Manager

Brian Sharr

##### Attorney

Raymond Kindley

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## Manager's Message

### Your Rights and Responsibilities as Members

As we enter 2025, it's a great time to reflect on your rights and responsibilities as members of our democratically controlled electric cooperative. Midstate Electric Cooperative's 73rd annual meeting on May 17 is your opportunity to vote for directors representing districts 3, 4 and 6—or even run for a board seat yourself to make a direct impact on our community.

Electing board directors is among your most important responsibilities. Directors make critical decisions about the cooperative's direction, which staff then implement. When voting, choose individuals with strong judgment and business skills. Evaluate candidates' performance and commitment to MEC before casting your vote.

The directors you vote for represent your needs and speak for you during their three-year terms on the board. Serving as a director requires dedication, hard work and prioritizing the cooperative interests. Your role as a member is vital in ensuring directors uphold these responsibilities and act in MEC's and your best interests.

Attending MEC's annual meeting provides an opportunity to hear updates from the board president, CEO and auditor about MEC's financial health, ongoing projects and challenges. It's also a chance to reflect on the past year, gain insight into future plans and ask questions directly to the board of directors, CEO and other key staff members.

As a member, it is your responsibility to stay informed by reading updates in Ruralite magazine, newsletters, our website, social media and annual reports. Pay attention to bill messages and other communications to understand MEC's objectives, policies and challenges.

Another one of your key rights is voting on amendments to MEC's articles of incorporation and bylaws that could take place at the annual meeting. Before voting, consider how proposed changes might affect the cooperative. The board carefully reviews each proposal with legal counsel, and members are encouraged to weigh their recommendations.

For MEC to thrive, members must understand the cooperative and take their responsibilities seriously. Active participation—serving as directors, attending the annual meeting and staying engaged—is key. It takes all of us—members, directors, management and employees—working as a team to make MEC successful.

For details on running for a board seat, see Pages 28–29.

**Jim Anderson**  
CEO/General Manager

*"A vote is like a rifle: Its usefulness depends upon the character of the user."*  
—Theodore Roosevelt

