

# ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE



## 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 12, 2022, 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 7, 8 and 9. 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

*Susan Anderson, Secretary*

## 2022 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 7, 8, & 9.*

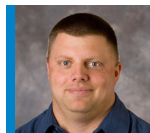
### DISTRICT 7

*Collinwood Township in Meeker County, and Hale and Hutchinson Townships in McLeod County.*



**Randy Hlavka, Incumbent**

Randy had a 39-year career as an electrician, serving as a Master Electrician for Hutchinson Technology and installing computerized energy controls for UHL company at various commercial and industrial firms in the state. He raised his family in Hutchinson Township and currently resides with his wife Jenny in Hale township enjoying grandkids, gardening, animals, and the open space. Randy has served on the McLeod Co-op Power Board of Directors for the past 9 years. For the past 8 years, he has served as the Great River Energy representative for the Cooperative. His past community involvement has included serving as a church elder for First Presbyterian Church, Legion Commander, sportsman member, and member of the Disabled American Veterans organization. Randy believes some important issues for the Cooperative include evaluating time of use rates and other rate design options to provide choices for members to fit their service needs. Long-term goals include renewable energy sources, distributed energy, electric vehicles, and electric storage. He'd also like to see the Cooperative continue to focus on steady rates as well as listening to members to meet their needs.



**Byron Bettenhausen**

Byron lives in rural Hutchinson with his wife Katie where they raised their two boys, Brandon and Trenton. He has been employed by Alliance Pipeline for 23 years. He is a certified Jet Engine Mechanic and does pipeline work from the North Dakota border down south to St. Peter MN. He obtained an AAS degree from Bismarck State College in Power Plant/Power Process Operations. Byron previously served on the Hutchinson School Board for 9 years (Vice-Chair for 4 years) and Renville County Fair Board for 12 years (President for 6 years). Byron believes it will be important for the McLeod Co-op Power Board to consider renewable energies, while also ensuring that both reliability and affordable energy for consumers are still prioritized. He believes communication is a strength for the Cooperative and he'd like to make sure this continues. Investing in rebates for equipment investments and load management programs would be other continued focus areas for benefiting both the Cooperative and its members. Byron offers over 27 years of experience in the energy industry. He believes this experience would help him contribute to new ideas and good discussions. He looks forward to the possible opportunity to work with the other Board members and management team to provide leadership for the Cooperative.

## DISTRICT 8

*Alfsborg, Bismark, Grafton, Moltke, and Transit Townships in Sibley County, Bandon, Martinsburg, and Wellington Townships in Renville County, and Collins and Round Grove Townships in McLeod County.*



**Keith Peterson, Incumbent**

Keith is currently the District 8 Director. This is his twelfth year serving on the McLeod Co-op Power Board of Directors. He has operated his farm in rural Hector for the past 45 years. Keith and his family are members of Swedlanda Church, where he has served as a chairman of the church board. Other leadership positions in the community include serving as a director for the Buffalo Lake-Hector School Board and president of the Hector Farmers Elevator. Additionally, he has served as the chairman and clerk for Martinsburg Township. Other volunteer work includes 27 years with the Hector Lions Club. Keith believes having affordable electrical rates and reliable service are priorities for our Cooperative. He also would like to see the Cooperative continue to invest in its infrastructure such as converting overhead lines to underground. Keith looks forward to working with the other directors and employees on a strong long-term future for the Cooperative and its members.



**Mark Taylor**

Mark lives in rural Brownton. He worked in the field of law enforcement and public safety for 27 years with a focus on policing, fire protection, and emergency management. This included 20 years with the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, which included holding the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff. He also served as the Director of Public Safety for the City of Northfield MN. Mark holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Mankato State University. His professional experience includes an array of administrative roles including budgeting, hiring, and training. He also has extensive experience working with various boards, commissions, and constituents. Mark has been active with the churches that he has attended including serving on the Board of Trustees and Church President for Bethlehem United Methodist Church. In the past, he also coached youth football for many years. Mark would like to see the Cooperative plan for its future by anticipating equipment replacement and changes in the industry. The board should make sound decisions that balance long-term growth addressing operations, equipment, technology, and staffing needs. He would like to see the Cooperative continue to focus on customer service and communications as well as the already strong outage response efforts.

## DISTRICT 9

*Camden, Watertown, and Young America Townships in Carver County.*



**Susan Anderson, Incumbent**

Susan is retired and currently helps run a small farm with her husband. She has served on the McLeod Co-op Power Board of Directors since 2019. Her professional career included serving as a corporate attorney for twenty years. After retiring as an attorney, she assisted her husband in running an automotive repair shop. She also held several positions with two food cooperatives and an Aldi grocery store. Her career has given her extensive training and experience in cooperative operations, budgeting, and strategic planning. In 2021, she became a Credentialed Cooperative Director through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association by completing a series of educational courses on the electrical industry. Susan is a volunteer with the Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service and a member of the Minnesota Sustainable Farming Association. Her priorities for the Cooperative are to focus on stable and reasonable rates as well as providing electrical power that is both reliable and sustainable. Susan's long-term initiatives include expanding the customer base as well as developing renewable energy sources and the infrastructure to support the growth of electric vehicles.



**Jeff Caswell**

Jeff and Shonna have been McLeod Co-op Power members for 20 years. They live in rural Young America near Baylor Park. After graduating high school in 1982, he worked with his dad at Caswell Plumbing & Heating in NW Iowa. Along with residential plumbing and HVAC, they also did commercial work including schools, hospitals, and a wide variety of mechanical contracting. Jeff's niche within the business was water and wastewater treatment plants for municipalities and rural water systems all over western Iowa, southwestern MN and South Dakota. In 2002, Jeff married Shonna and moved to Carver County where they operate four restaurants. In addition to the restaurants, Jeff keeps busy with construction work and volunteer/mission projects. He's previously served Camden Township for 7 years as the part time maintenance man grading roads, plowing snow etc. Jeff has served on several boards with local and international non-profit ministries, for profit ministries, and church boards. Jeff believes it is important to keep rates affordable, maintain infrastructure, and pursue common sense renewable energy. Additionally, he sees the Cooperative's service and outage response efforts as strengths and would like to see these areas continue to be prioritized. He is excited about the possibility of being able to serve his neighbors and fellow members with the goal of building a strong future for the Cooperative.