2025 MCLEOD CO-OP POWER 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 2, 7, 8, and 9.

DISTRICT 2

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



Jeff Kosek, Incumbent

In 2024, the McLeod Co-op Power Board of Directors appointed leff Kosek to fill the vacant District 2 board seat following the resignation of Joe Griebie. A long-time resident of Sumter Township near Brownton, Mr. Kosek has been a member of McLeod Co-op Power for over 40 years. With a background in farming, his experience includes serving on the Northarvest Dry Bean Growers board, the American Fertilizer Research and Educational Committee, and as the Sumter Township Supervisor and Chairman. He has also held leadership roles with the Brownton Co-op, the FSA County Board, and the McLeod County Corn Growers Association. Jeff believes that representing all members is important as a board member. His priority on the board is delivering affordable rates and maintaining excellent service. As a board member, he wants to keep the Cooperative successful by considering new ideas to accomplish these priorities.



Marc Telecky

Marc is married to his wife Jennifer and has two children, Brooks (25) and Paige (22). 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-grandparents 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 serves the church on the Board of Elders. He has coached 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 area with his work serving state agency committees working on energy projects and legislation. 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.

DISTRICT7

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 MCPA Board of Directors for the past 9 years. For the past 8 years he has served as the GRE 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 demand rates and other rate design options to provide member rates that fit their service needs, while meeting the financial obligations of the Cooperative. 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.



Rob has 31 years of experience in Information Technology consulting, working and partnering with the largest corporations in America. He is currently an information security specialist and technology leader with a Fortune 10 company, interacting with employees across all levels of experience and leadership to influence change. He previously served terms on Rogers Planning Commission and Rogers City Council. In that capacity, he worked with residents, businesses, and all levels of government to ensure constituents were heard and city operations remained viable. His tenure occurred while Rogers and Hassan Township merged which required blending the sometimes conflicting needs of city and rural residents towards a mutually beneficial outcome. The city council role involved making complex and challenging decisions that affected the community, personnel and city budget. Rob served multiple positions on the board of directors for Northwest Trails, a snowmobile club association in Hennepin County, during a time when continual development growth challenged the existence of local trails. Board responsibilities included management, preservation and expansion of trails as well as budgeting and operations. Rob feels that these extensive community and corporate experiences position him well to contribute to the growth and success of McLeod Co-op Power and its members.

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.



Jonathan Burgstahler

Jonathan Burgstahler of Stewart is seeking election to the MCPA board of directors. A self-employed farmer, Jonathan brings hands-on leadership and management experience from his family's agricultural operation. Graduating from Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School, he also holds a degree in Agricultural Business from Ridgewater College. As a father of three young children, Jonathan is an active community member, which includes serving as a Sunday school volunteer. If elected, Jonathan is committed to ensuring that McLeod Cooperative Power continues to provide reliable electric service. Looking ahead, he supports thoughtful investment in renewable energy sources and emerging technologies, especially those that offer long-term value and a strong return on investment for the cooperative. He also believes the Co-op should continue educating its members about what is required to keep electricity flowing to homes, farms, and businesses. Jonathan is eager to serve and contribute to the Co-op's mission while representing the voices and values of Co-op members.



Nathan Mueller

Nathan and his family live on a 4-acre hobby farm just South of Stewart in Round Grove Township. He has two wonderful children. His oldest child is completing her sophomore year at Mankato State, majoring in Nursing, and his son is finishing 8th grade at Buffalo Lake Hector Stewart School. He has been actively involved in the community, including coaching baseball and football for BLHS from 5th grade through Varsity. His career includes being in the electrical field for over 22 years. He is a Class A Journeyman Electrician licensed by the State of Minnesota. Nathan is a college graduate, and for the past 10 years, he has been employed at Veolia Water Technologies and Solutions in Minnetonka in the Electrical Engineering department. In this role, he provides electrical and mechanical designs and expertise on many multifaceted teams, driving continuous improvement and automation. As a candidate for the Board of Directors, he believes that his vision, skills, and experience align well with the needs of this role. If chosen, he will be committed to helping the region grow through the great service that McLeod Co-op Power provides.

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 Co-op's Board of Directors since 2019. Her professional career included twenty years as a corporate attorney. After retiring from law, she assisted her husband in operating an automotive repair shop and held several roles with two food cooperatives and an Aldi grocery store. Through these experiences, Susan gained extensive training in cooperative operations, budgeting, and strategic planning. In 2021, she became a Credentialed Cooperative Director through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and earned her Board Leadership credential in 2024. Susan currently serves on the board of the Crow River Chapter of the Sustainable Farming Association and is the 2024–25 President of the Mayer/New Germany Lions Club. Her priorities for the Cooperative include maintaining stable and reasonable rates while providing electrical power that is both reliable and sustainable. She is focused on expanding MCPA's customer base, ensuring access to diverse and reliable power sources, and maintaining infrastructure to support system reliability and safety.



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 and 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 two restaurants. In addition to the restaurants, leff keeps busy with construction work and volunteer/mission projects. He's previously served Camden Township for 7 years as the part-time maintenance man. 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 commonsense 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 for the chance to serve his neighbors and fellow members to build a strong future for the Cooperative.