

# 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 Crow River Winery at 14848 MN State Hwy. 7 East, Hutchinson, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, on July 11, 2023, 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 1, 2 and 3. 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

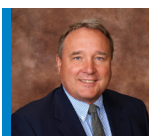
*Susan Anderson, Secretary*

## 2023 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 1, 2, & 3.*

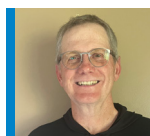
### DISTRICT 1

*Hollywood Township in Carver County, Winsted Township in McLeod County, and Franklin, Victor, and Woodland Townships in Wright County.*



**Kirk Newman**

Kirk obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration and is now retired with over 40 years of banking and finance experience serving commercial and agriculture clients. Simultaneous with his full-time employment in lending, Kirk actively farmed for 18 years and did real estate development for 15 years. Kirk served as a board member, chairman and treasurer for the Watertown-Mayer Public School system during 1988-1998. Additional community interests included former youth wrestling coach and booster club member and the University of Minnesota Master Gardner program. Kirk and his wife, Mary, live in Hollywood Township and have been members of McLeod Cooperative Power for 35 years. If elected, Kirk will support McLeod Co-op Power in pursuit of its goals to provide reliable power at a reasonable price to its members and continued maintenance of power lines to provide reliable service. He supports ongoing safety training for line staff and continued good communications with the Co-op members.



**Joe Radtke**

Joe lives in rural Winsted and has been a member of McLeod Cooperative Power for the past 40 years. He worked for 41 years for Genex Cooperative and is now retired. Over the years, Joe has been active volunteering as a youth softball and basketball coach. He also has been a member of the Knights of Columbus as well as serving on the Hall of Fame Committee for Lester Prairie High School. Joe would like to see the Cooperative continue to focus on reliable power, noting that McLeod Co-op Power's crews do an outstanding job at restoring power when outages occur. He'd also like affordability of power for members to continue to be a focus area and cited solar gardens as a power resource to explore.

## DISTRICT 2

*Hassan Valley, Rich Valley, and Sumter Townships in McLeod County.*



**Joe Griebie – Incumbent**

Joe lives in Sumter Township and was actively involved in farming for 43 years. He raised corn, soybeans, and kidney beans until retiring in December of 2016. Joe is a graduate of Hutchinson High School. He earned a B.S. in Math from Augustana College and received his teaching credits from Gustavus Adolphus College. He worked as a substitute teacher for 13 years, in addition to his farming career. Joe served on the McLeod West School Board for nine years. He is a lifetime member and past president of the Brownton Rod & Gun Club. He served on the Ducks Unlimited Board for 25 years. He is a retired member and past president of the Brownton Lions. Joe is a retired supervisor and chairman of the Sumter Township Board. He was a certified snowmobile safety instructor for 20 years. Joe is also a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Joe would like McLeod Co-op Power to continue to serve its members by continuing to emphasize reliability, safety, affordability, and energy efficiency.



**Marc Telecky**

Marc is married to his wife Jennifer and has two children, Brooks (23) and Paige (20). His wife is the principal at Hutchinson High School. Marc graduated from Bemidji State University with a B.S. in Geography and St. Mary's Minnesota - Minneapolis with an M.A in Human Resource Management. Marc and his wife reside in Hassan Valley Township on his great grandparent's farm which they purchased and restored in 2006. He is employed with McLeod County as the Environmental Services Director and has been serving county residents since 2000. Marc is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson and has served the church on the Board of Elders, building sub-committee, and confirmation instructor. He coached both youth and high school hockey for 29 years and youth baseball for 8 years. Marc stated that he submitted his nomination for the Board of Directors as another way to serve the community. He has served on the Minnesota Association of Planning and Zoning Administrators (AMC) legislative committee since 2002 shaping legislation relating to land use in Minnesota. Marc wants to thank members for taking the time to learn a little about his background.

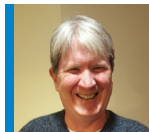
## DISTRICT 3

*Bergen, Glencoe, Helen Townships in McLeod County.*



**Dave Resch – Incumbent**

David and his wife, Mary, operate a small sheep flock on a 45-acre farm in Helen Township, near Glencoe. Past volunteer efforts including supporting FFA and 4-H. He also has served on the board of McLeod Corn and Soybean Growers. David has been involved in agricultural business, education, and banking his entire career. He is currently employed as a Vice-President and Ag Lender for Security Bank & Trust Company serving customers from the Brownton office, managing agricultural loans and business development. Prior to that Dave worked for the University of Minnesota Extension Service for 15 years as a County Educator, County and Regional Director, in the counties surrounding McLeod County. David is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, College of Agriculture, with a B.S. in Ag Education and a M.A. in Education. He is also a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Graduate School of Banking, in Financial Management. Dave believes he brings a diverse background of financial and work experience to the McLeod Co-op Power Board with the focus of having McLeod Co-op Power provide its members a reliable source of electricity in an efficient and cost-effective manner.



**Peter Gunness**

Peter has rural Abercrombie, ND farming roots. His early career experience includes working for Williams Electric Cooperative, and Maier Engineering, serving Electrical Cooperatives. He earned a BSAgE degree from NDSU, worked 2 years at CaselH, collecting tractor usage data, and has been employed for 36 years at MTS Systems "making road simulators simulate roads". His engineering experience is summarized as a collaborator. Members of McLeod Co-op Power, are both owners and a customers. We should use energy Efficiently, Effectively, and Economically. Investments in Infrastructure and personnel help to efficiently deliver electricity, and restore it quickly after storms. Energy audits help us understand how to conserve. Purchasing off-peak energy helps reduce our cost as customers and helps utilize our investment as owners. Future challenges will require innovative ways to conserve and store energy and better utilize off-peak energy. Renewable solar and wind energy will be areas of future energy growth. Peter and Sue purchased a Glencoe Hobby farm 3 years ago and have been married 40 years. If elected, Peter will do his best to listen and articulate member needs and concerns.