

# Butler County REC 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, April 6, 2019, 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. The consideration and vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, modifying the voting procedures to allow for voting by mail and potentially by electronic means in the future and include specific director qualifications. A full copy of the text of the amendments and an explanation is provided with this notice.
4. All other business that may legally come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The term of office of present directors: Gary Poppe, Ionia; Steve Boevers, Readlyn; and Allyn Harms, Clarksville, 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 Chickasaw County

- **GARY POPPE, IONIA**
- **MARK MILLER, SUMNER**

To represent the east half of Bremer County

- **STEVE BOEVERS, READLYN**
- **DAVID LAHMANN, SUMNER**

To represent the southeast quarter of Butler County

- **ALLYN HARMS, CLARKSVILLE**

Information on candidates is on the reverse side.

## Your Schedule For The Day

**10:30 a.m.** DOORS OPEN and registration begins (*DON'T FORGET YOUR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, INCLUDED WITH YOUR MARCH BILL, FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF TWO \$25 CASEY'S GIFT CARDS*)

**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

- Reports
- Election of directors
- Voting on proposed amendments
- Drawing for cash prizes totaling \$700

You are urged to attend the meeting, hear the reports of the officers, vote for directors, vote on the proposed amendments and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.



BUTLER COUNTY REC

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DATED this 27th day of February, 2019.  
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

TIM SCHRAGE, SECRETARY

# Meet your CANDIDATES

## To represent Chickasaw County

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### **GARY POPPE, IONIA**

Gary Poppe has been a member of Butler County REC since 1983. Gary and his wife Rhonda live on a farm southeast of Ionia. They have three children: Griffin, Kelsey and Abigail.

Gary has served on Butler County REC's board of directors for the past 36 years and serves as the vice president. He also serves on the Corn Belt board as Butler County REC's representative. Gary is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Director Gold Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds an NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.

A graduate of Iowa State University, Gary has a degree in farm operations. He farms with his son and two additional family members. They raise corn, beans, alfalfa, feeder cattle and hogs. Gary is a member of the state and national Cattlemen's Association. He is a past trustee for Chickasaw Township.



### **MARK MILLER, SUMNER**

Mark Miller has been a member of Butler County REC since 1992. He and his wife Lisa live on a farm approximately six miles northwest of Sumner. They have a nine-year-old daughter.

Mark grew up in the Sumner area and graduated from Sumner High School. Today he is semi-retired from farming and construction work. He continues to raise cows and sheep on his farm.

He is a founding member of the Sons of the American Legion in Sumner and has been a 4-H leader in the past. He is a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner, where he is a Sunday School teacher and council member.

## To represent the east half of Bremer County

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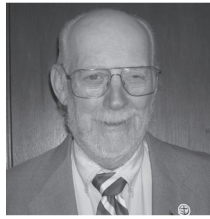
### **STEVE BOEVERS, READLYN**

Steve Boevers has been a member of Butler County REC since 1982 and a board member since 2013. He is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Credentialed Cooperative Director. He and his wife Sara live in Readlyn and own farms served

by the cooperative. They have three children: Michael, Megan Schutte and Mitchell.

Steve grows corn and soybeans on 1,800 acres and owns a 5,000-head hog finishing operation. He is a graduate of Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, where he studied computer assisted drafting and agriculture. After college, Steve farmed and worked seven years for Schumacher Elevator Company in Denver.

Steve has volunteered for the Readlyn Fire Department and served on the Readlyn City Council. Steve is also a member of the Bremer County Corn and Soybean Association. For more than 21 years he has managed the association's corn and soybean plot. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Readlyn, and has served as a deacon.



### **DAVID LAHMANN, SUMNER**

David Lahmann has been a member of Butler County REC since 2006. He and his wife Joyce live on an acreage approximately four miles north of Tripoli.

David retired from John Deere and Company, Waterloo, in 2002, after 30 years working as a machinist and inspector. He has also been pulp supply for the American Association of Lutheran Churches. From 2005 to 2007, he taught blue print interpretation and geometrical dimensioning in China for Volt Services Group, Waterloo. He holds a U.S. Coast Guard Master license and taught boating, navigation, seamanship and sailing for more than 30 years. He earned Master licenses from the Great Lakes Charter Training, Detroit, Michigan. He also attended the University of Northern Iowa, where he studied business education.

He is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Masonic Lodge 65, VFW Life Member Post 4013 and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. David is commander of the American Legion Post 356 in Tripoli and the commander of Bremer County Association of Legionnaires.

## To represent the southeast quarter of Butler County

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### **ALLYN HARMS, CLARKSVILLE**

Allyn Harms has been a member of Butler County REC since 1995 and a board member since 2013. He is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Credentialed Cooperative Director.

He and his wife Bev live on a farm approximately seven miles southeast of Allison, where they raise corn and soybeans. They have one son, Brett, who lives in Allison with his family.

Allyn grew up on a farm south of Aplington served by Grundy County REC. Before starting his farming operation in 1984, he attended Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls and studied agriculture management.

In addition to farming he has done part-time construction work, shingling roofs for more than 18 years. He is a member of Trinity Reformed Church, Allison, and has served as a deacon.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

1. VOTING. Amend Article VII, section 6, to provide for voting by mail in addition to voting in person at meetings of the members and also allow the board to consider electronic voting. The amended language would read as follows:
  6. No member of this Association may own more than one membership and each member shall be entitled to one vote and no more at all corporate meetings. Votes shall be cast in person ~~and not by proxy, by mail, or through other electronic means if approved by the Board of Directors. Proxy voting shall not be permitted. However, a member may vote by mail upon any questions submitted to him in writing 10 days before the meeting, providing the proposed question, motion or resolution is attached to the member's vote cast by mail.~~ **and not by proxy, by mail, or through other electronic means if approved by the Board of Directors. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.**
2. DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS. Amend Article IX, section 1, by deleting the initial sentence thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The business affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. No individual shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

- (1) is not a member of the Cooperative receiving service from the Cooperative within the area from which the director is elected;
- (2) is adjudged to be guilty of a felony within five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination or during service on the Board of Directors;
- (3) is or becomes an employee of the Cooperative within three (3) years preceding a director candidate's nomination;
- (4) is or becomes, or at any time during the five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination shall have been employed by a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employees of the Cooperative;
- (5) is a grandparent, parent, co-habitant, child, or grandchild of an employee of the Cooperative;
- (6) is a person that is a grandparent, parent, co-habitant, child, or grandchild of a director;
- (7) is in any way employed by or substantially financially interested in an enterprise competing with the Cooperative or any Cooperative-affiliated business;
- (8) is or becomes the full-time employee or agent of, or who is or becomes the full-time employer or principal of, another director;
- (9) is engaged in conduct that is a violation of law or violation of a Cooperative policy or policies, or whenever a director has materially failed to satisfy his/her duties as a director, including the duty to regularly attend meetings of the Board of Directors;
- (10) is employed by, materially affiliated with, or has a financial interest in, any individual or entity possessing a conflict of interest with the Cooperative or a Cooperative subsidiary, other than such potential conflict which might normally exist as a member of the Cooperative purchasing service from the Cooperative; or
- (11) is or becomes incapable of accomplishing the fiduciary responsibilities of a director due to diminished mental or physical capacity, which determination must be made by a medical professional.

For purposes of this section, financially interested shall not include beneficial ownership of less than 5% of the bonds or the combined voting power of all issued and outstanding voting securities of a publicly held corporation whose stock is traded on a major stock exchange or quoted on NASDAQ.

Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

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