

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 16, 2024, 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 30th day of April 2024.

Susan Anderson, Secretary

2024 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, and 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, served by McLeod Cooperative Power.



Doug Kirtz

Doug is currently the director for District 4, where he serves as the board president for McLeod Co-op Power. 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 the president of 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.



Paul Rettmann

Paul and his family live in Buffalo Lake. He has had a long career in agriculture, including operating his family's dairy farm until 2003. For the past 20 years he has worked as a herdsman at another dairy farm in the Fairfax area, while also operating his own farm. This has given him a great deal of experience in business management and the unique challenges and opportunities that local businesses face. He is a current member of Central Region Co-op and United Farmers Co-op. His leadership experience includes board positions with the Farmer Co-op Elevator Board, Buffalo Lake-Hector School Board, and Boon Lake Township. Paul is also currently serving as the Board Chair for Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo Lake. In his free time, he enjoys officiating various youth sports in the area. He believes it is important that McLeod Co-op Power continues to provide for the energy needs of its members at a cost that won't inhibit economic growth while also sustaining the capital investment into the co-op so that it stays viable. If elected, he looks forward to becoming more educated in the workings of the cooperative.

DISTRICT 5

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



Allan Duesterhoeft

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 is also 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. One of his priorities is offering time of use rates for members. Additionally, he believes Great River Energy's initial work with energy storage technologies could be an important advantage for meeting increased energy demand. He looks forward to providing leadership and direction as these matters are being considered and ultimately implemented. 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 resides just north of Hutchinson and is a 7-year McLeod Co-op member. 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 membership by understanding current power needs, 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 school bus for the Sibley East School District. He has served as a Green Isle Township Supervisor for 24 years, board member for the MN Association of Townships, and a trustee for 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.



Michael Checketts

Michael and his family live in Arlington and have been long time McLeod Co-op Power members. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering and has had a long career in the medical device manufacturing industry. He has 40 years of management experience which includes responsibilities in manufacturing, operations, and design/development. Product cost reduction has been a focal point throughout this time. Outside of his professional career Michael is an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in various leadership positions. He believes that the Cooperative must be strategic and proactive in expanding its renewable energy portfolio. He's invested in renewables himself and believes that perspective as well as his management and leadership experience would be an asset to McLeod Co-op Power if he's elected.