

Director Candidate Bios

Official ballots will be mailed the week of May 10th. There are two options for voting this year — mailing paper ballots or online voting. Election results will be announced during the online annual meeting.

PAPER BALLOTS

Paper ballots must be received by Survey and Ballot Systems no later than June 3rd in Eden Prairie, MN, so please mail with plenty of time.

ONLINE VOTING

Online voting opens at 8 a.m. on May 10th and will close at 10 a.m. on June 3rd. Log into your SmartHub account and find the “Vote Now” button, which will lead you to your online ballot.

District 4 Candidates

Earl Rydell (Incumbent)



Personal Details

Originally from family farm near Fairmount, ND. Grew up in Fargo. Served 4 years in US Air Force. My wife and I have our home on Star Lake. We have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Schooling/Education

Electrical/Electronic Engineer, a graduate of NDSU, graduate studies in Electrical Power Engineering. Worked as an Electrical Engineer, Systems Engineer, and Project Manager for over 30 years with FMC/NOD, Rockwell, and John Deere. Responsible for designs, schedules, budgets, and

leading teams. Was offered engineering positions by Basin Electric and Detroit Edison Power companies. I am well versed in working with committees through the SAE, ANSI, and IEEE Standards Organizations I have supported during my career. I have been published and hold patents. I am currently semi-retired.

Community Involvement

We are members of the Lions Club and Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham, and the Dent American Legion.

Why I want to be an LREC Director

I am extremely interested in helping to guide/provide solutions to the problems of providing clean, reliable, and affordable energy. I will promote open communications between/among the company/the board of directors and the members of the Cooperative. I wish to continue my involvement in our community by serving on the LREC Board of Directors representing you, the members of District 4.

David Pawlowski



My professional career started on the end of a shovel and ended in the boardroom. Over the course of my career, I have served in executive management, technical, sales, marketing, and customer service roles. This breadth of experience provides me with extensive knowledge in business management,

budgeting, strategic planning, and regulatory affairs. I was afforded the opportunity to serve on multiple state and national industry committees and was a frequent speaker at industry events. Having been a Director for several years, I learned to listen, debate, vote, and ultimately support the majority while working closely with the general manager and his/her team. I understand the challenge of balancing existing plant maintenance against new investment.

My wife, Cindy and I are active in our church and community. I see this as another opportunity to serve and humbly ask for your support. I look forward to representing the LREC members of District 4.

In District 1, Kurt Krueger was nominated without opposition. In District 7, Tom Jennen was also nominated without opposition. In accordance with LREC's Bylaws, they are deemed elected by acclamation*.

District 1 and 7 Director Bios

Kurt Krueger



Personal Details

I have lived in Manston Township-Wilkin County my entire life, other than for approximately 10 years while I attended college and while I worked as an Agricultural Loan Officer. I have been a farmer since 1996.

Schooling/Education

B.S. North Dakota State University - Agricultural Economics

Community Involvement

Minnesota Soybean Growers Association – Past Officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary), Manston Township – Supervisor, Minnesota Ag Water

Resource Center – Past Treasurer, Christ Lutheran Church – Past Treasurer/Head Usher, Wilkin County Farm Service Agency – Past Chair

Why I want to be an LREC Director

My priority in serving as a director would be to ensure that our LREC members continue to receive reliable, reasonably priced energy. While I am receptive to the continued development of newer energy forms, I want to be careful with transition from the current energy resources which have served our area for generations. I also look forward to the development of additional revenue sources LREC is pursuing and the Cooperative's ability to serve our members in a beneficial manner.

Tom Jennen



Personal Details

I have lived in the Fergus Falls area all my life.

Schooling/Education

I am a graduate of Fergus Falls High School and graduated from Alexandria AVTI in Production Ag.

Community Involvement

I started farming in 1976 and, together with my wife Debra, raised four children.

The farm has gone full circle as our two oldest sons are now managing the farm. Throughout my farming career, I served on several farm related boards and our church council.

Why I want to be an LREC Director

Serving the last nine years on the LREC board has been a rewarding experience and I would be honored to do so for another term. I am confident I can represent the members and successfully lead LREC into the future. Deb and I are enjoying our 15 grandchildren!

*Changes in annual meeting voting were made with the adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws at the 2012 Annual Meeting. If no other candidates are nominated through the petition process, the unopposed candidates nominated at district meetings will be deemed elected by acclamation.