

YOUR ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE 2025

THE BUSINESS-ONLY ANNUAL MEETING of the members of Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) will be held at the Butler County REC Allison Warehouse, 619 N. Railroad St., at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, to take action on the following matter:

- The election of three directors for a term of three years

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

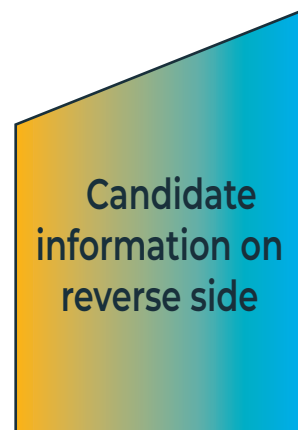
- **GARY POPPE, NASHUA (incumbent)**
- **TYLER UNDERWOOD, FREDERICKSBURG**

To represent the southeast quarter of Butler County

- **ALLYN HARMS, CLARKSVILLE (incumbent)**

To represent the east half of Bremer County

- **THOMAS RISSE, SUMNER**



BUTLER COUNTY REC

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DATED this 26th day of February, 2025.
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

TIM SCHRAGE, SECRETARY

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

TO REPRESENT CHICKASAW COUNTY



GARY POPPE, Nashua

Gary Poppe has been a member of Butler County REC since 1983. He recently retired from farming, and he and his wife Rhonda moved to Nashua. They have three children: Griffin (married to Ally), Kelsey, and Abigail. They also have three granddaughters (twin 5-year-olds and a 2 1/2-year-old).

Gary has served on Butler County REC's board of directors for the past 42 years

and currently serves as president. He also serves on the Corn Belt Power Cooperative 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 is a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua.



TYLER UNDERWOOD, Fredericksburg

Tyler Underwood became a Butler County REC member five years ago. He and his wife Morgan live three miles north of Fredericksburg and have two children—Raleigh and Aurora (Rory).

An Iowa State University graduate with a degree in agricultural studies and agronomy, he runs a Channel Seed dealership and private agronomy business.

Tyler is and has been involved in a number of organizations, including as a trustee for Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton, board member for the Nick Herman Memorial Foundation, on the Chickasaw Soil and Water Commission, New Hampton volunteer wrestling coach, and a Heartland Days volunteer.

He and Morgan chose to move to their current home to raise their kids in a small rural community. They love and want to support the feeling and tradition of a small business-based community. He believes rural America is the backbone of our nation, and he and Morgan are passionate about maintaining a community that their family can enjoy for generations.

Tyler is interested in becoming a Butler County REC board member because he has a passion for the development and retainment of rural residents in our area. Serving on the board, he feels he can support the service territory by listening to members with ideas and opinions on how to make improvements. His goal as a board member is to put the best interest of the REC members first and maintain the long-term sustainability of the service territory.

TO REPRESENT THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF BUTLER COUNTY



ALLYN HARMS, Clarksville

Allyn Harms has been a member of Butler County REC since 1995 and a board member since 2013, currently serving as assistant secretary-treasurer. He is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Director Gold Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds an NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.

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 24 years. He is a member of Trinity Reformed Church, Allison, and has served as a deacon.

TO REPRESENT THE EASTERN HALF OF BREMER COUNTY



TOM RISSE, Sumner

Tom Risse is a 28-year member of Butler County REC. He and his wife Jodi live five miles east of Readlyn and have two grown children, Natalie and Jacob.

Tom graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering with an emphasis in power and controls. He is an electrical production manager at Cedar Falls Utilities. Tom served 23 years in the U.S. Navy—seven years active duty and 16 years of reserves. Six years of his active-duty years were spent at sea working in the boiler and engine rooms aboard a ship in the Western Pacific Ocean. In 2004, he was recalled to active duty to lead a detachment of Seabees as officer-in-charge in Iraq. Tom and Jodi farmed his grandparents' acreage near Dunkerton for 25 years raising corn and soybeans, and he currently assists Jodi and her older brother with Tom's father-in-law's farm in rural Sumner. He is also an avid beekeeper.

Tom served several years on the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Board, including a three-year term as president. Currently, he is the treasurer for St. John, Buck Creek Lutheran Church in rural Sumner.

For Tom, becoming a Butler County REC board member would give him an opportunity to serve the community in a unique and interesting way. There are many challenges facing the electric utility industry, and he believes he can use his background and experience in the industry to serve the members. It is important to him to ensure members and communities continue to receive the innovative, high-quality essential services they expect and rely upon in the safest most economical manner.