



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Dear Member:

Enclosed herewith is the official notice of the 69th Annual Meeting of the Members of Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc. The meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Members can register for the meeting at www.mse.coop.

In accordance with Bylaw 4.5 of Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Bylaws, you are hereby notified of the election for director for Districts #1, #2, #8 and #9. Information about the candidates is enclosed.

A ballot marked "2021 OFFICIAL BALLOT" containing the names of the candidates for director of Districts #1, #2, #8 and #9 and information about these candidates is enclosed. If you did not receive a ballot, please contact the Cooperative's office immediately.

All members of the Cooperative are entitled to vote for all director positions, regardless of the district in which the member resides. If the membership is jointly held by marital partners, they shall jointly be entitled to one vote. The ballot for directors should be marked by filling in the oval adjacent to the names of the candidates of your choice - you may vote for one candidate in each district.

Please return your ballot duly marked and sealed in the envelope marked "Ballot". Your name and address, as it appears on your electric account, must appear on the outside of the outer envelope with green print enclosing your ballot. Please sign the back of the white outer envelope with green printing. If the envelope is not signed, we cannot count your ballot.

***** DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON
THE ENVELOPE MARKED "BALLOT" *****

Please do not mail payment of your electric bill with your ballot or in a ballot envelope. To do so may result in your account becoming delinquent as ballot envelopes cannot be opened until the date of the ballot counting.

Vic Russell
Secretary-Treasurer



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2021 Annual Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting - Saturday, May 8, 2021

Register at www.mse.coop

•In Accordance with•

Bylaws of Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc., Part III, "Meeting of Members" Bylaw 3.3 - "Notice of Meetings". Written or printed notice of each annual or special meeting of the members of the Cooperative shall be given by or under the supervision of the Secretary of the Cooperative to each member not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be delivered to the member in person or mailed thereto at his post office address as the same appears on the books of the Cooperative, and such mailed notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail with postage thereon prepaid. Failure of any member to receive notice of the meeting shall not invalidate any action taken by the members at that meeting. Any member may waive, in writing, and shall waive by attendance in person at the meeting, any notice of the meeting required to be given by these bylaws unless the sole purpose of attending the meeting was to object to the transaction of any business at the meeting for which there was no prior notice.

•• Agenda ••

10:00 a.m.

- Business Meeting Called to Order
- Parliamentarian
 - Quorum Report
 - Closing of the Ballot Box
- Board of Director Introductions
- Secretary Reports
 - Approval of 2020 Minutes
 - Reading of the Annual Meeting Notice
- President's Report
- Auditor's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Election Results
- Adjournment

\$1,500 in electric bill credits will be awarded. Drawings will be held throughout the meeting.

Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Director Candidate Biographies

District #1



Victor R. Russell

Victor R. "Vic" Russell was born March 13, 1952 in Bend, Oregon. Vic and his wife Vicki have two married children, Sommer and Mac, and seven grandchildren.

A life-long resident, Vic enjoys the attributes of Central Oregon and is committed to service and providing employment. Vic Russell Construction, Inc. began in 1973 and celebrates 48 years of business this year. At the peak of the construction season, he employs over 40 people through Vic Russell Construction and Finley Butte Aggregate and Paving.

Vic is actively involved in the Central Oregon community, and has served on numerous boards. Some of these are the La Pine Community Health Center, La Pine Industrial Group, La Pine Chamber Economic Development Committee and Partners in Care. He served on Midstate Electric's board from 1976-1985 and was re-appointed in August 2005.

"As a Midstate Electric board member, I bring leadership, experience and commitment that is beneficial to the Midstate Electric community. Believing in Rural America and the importance of electric co-ops, I would appreciate your support in re-electing me to the Midstate Electric Board of Directors."

District #2



Ronald L. Cass

Ronald L. (Ron) Cass has lived in La Pine, Oregon since 1956, the majority of his life. He graduated from La Pine High School in 1966 and Central Oregon Community College in 1968. He and his wife, Marilyn, have been married for 53 years and have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Ron began working for Midstate Electric in 1969 as a Groundman and retired in 2012 as Line Superintendent. Ron believes that by working his way through the ranks at Midstate he has the knowledge of what it takes to keep MEC functioning as a successful rural cooperative.

"Staying engaged on issues that affect rural America and the Bonneville Power Administration is more important than ever with the many proposed changes to existing contracts. As a board member, I will use my knowledge, experience, and commitment to preserve the Cooperative way of life and keep power rates as reasonable as possible. I would appreciate your support in electing me to the MEC Board of Directors."

District #2



Mark Coelho

Mark Coelho is a lifetime entrepreneur, beginning with an excavation company at 19 until his current venture with La Pine Septic Service 40 years later. Mark and his wife, Kris, moved to La Pine in 2013 upon their purchase of La Pine Septic Service and have grown to love Central Oregon. Since then, their business has grown along with their friendships within the community.

Mark and Kris have been Midstate Electric Co-op members since 2013 and are impressed with MEC's operation and interested in being a part. Mark is open minded, receptive, and eager to give back to his community. He is committed to conserving our Co-op and assisting in the local area in obtaining a sustainable future.

"MEC seems to run like a clock. With the challenges from state and federal regulations in our current business, I have a first-hand look at how things are changing. We as Co-op members must pay attention to how our community is regulated."

Director Candidate Biographies - Continued

District #8



Daniel Jansen

Daniel Jansen was born and raised on a dairy and crop farm in Forest Grove, Oregon. He graduated from Forest Grove High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Oregon State University in General Agriculture with a minor in Crop Science. He returned to OSU for an additional year to complete a master's degree in Agricultural Education.

In 1994, Dan began his professional career teaching Agriculture and Industrial Arts at Sherwood High School. In 2004, OSU hired him as an instructor, and during that time he earned a PhD in Science Education. After his career at OSU, he worked as an Educational Consultant for 12 years. The main project he worked on was writing and managing a national agriculture curriculum for high school programs that highlighted science and math connections.

In 2018, he and his wife, Marlene, (who also worked on the curriculum project) switched to full-time farming in Christmas Valley. He, Marlene, and their three children, Dylan, Lauren, and Nora farm approximately 1,000 irrigated acres producing export alfalfa hay. They have also recently started a cattle feedlot.

District #9



Dick Luebke

Dick Luebke and his wife, Carol, have been members of Midstate Electric for 22 years. Born and raised in rural Wisconsin, he earned a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He worked as an engineer in Silicon Valley for 23 years and has been a full-time engineering consultant since moving to Sunriver in 1999.

Dick serves on the boards of Sunriver Nature Center/Observatory and the Sunriver/La Pine Rotary Foundation. Since being appointed to MEC's board in June 2020, he has earned his National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director designation and represents MEC on the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association board.

"I am proud to have joined the MEC board, working to represent your interests as member/owners. We are fortunate to enjoy the benefits of safe, reliable, clean electric power from hydroelectric dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. It is important to preserve our access to these resources and secure cost-effective hydropower. Our industry is facing many challenges. I am committed to working diligently on your behalf to ensure that these benefits continue for all members."



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Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting

**MIDSTATE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
LA PINE, OREGON
MAY 26, 2020**

The 2020 Midstate Electric Cooperative (MEC) Annual Meeting was held on May 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Board President Alan Parks at 9:00 a.m.

In compliance with Governor Kate Brown's mandate limiting meetings due to the COVID-19 virus, there was no in-person annual meeting of the membership in 2020.

MEC's bylaws require a yearly meeting of the membership in April or May and an election of the Board of Directors. For purpose of the election, a limited meeting was held before the regular Board of Directors meeting. Board elections took place by mailed-in ballot only. No other business matters or actions were taken at the limited annual meeting other than those necessary for the election of Directors.

Board of election results: Ken Wilson-District 5 and Alan Parks-District 7 were unopposed and re-elected to serve the members for another three-year term.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.