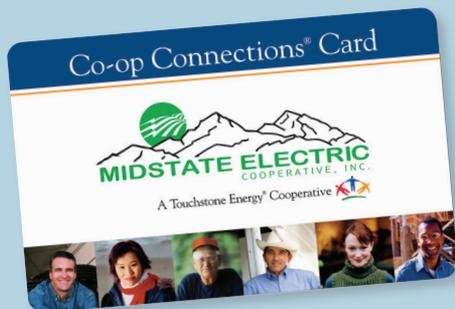




MIDSTATE CONNECTION

Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday
Closed Fridays & Holidays

Business Hours: 541-536-2126
After Hours Outages: 800-752-5935



Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Update

The Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving member benefit program that provides valuable local and national discounts. The most widely used benefit of the card, the pharmacy discount, has saved members \$1,010,672 since June 2009.

For more information call 541-536-2126 option 5.

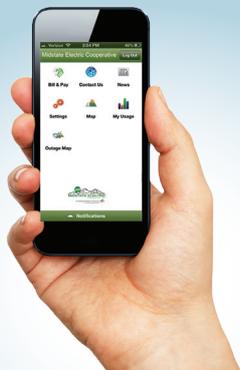
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Manage your electric account 24/7 by accessing SmartHub at www.mse.coop.

With SmartHub, you can:

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- Report outages and track outage restoration progress
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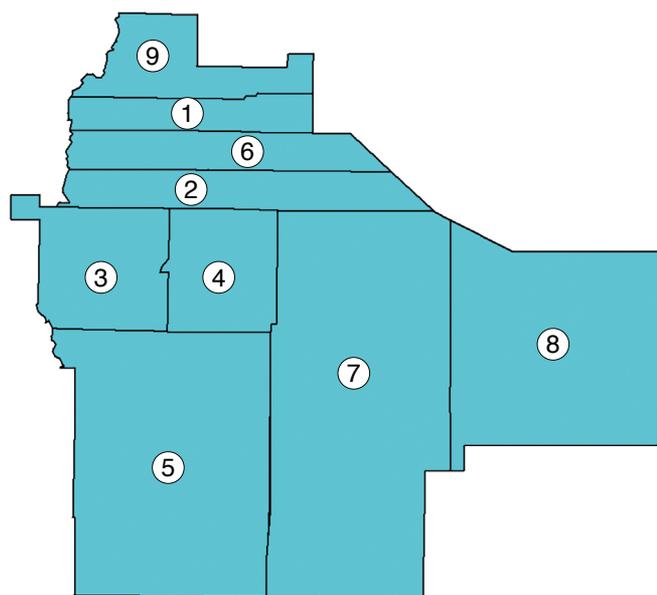
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Board Districts 1, 2, 8 and 9 Up for Election in 2021

Director positions on the Board of Midstate Electric Cooperative for Districts 1, 2, 8 and 9 are up for election at the Annual Meeting on May 8, 2021. Candidates may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members of the cooperative who reside in that district. Petitions must be filed on or before Tuesday, March 9 and may be obtained at MEC's headquarters facility.



District 1

Current Director - **Vic Russell**

District #1 is described as: North boundary is Spring River Road and its extension east and west. West boundary is the Lane County and the Deschutes County line. South boundary is the south line of Township 20 South, which is about 1.5 miles north of the intersection of State Rec Road and Highway 97. East boundary is approximately eight miles east of Highway 97.

District 2

Current Director - **Robert Reed**

District #2 is described as: District #2 is described as: North boundary is Burgess Road and its extension east and west. West boundary is the Lane County and the Deschutes County line. South boundary is the Deschutes County and Klamath County line. East boundary is eighteen miles east of Finley Butte.

District 8

Current Director - **Diana Cox**

District #8 is described as: North boundary is approximately 24 miles north of the Christmas Valley Highway. West boundary extends due North from the centerline of the intersection of Oil Dry Road and the Christmas Valley Highway and due South down the centerline of the intersection of Oil Dry Road to Picture Rock Pass. Southern boundary is located approximately 10 miles south of the Christmas Valley Highway. East boundary extends to the eastern edge of Range 21.

District 9

Current Director - **Dick Luebke**

District #9 is described as: North boundary is the Cascade Lakes Highway. West boundary is the Lane County and Deschutes County line. East boundary is eight miles east of Highway 97. South boundary is Spring River Road [and its extension east and west].

Oregon Legislature Returns to Salem



The Oregon State Legislature returned January 19 and will end June 28. MEC will be engaged throughout the 2021 session. We will advocate for outcomes that have neutral or beneficial effects for our members.

To keep up to date on issues that could affect you and your cooperative, consider

joining ORECA-Action. As an ORECA-Action member you are provided with background material on electric utility issues on important state and federal legislation. To sign up for ORECA-Action Network visit www.ORECA-Action.org.

SAFETY REMINDER

With winter upon us, it is a good time for a safety reminder of the hazards of downed power lines. Following are a few tips to keep you safe around downed lines.

- If you see a downed power line, call 911 immediately and then MEC at 800-752-5935.
- Treat all downed or hanging power lines as if they are ENERGIZED and dangerous. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live. Even lines that are de-energized may become energized at any time.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from downed wires. Electricity can travel through the ground; therefore, a live wire touching the ground can harm you even if you don't touch the wire.
- Electricity can also travel through tree limbs. Never remove tree limbs or other items that are touching or near a downed

wire. Never use any object to move a downed wire. Rubber boots or gloves will not protect you from electric shock.

- Be careful not to put your feet near water where a downed power line is located.
- If you are in your vehicle and it is in contact with a downed line, stay in your vehicle. Warn others not to touch the vehicle and have them call for help.
- If you must leave your car because it's on fire, jump out of the vehicle with both feet together and avoid contact with the live car and the ground at the same time. This way you avoid being the path of electricity from the car to the earth. Shuffle away from the car.
- Do not drive over downed lines.

MEC 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

MEC's 2021 scholarship applications are available at mse.coop/scholarship-programs. The final deadline for submitting applications and all required materials is Monday, May 10. For additional information call 541-536-2126 option 5.



ARE YOU



Operation Round Up®

You can support worth-while projects in MEC's service area by rounding up your monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar. Every penny donated is used to support charitable causes and nonprofit community services and programs.

Call 541-536-2126 option 3 to sign up. Single donations can be made by mailing a separate check to Operation Round Up®, PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739.

New Website

MECs website has received a facelift! The new site was launched last month. The menus remain similar, in addition to the content. The new site will be stronger from a security standpoint and will allow for more flexibility in design. You can check it out at www.mse.coop.

