

THE BUSINESS-ONLY 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 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023, to take action on the following matters:

- 1. The CEO and financial reports; and
- 2. The election of three directors for a term of three years

The term of office of present directors: Gerald Schmitt, Rockford; Leland Boyd, Charles City; and Tim Schrage, Allison, expire and successors will be elected to serve three-year terms.

Member voting will be by mail-in ballot only.

Your Nominating Committee Report

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

To represent the west half of Floyd County

• GERALD SCHMITT, ROCKFORD (incumbent)

To represent the east half of Floyd County

- SEAN FOX, CHARLES CITY
- GRANT GREENZWEIG, CHARLES CITY

To represent the northwest one quarter of Butler County

- TIM SCHRAGE, ALLISON (incumbent)
- JOHN EBENSBERGER, GREENE





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TIM SCHRAGE, SECRETARY

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

TO REPRESENT THE WEST HALF OF FLOYD COUNTY



GERALD SCHMITT, Rockford

Gerald Schmitt has been a member of Butler County REC since 1973 and has served on the board of directors for the past 27 years. Gerald is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds NRECA Board Leadership and Director Gold Certificates. Gerald and his wife Linda live on a farm five miles southeast of Rockford. They have two grown sons.

Gerald and Linda are in partnership with a brother and his wife raising corn, soybeans, and hay. He is past president of Rockford Future Farmers of America Alumni and present board member of Floyd County Pheasants Forever. He is a trustee for Ulster Township. Gerald has been president of the Booster Club of Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock High School and the Floyd County Cattlemen's Association and is a previous board member of Floyd

County Pork Producers. He holds an associate degree in applied science from North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC). Before Gerald was elected to the board, he worked in the electrical business.

Representing the members and making informed decisions that are in the members' best interests have always been important responsibilities for Gerald.

TO REPRESENT THE EAST HALF OF FLOYD COUNTY



SEAN FOX, Charles City

Sean Fox has been a member of Butler County REC since 2018. He owns hog buildings 11 miles south of Charles City and lives six miles southeast of Charles City.

A graduate of Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Sean has three associate in science degrees: Ag Business,

Geospatial Technology, and Ag Production Management. He and his dad farm together and have corn and soybean crops and hogs.

Sean is the current treasurer of the sow unit of Pronet Farms near Stacyville.

Interested in learning and being involved in Butler County REC, Sean also views this position as an opportunity to connect with other members.



GRANT GREENZWEIG, Charles City

Grant Greenzweig has been a member of Butler County REC since 2022, and his family has been active members for over 50 years.

He and his wife Martina live seven miles west and south of Charles City. They have one daughter, Kattaleah.

Grant graduated from NIACC and Iowa State. He majored in agricultural studies and minored in agronomy and now farms corn and soybeans and has cattle.

He is a member of Bethany Alliance Church, where he is an elder and youth leader. In addition, he is a former assistant trapshooting coach for Charles City and Nashua-Plainfield schools.

Grant is interested in becoming a Butler County REC board member because he recognizes that electricity is a vital part of our everyday lives and will become even more critical in the future. He would like the opportunity to serve and play an active role in making those decisions for the members he represents.

TO REPRESENT THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF BUTLER COUNTY



TIM SCHRAGE, Allison

Tim Schrage has been a member of Butler County REC since 1979 and has served on the board since 2002. He is currently serving as the board's secretary. He is an NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds NRECA Board Leadership and Director Gold Certificates. Tim resides on a farm five miles northwest of Allison with

his wife Felicia. They have three grown children.

Tim raises corn and soybeans and finishes hogs. He also works in a small family-owned manufacturing business, which manufactures electrical components for corn planters. Since 1980, Tim has served on the Butler County Farm Bureau board, holding all executive board positions and participating in state marketing, legislative, and advisory councils. He has also served on the property committee for the St. James Lutheran Church in Allison. Tim is a graduate of Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, with an associate degree in animal science.

Serving the members of Butler County REC is important to Tim because he wants to be involved in the strategic direction of the cooperative.



JOHN EBENSBERGER, Greene

John Ebensberger is a 29-year member of Butler County REC.

He and his wife Susan live two miles west of Greene and have two grown children, Jason and Teresa, and three granddaughters.

John earned his undergraduate and medi-

cal degrees from the University of Iowa. He is currently an emergency room physician at Floyd County Medical Center, Charles City, but previously he was a solo practitioner in family practice for 25 years in Greene and an emergency room doctor for 15 years at the Waverly Health Center. In addition, he and Susan farm and have a cow-calf feedlot beef business and operate the grocery store in Greene.

He is also the medical director for the Greene volunteer ambulance and the Greene parish nurse. John previously served on the Butler County Board of Health, as the Butler County medical examiner, and on the church council of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene.

John sees that the need for electrical energy is more and more vital to our lives and that there is a need for development of more sources of energy. He would like to be a part of that by serving on the Butler County REC board.