

# July 2023 Update



**Melissa Maher**  
Manager

Your board selected Wednesday, Oct. 4 as the annual meeting date for 2023. This year's meeting will be held in Eagle Butte at the 20-1 School. Members interested in running for a board position will have until July 20th to file a nominating petition for the election which will be held at the annual meeting.

Three director positions (each for a 3-year term) are up for election: District #2 – Ryan Maher from Isabel; District 3 - Kelly Landis from Trail City; and District #4 – Kerry McLellan from Lantry. Members from each district will receive a letter mailed from our office on June 20 announcing the vacancy.

June is the month for Moreau-Grand to pay the generation tax (based on kilowatt hour sales) to our counties where it is then dispersed to the area schools. The total amount to be paid by Moreau-Grand in June is \$211,261.76 which represents kilowatt hour sales in 2022. The following is a breakdown by county.

Corson County:	\$56,828.85
Dewey County:	\$122,611.01
Meade County:	\$31.38
Perkins County:	\$2,051.56
Ziebach County:	\$29,738.96

### Update on personnel changes:



JJ Martin began work on June 1st as the Member Service Director. JJ came to us from the Timber Lake School where he was teacher for the past four years. JJ will be training

with Roger Lawien over the next couple months prior to Roger's retirement on July 31st. Plans are to hold Roger's retirement celebration at the Timber Lake Community Center the evening of Aug. 2. Stay tuned for a feature story on Roger in a future edition.



Josh Lemburg has been promoted to the Assistant Operations Superintendent position beginning June 1st. In this position, Josh's initial assignment will be overseeing

the TWACS metering system along with training and implementation of an outage management system over the next several months. Josh has been employed with Moreau-Grand for the past eighteen years and is ready for this new challenge set before him.



The promotion of Josh then left a vacancy for the Timber Lake Line Foreman position. Troy Long a nine-year employee and Journeyman has been promoted to the Timber Lake Foreman position.

Haydon Starr came to work here on May 22 as a groundman summer help employee prior to him attending lineman school at Mitchell Technical College this fall.



Congratulations to all on their new assignments. Looking forward to a productive summer season.

Until next month.... Enjoy the warm months ahead and God Bless.

COMPARATIVE REPORT	Current (April 2023)	1 year ago (April 2022)	10 Years Ago (April 2013)	% Change in 10 years
Number of Meters	7,121	7,118	6,749	6%
Kilowatt Hours Sold	7,953,993	7,501,161	8,709,774	-9%
Cost of Purchased Power	\$528,643	\$522,098	\$470,798	12%
Overall Ave. Rate / kWh Per Member	0.1162	0.01153	0.1075	8%

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## May 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes and March 2023 Financial Information

The May 15, 2023, board of directors' meeting was held at the Timber Lake office with the following directors present: Bartlett, Clark, Hieb, Keckler, Landis, Lawrence, Maher, McLellan, Walker and Wall, and others present: Manager Maher, Finance Officer Lemburg (Delegated Recorder of Minutes), and Attorney Burke.

The Large Power Users monthly report was given by Stephanie Bartlett, which included topics on large power usage and payments.

The Member Services report was given by Roger Lawien, which included topics on password and security updates, computer security patches, providing a wireless network for Capital City Construction while they construct the new headquarters facility, meter training, and working with Rushmore Electric's advertising agency to create social media and commercial advertising.

The Operations report was given by Kent Larson, which included topics on Highway 12 road move update, reels of wire for the Highway 12 project were received from Oahe Electric and will be replenished by MGEC, will be attending the Line Superintendent Conference, WAPA is doing electrical work on its substation, OCR changeouts, SDREA safety meeting, City of Eagle Butte Main Street lighting project update, CRST Telephone Authority project update, building move, Map 106 retirement update, and update on a potential new service.

Manager Maher gave the Managers report, which included 2022 statistic cards, FEMA update on the December 2022 Ziebach County storm, reviewed the schedule for the Rushmore Electric annual meeting on June 7, 2023, in Deadwood, NRECA Director Hofer correspondence, Rushmore Electric capital credit payment, 2022 generation mix data, NRECA correspondence regarding the Energy Innovation Program, Rushmore Electric Managers meeting will be held at Basin Electric this month, update on potential renewable energy projects, and Dakota Plains correspondence.

Director Keckler gave a report on the Bylaw Committee Meeting.

Manager Maher gave an update on the construction of the new headquarters facility, and the Board looked at the progress that has been made.

Board approved the following: the agenda, the minutes from the April meeting, new members, refunds, line extensions, financial statistics, disbursements, selected October 4 in Eagle Butte for the 2023 annual meeting, present a Good Neighbor Award at the annual meeting, no speaker at the annual meeting, safety report, not present any Bylaw changes to the membership, necessary signatures on the RUS loan application documents, CFC Integrity Fund donation, vacancy letters and petitions for Districts 2, 3 and 5, and position description for the Assistant Operations Superintendent.

The next board meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Timber Lake office.

### March 2023 Financial Information

	MARCH '23	MARCH '22	YTD 2023
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,275,036</b>	<b>\$1,161,530</b>	<b>\$3,805,780</b>
<b>Cost Of Power</b>	<b>\$632,249</b>	<b>\$593,387</b>	<b>\$1,621,499</b>
<b>Cost Of Electric Service</b>	<b>\$1,219,542</b>	<b>\$1,070,515</b>	<b>\$3,364,528</b>
<b>Margins</b>	<b>\$80,761</b>	<b>\$114,253</b>	<b>\$496,055</b>
<b>kWh Purchased</b>	<b>11,767,504</b>	<b>10,399,450</b>	<b>34,458,072</b>
<b>kWh Sold</b>	<b>10,856,083</b>	<b>9,650,947</b>	<b>32,449,374</b>

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen (or the backyard) and find new ways to save energy!

Source: Dept. of Energy



# 2022 Allocation Notice

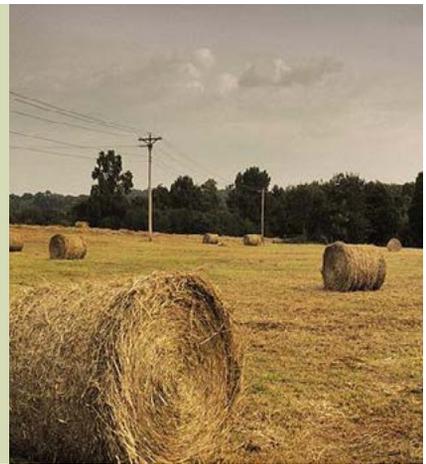
Your capital credit allocations for the year 2022 was provided on your most recent billing statement received in June (the amount can be found in the upper righthand corner of your bill). As a non-profit cooperative, owned by our members, we do not technically earn profits. Instead, any revenues over and above the cost of doing business are considered “margins”. These margins represent an interest-free loan of operating capital by the membership to the cooperative. Allocated capital credits appear as an entry on the permanent financial records of the cooperative and

reflect your equity or ownership in the Moreau-Grand Electric. When capital credits are retired, a check is issued, or a credit is applied to your account and your equity in the cooperative is reduced.

This allocation cannot be used to pay a current bill; but rather will be paid out to each member in later years with board approval. The amount of capital credits you earn each year is based upon the amount of capital you contribute to the cooperative through payment on your monthly bills. The more electricity you buy, the greater your capital credit allocation.

## Protect Your Valuable Crops

Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative is encouraging producers to stack hay bales away from power lines. Storms may cause the lines to arc and emit sparks. So, protect that valuable crop and do not stack under or near power lines.



## Murphy



# DIRECTOR PETITIONS DUE JULY 20

Individuals who are interested in running for the Moreau-Grand Electric board of directors will have from June 20, 2023, through July 20, 2023, to file a nominating petition for the election to be held at the annual meeting. All candidates from a district must have the qualifying petition with 10 or more signatures in a Moreau-Grand office by 4 p.m. July 20, 2023, to be on the ballot for that district.

The three director positions up for election this year are: **District 2 – Ryan Maher from Isabel;** **District 3 – Kelly Landis from Trail City;** **District 5 – Kerry McLellan from Lantry.**

It is important for the members to start thinking about candidates early. Petitions may be picked up at the Moreau-Grand headquarters in Timber Lake. A member can sign only one nominating petition and must reside in the district of the member running for the board position. All signatures will be validated upon receipt of the nominating petition.



District 2 – Ryan Maher



District 3 – Kelly Landis



District 5 – Kerry McLellan

## SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS.

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Director who:

- (a) is not a member and bona fide resident of the district from which he is elected.
- (b) is in any way employed or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures, or supplies to the Cooperative.
- (c) is not receiving electrical service from the Cooperative at their principal place of residence.
- (d) is an employee of the cooperative, or spouse or child, parent, brother or sister, by blood or marriage of such an employee. Should a disqualification occur subsequent to election, the director, notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, shall be permitted to complete the term of office. This provision shall be in effect for elections occurring after 1997.
- (e) Has failed to attend at least 2/3 of all regular board meetings during any twelve (12) month period.
- (i) No absence from a board of directors meeting occasioned by jury duty or active military service shall be considered when applying this provision.
- (f) Has pled guilty or has been convicted of a:
  - (i) felony,
  - (ii) any crime involving dishonesty, or
  - (iii) any crime involving moral turpitude.
- (g) Is a spouse or child, parent, brother or sister, by blood or marriage, of a then current Director.