



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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#### Departments

Member Service . . . . . Option 3  
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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

Alan Parks, Fort Rock

Bud Kendall, La Pine

Ron Cass, La Pine

Gordon DeArmond, Crescent

Ron Sommerfeldt, Gilchrist

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

Jami Steinhauer

##### Information Services Manager

J.D. Powers

##### Human Resources Manager

Sina Streefer

##### Attorney

Raymond Kindley

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## Your Rights and Responsibilities

With our 70th annual meeting fast approaching, it's a good time to think about your rights, responsibilities and expectations from your cooperative. Being democratically controlled is one of the seven cooperative principles by which Midstate Electric Cooperative operates.

MEC members have many rights, including to adopt and amend the articles of incorporation and bylaws, elect directors, and examine annual reports and monthly meeting minutes as published on the MEC website.

Members are also charged with several responsibilities, including being informed about their cooperative. Members must know what the cooperative is, what it can do for them, its purpose, objectives, policies and the issues it faces.

Member-owners obtain information through newsletters and annual reports, and by talking to the manager and directors. To effectively exercise the right of ownership, a member needs a good understanding of the present situation and projected operations.

MEC counts on monthly distribution of Ruralite to get important information into members' hands. The magazine provides vital information on projects and concerns.

The MEC website is full of useful information, as are social media, bill messages and inserts, and direct mail.

Members are responsible for reading, understanding, adopting and amending articles of incorporation and bylaws. Before voting to approve bylaw amendments, members need to determine how they will affect the cooperative.

Elected directors are entrusted to make decisions that affect the cooperative. From among their peers, members select individuals with the best judgment and business

management skills to represent them on the co-op's board of directors.

Electing a representational board of directors is one of the most important of all member responsibilities. Once elected, directors set policy and give strategic direction to the manager. The manager and staff carry out the strategic direction given by the board.

MEC directors are dedicated to the co-op and our members. They work hard as they carry out their fiduciary responsibility to you.

When attending the MEC annual meeting, which is open to all members, members hear an update from the board president, manager, finance manager, auditor and other operations staff about the financial health of the co-op as well as its projects, issues and concerns. The annual meeting informs our members about the past year's performance and takes a look to the new year.

The meeting is also the members' opportunity to ask questions.

To be a meaningful and useful business organization, MEC must have members who understand it and take their rights and responsibilities seriously. If we cannot encourage our members to be active participants by serving as directors, serving on committees and attending our annual meeting, we are left with members who do not understand how the cooperative works. It takes all members, directors, management and employees working as a team to make MEC successful.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's annual meeting May 14.

Best regards,

**General Manager Jim Anderson**