

# YOUR ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the members of Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) will be held at the North Butler Elementary School in Allison, Iowa, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2018, to take action on the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and committees;
2. The election of three directors for a term of three years;
3. All other matters as may regularly come before said meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The term of office of present directors: Donald Feldman, Greene; John Klahsen, Aplington; and Duane Rieckenberg, Ionia, expire and successors will be elected to serve three-year terms.



## YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates as directors for a term of three years:

To represent the northeast quarter of Butler County

- TROY FELDMAN, GREENE
- DAVID NICHOLSON, CLARKSVILLE

To represent the southwest quarter of Butler County

- DAWSON ACKERMAN, ACKLEY
- SHARE BRANDT, ALLISON

To represent the west half of Bremer County

- DUANE RIECKENBERG, IONIA

INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES  
IS ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

## YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

**10:30 a.m.** DOORS OPEN and registration begins

**11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** FREE lunch in the cafeteria and displays in the gymnasium

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Wichita country band performs in the auditorium

**1 p.m.** BUSINESS MEETING in the auditorium

- Election of directors
- Reports
- Drawing for cash prizes totaling \$700

At the end of the business meeting, every voting member will receive a 25-ft extension cord. You are cordially invited to attend the meeting, hear the reports of the officers, vote for directors and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.



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DATED this 15th day of February, 2018.

BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

TIM SCHRAGE, SECRETARY

# MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

## TO REPRESENT THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF BUTLER COUNTY

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**TROY FELDMAN**, Greene

Troy has been a member of Butler County REC since 1986. He and his wife Teresa live on a farm five miles east of Greene. They have two children, Lisa, a college senior, and Jared, a high school senior.

After graduating from high school in Greene, Troy attended NIACC and earned an associate degree in farm management. He now farms, raising corn and soybeans.

Troy was elected to both the Greene and North Butler school boards. He served for a total of 11 years and was president of the boards in both districts. Troy was president of the Greene Jaycees for three years and was a member for 10 years. He is a trustee for Dayton Township and a member of Butler County Farm Bureau, Butler County Soil Conservation, Iowa Corn Growers and North Butler Booster Club. He and his family are also members of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene.

Troy stated, "As a board member I feel it is important that the REC provides reliable power at an affordable price to members while maintaining a safe, positive work culture for employees."



**DAVID NICHOLSON**, Clarksville

David has been a member of Butler County REC since 2005. He and his wife Susan Epley Nicholson live on 43 acres between Clarksville and Shell Rock. They have three grown children, Nadine, Andrew and Amy.

Dave is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a degree in mechanical engineering. He retired in 2002 from his position as a senior project engineer at Quaker Oats in Danville, Ill., where he was employed for 21 years. Prior engineering employment has included Square D in Cedar Rapids, ADM Corn Sweeteners in Cedar Rapids, Kitchens of Sara Lee in New Hampton and Jenos Pizza in Duluth, Minn. Dave is a past member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and held a private pilot license. In 2013 he installed a 10-kilowatt (kW) distributed generation system (solar) interconnected with Butler County REC's distribution service. He likes the idea of promoting self-generation systems.

Dave said, "I think the REC board of directors would be a good place to apply 30 years of engineering experience."

## TO REPRESENT THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF BUTLER COUNTY

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**DAWSON ACKERMAN**, Ackley

Dawson has been a member of Butler County REC since 1991. He and his wife Gwen live on a farm three miles northwest of Austinville. They have three sons, Jacob (22), Nathan (20) and Nicholas (17).

Dawson farms, growing grain and finishing cattle. He holds a degree in agricultural science from Ellsworth Community College. He is a member of the Washington Reformed Church, rural Ackley, where he has taught Sunday school and Catechism classes and was the general fund treasurer. In addition, he served as president and vice president of the Hardin County Home Educators organization. Dawson also served on Butler County REC's nominating committee.

As a lifelong resident of Butler County, Dawson feels that he possesses the knowledge, values and common sense of rural America. He believes it is those leadership qualities that have made Butler County REC strong and effective. If elected, he would strive for stability as the board moves forward with current and new directors. Dawson said, "It would be my honor to work for the members of our cooperative in continuing to provide a reliable and affordable source of electricity in the future."



**SHARE BRANDT**, Allison

Share and her husband John have been members of Butler County REC for 10 years. They live on a farm seven miles southwest of Allison. They have two grown daughters.

She has attended college classes, completed the St. Thomas University Mini MBA program and earned certifications in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Management Internship Program and as a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Share is retired after 28 years working with electric cooperatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin, including as the general manager of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. She has been responsible for training and educating electric co-op board members, managers, operations and customer service staff and represented electric cooperatives on numerous boards. She has also served on a variety of committees and organizations dealing with legislative and regulatory matters.

Share stated, "I would be honored to represent you on the board of directors. I would like to lend my experience to providing leadership for our co-op. I would like to be a part of this co-op's successes into the future by serving as a member of the board of directors. Thank you for your consideration."

## TO REPRESENT THE WEST HALF OF BREMER COUNTY

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**DUANE RIECKENBERG**, Ionia

Duane has been a member of Butler County REC since 1970. He and his wife Janet live on an acreage near Frederika and operate a farm east of Horton. They have two grown sons, Jeff and John.

Duane has served on the Butler County REC board of directors for 39 years and is currently serving as board president. Duane has served as a Region V (Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin) board member for the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, an insurance provider for electric cooperatives, where he served as president and vice president. He also has served as board president, vice president and secretary-treasurer for the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Duane is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Credentialed Cooperative Director and earned his NRECA Board Leadership Certificate in 2011.

He is a member of the Iowa Soybean Association, the Corn Growers Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Duane and his wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church near Plainfield.

Duane said, "I will be using my experience to help guide the co-op through the next several years."