

# NOTICE OF



## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

### TO THE MEMBERS OF MCLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION GLENCOE, MINNESOTA

You are hereby notified that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Members of McLeod Cooperative Power Association will be held at the Hutchinson Event Center at 1005 Hwy. 15 S. Plaza 15, in the City of Hutchinson, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, on July 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors and committees.

2. The election of directors of this association for director districts numbers 4, 5 and 6. The polls for the election of directors will be opened at the meeting place at 9:00 a.m. and will be closed at 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, for voting by members who have not returned their ballots by mail.

3. To transact any other business which may properly come before said annual meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated at Glencoe, Minnesota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

Susan Anderson, Secretary

## 2021 CANDIDATE PROFILES

*The Nominating Committee is required to select two names in each of these districts to appear on the ballot. Below are the candidates they have selected for Districts 4, 5, & 6.*

### DISTRICT 4

*Kingman, Boon Lake, Preston Lake, Brookfield, Hector, Osceola, Melville, Bird Island, Norfolk, and Palmyra Townships in Renville County, and a portion of East Lake Lillian Township in Kandiyohi County.*



**Doug Kirtz**

Doug is currently the District 4 director and the board president. He operates Kirtz Farms, a farrow to wean hog operation, by Hector with the assistance of his wife Lorie and children Seth, Eli, and Sadie. Lorie is also a full-time financial advisor with Ameriprise. Doug and his family are members of St John's Lutheran Church near Cedar Mills. He is currently serving as a deacon on the church council. He has also served in leadership positions with the Renville County Pork Producers, BLHS Scouts, and youth sports. Doug has served on the MCPA board for the past 20 years. He is committed to keeping your Cooperative fiscally sound now and for years to come, with good reliable service for its members. He believes having affordable electrical rates as well as identifying new programs and services that can add value to the Cooperative and its members are priorities in the years ahead. Environmental stewardship is also a priority for Doug. He will strive to keep the Cooperative strong for those that rely on McLeod Co-op Power for their energy and consumer products for homes, farms, and businesses.



**Frank Berg**

Frank is a resident of Renville County in Palmyra Township. His career included being a full-time farmer in Meeker County as well as 27 years in law enforcement. This included serving as the Chief of Police for the City of Buffalo Lake. This experience gives him a sound understanding of budgeting processes as well as leadership traits that he believes would serve him well as a board member for McLeod Co-op Power. He also has experience serving on the Co-op's Nominating Committee assisting with elections and the annual meeting. Currently, Frank works part-time for a local farmer. He also spends time on the Forest City Threshers board of directors and volunteers time putting on a tractor pull in Buffalo Lake. Frank would like to see the Co-op continue to invest in underground wire to cut down storm and ice damage. Likewise, he would like to see reliability and affordable rates continue to be priorities. He believes having new representation on the Cooperatives board is important to bring different ideas and solutions to the table. Frank is committed to serving if elected.

**TURN OVER FOR DISTRICT 5 AND 6 CANDIDATES**

## DISTRICT 5

*Lynn and Acoma Townships in McLeod County and Ellsworth Township in Meeker County.*



**Allan Duesterhoft**

Allan lives about eight miles southwest of Hutchinson. He sold his dairy herd in 2009 and now buys bull calves and feeds Holstein steers. Allan is a member of Zion Lutheran Church and serves as congregation treasurer. He also is a member of Heartland Corn Products and the Hutchinson Co-op. Allan would like to continue as a director because of the tremendous importance electricity has in our lives. Allan would like to see McLeod Co-op Power continue to prioritize reliable service to its members at affordable rates. Employee safety is another one of his priorities. He looks forward to providing leadership and direction to accomplish these goals. Allan believes electric vehicles and other new technologies are matters that the MCPA Board of Directors will need to be thoughtful in how to meet member demand while forecasting growing electrical loads to ensure reliability. Allan is committed to working with the other board members and management team on a strong long-term future for the Cooperative.



**Karl Reinhard**

Karl and his family reside north of Hutchinson and are 4-year McLeod Co-op members. He served in the U.S. Army for 28 years – retiring as a Colonel in 2010 and then completing his Ph.D. in Electric Power Engineering in 2017. Karl gained broad leadership experience commanding the 3rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Battalion (2000-2002), 71st EOD Group (2005-2008), and Combined Joint Task Force Troy (counter-IED, Iraq, 2006-2008). Following these assignments respectively, he served in the Pentagon on the Army (2002-2004) and Department of Defense (DoD) (2008-2010) Staffs – working with large, complex organizations delivering high-quality, meaningful outcomes. Karl gained a detailed understanding of power generation, transmission, distribution, and renewable energy sources as a Ph.D. student and Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He worked as a Director at Open Systems International (specializing in power system control room software, 2019-2020, Medina MN). He is a licensed Professional Engineer. Karl's interest in serving the community by understanding current power needs throughout District 5, anticipating future requirements in a rapidly evolving energy delivery landscape, and working in concert with the McLeod Co-op Power staff to continue exceptional power delivery to all cooperative members – rural and urban.

## DISTRICT 6

*New Auburn, Green Isle, Arlington, and Dryden Townships in Sibley County and Penn Township in McLeod County.*



**Gary Burdorf**

Gary farms 120 acres (beef and crops) in Green Isle Township, Sibley County. He has lived on the farm for 44 years, where along with his wife Carol, they raised four children. They also have seven grandchildren. Gary is a graduate of Sibley East High School. He served in the US Army and is a Vietnam veteran. He is a life-long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington. Gary is retired from driving a school bus for the Sibley East School District. He has served as a Green Isle Township Supervisor for 24 years, a board member for the MN Association of Townships, and a trustee for the MN Association of Townships Insurance Trust. Gary has served on the Governor's Clean Water Council. He has experience working with elected officials at the state and federal level advocating for electrical cooperatives. Gary would like to work together with the current board and management team to ensure our Co-op continues to run smoothly. He feels that it is very important to stay in tune with local, and particularly rural, needs. One of Gary's priorities is for the Co-op to focus on providing reliable service to its members.



**Avery Grochow**

Avery is a resident of Sibley County in Dryden Township. He was a graduate of Gaylord High School and Mankato Area Vocational Technical School. His professional career was as a land surveyor. He owned and operated Sibley Surveyors for 30 years. His past volunteer experience included serving as a City Council member for the City of Gaylord. He also is currently serving on the Sibley East School Board and the Chairperson for the school district's parent community organization, which has him involved with numerous fundraisers benefiting local students. Avery has been a McLeod Co-op Power member for 17 years. If elected, he would like to see the Cooperative continue to focus on excellent service and focus long term on expanding its service territory. Avery's greatest interest as a candidate for the Board of Directors is to have the opportunity to work for the members of the Cooperative.