

DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Lance Bromert grew up in Vail, Iowa and attended Northeast Nebraska Community College in Norfolk to be an electrician. He currently resides in Dow City where he owns and operates his spray foam insulation business, Boyer Valley Enterprise. When he's not working, he is spending time with his 14 year old daughter and 12 year old son who both attend school at Boyer Valley Community Schools. In his spare time, he volunteers at the Crawford County Fair for the many projects at the fairgrounds and attending his kids after school activities. Lance also enjoys pheasant hunting and boating with his family at Black Hawk Lake in Lake View. When asked what he would enjoy most about being a board member, he states that he is "looking forward to a learning experience with the membership." When asked what he enjoys most about being a cooperative member, he states "Our reliability is great and I've been very lucky with great service."



Randy Mitchell, one of the candidates for District 5, is a long time resident of Crawford County and has resided near Dow City for over 50 years. He attended school in Dow City and college at Iowa State University where he majored in Industrial Technology. Randy is a self-employed farmer growing corn and soy beans. He is a current member of the United Methodist Church in Dow City and when he is not farming, he enjoys golfing and hunting. Randy and his wife Nancy have three adult children and enjoy spending time with them and their grandkids. When asked about what he enjoys most about being part of the cooperative, he states "I like not having to worry about whether or not my lights are going to be on and if elected, I look forward to keeping things running smoothly just like they are."

DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES

Kent Kersten is the incumbent director serving District 6 and has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate. Kent is a retired Jr. High science teacher and retired wrestling coach from Logan-Magnolia School District and currently works as a farmer raising a 30 sized cow calf herd. He and his wife, Sandy have been married for 50 years and currently reside in Logan. They have two children, Angela (Tony) Boyce and Lanae (Matt) Chase and five grandchildren.

Kent and Sandy belong to St. Anne's Catholic Church in Logan and enjoy watching their grandchildren participate in all kinds of activities and sporting events. They also enjoy traveling with friends and family. If Kent is re-elected, he would be most excited about representing Cooperative members of Harrison County.



Boone McIntosh is the director candidate for District 6. He is from Missouri Valley where he currently owns and operates his farm, small trucking business, and raises cattle. Boone graduated from Missouri Valley high school in 2000 and attended Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs where he majored in Ag business. When asked about what he enjoys most about being a cooperative member he states, "I enjoy the small town atmosphere and being a member of the cooperative means being part of a reliable system. It also provides a benefit of having a say in the leadership direction of the cooperative." Boone currently resides with his wife Jennifer and their two sons Bentley and Jett.

DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATES

Randy Koenig is the incumbent director for district 7 and is running for re-election this spring. He is a retired veterinarian and has practiced animal medicine in Harrison County for over 40 years, he also previously served as a school board member for Logan-Magnolia schools. He and his wife Vicki reside in Logan and enjoy spending time with their two children, Brian and Stephanie.

In his spare time, Randy enjoys golfing, hunting and fishing and is a big sports fan. He also serves on the board of Western Iowa Feeder Calf Association. When asked about what he would most enjoy about serving on the cooperative board of directors, he responds "To learn about providing safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members."



Laura Soetmelk, a Dunlap native, is an entrepreneur operating Soetmelk Family Supply and the office manager for Soetmelk and Sons Construction. The Soetmelk's also raise beef, pork and poultry as well as a large garden. Laura graduated from Dunlap High School and attended Iowa Western Community College where she received her business degree. She volunteers as a member of the Loess Hills Garden Club, serves the elderly and the convalescent, and is a volunteer at Southview Bible Church. When Laura is not working or giving back to her community, she enjoys gardening, canning, baking, reading and economical practices. She and her husband Jeff reside on an acreage outside of Missouri Valley with their children. Laura and Jeff have been a part of the foster and adoptive care program for 15 years and she also enjoys fishing, family campfires and card games. When asked about what she would enjoy most about being a director should she be elected, Laura states "I'm really excited about joining the REC Team, fresh eyes on any situation sees detailed missed by others."

Connecting with Your Co-op: The 2023 Director Election

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT TOM BOTHWELL AND MANAGER/EVP JOE FARLEY

Like many other of our neighboring communities, HCREC has made many changes following the pandemic to protect the health of our members and our employees. Going forward, we are planning to host our director election in the spring to allow our members to focus on cooperative business and choosing their leadership team. In the summer, we will be hosting a membership appreciation picnic. Similar to recent annual meetings held at the cooperative, this picnic will be a relaxed atmosphere where members can connect with HCREC employees, enjoy a picnic meal, learn more about services in our area and enjoy time with family and friends.

Living on co-op lines is more than just knowing there are people out there working to bring you safe, reliable, and affordable electric service. Living on co-op lines is an investment in our community and its members. Owned by the members we serve, it's important that we conduct official business, provide a democratic election of directors, and share financial and operational updates with you. Enclosed in this packet, you will find a list of candidates and the districts that are up for election, a financial update, biographies of each candidate so you can get to know who you are voting for and mailing envelopes for your ballot. If our members do not wish to vote via mail in ballot, they can vote in-person on Wednesday April 19th from 7:30am to 3:00pm.

A cooperative functions most effectively with committed and informed leadership. Your board of directors is democratically elected from the membership to represent your interests and to provide long-term

vision and direction. We hold true to our mission to safely provide reliable electric power and related services at the best possible value for our members.

A strong team is essential to Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative, and we are also blessed to employ many hard-working people who manage the day-to-day operations of the co-op and keep your lights on. We are proud to be locally owned and because of that, we can provide the best possible service to you. This year we want to take time to recognize our District 5 director who will be retiring. Vice President, Jim Sharp has served Harrison County REC for 15 years. We thank Jim for his time with our cooperative and dedication to rural electrification. We wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

As members of Harrison County REC, this is your cooperative and we thank you for making the commitment to choosing our future leadership. If this is your first-time voting, we hope you are encouraged by what you learn and we hope you join us for our membership appreciation event in August. At its best, a cooperative does not differentiate between itself and members – they are one and the same. I hope that after voting in our director election and attending our membership appreciation picnic, you would agree. We understand the spirit that helped create this co-op must be continually nurtured. While times and technology will continue to change, our commitment to you will not.



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