

Candidates for Director - Chickasaw County District

(Northern half of Chickasaw County)

Cooperative Principles

All cooperative businesses adhere to seven guiding principles:

- 1. Voluntary and Open Membership** — Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.
- 2. Democratic Member Control** — Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.
- 3. Members' Economic Participation** — Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.
- 4. Autonomy and Independence** — Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.
- 5. Education, Training, and Information** — Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.
- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives** — Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.
- 7. Concern for Community** — While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

Services

- ▶ Beam Central Vacuum Systems
- ▶ Electric Grills
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- ▶ Home Heating Systems
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- ▶ Security Lights
- ▶ Security Systems
- ▶ Water Heater Program
- ▶ Water Conditioners/ Softeners
- ▶ Electric Usage Audits
- ▶ New Home Consultations



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Occupation: Farmer

Leadership positions held:

- Hawkeye REC Board Member (6 years)
- Chairman of the Chickasaw County Extension Council
- Council Chair for the Elma Methodist Church
- Union Cemetery Board in Alta Vista



Why do you want to be a Hawkeye REC board member?

To contribute to the goal of providing dependable electric service at the lowest rates consistent with sound business practices.

What abilities and qualifications to you bring to the board of directors?

I've had a farming operation near Alta Vista for over 30 years and have gained experience as an active REC board member for six years.

What are a few of the important issues you believe the board of directors need to deal with in the future?

How Hawkeye is affected financially by wholesale supplier (Dairyland Power) as they explore new generation capacity affecting rates and the retirement of patronage capital. To ensure reliable service, Hawkeye must continue tree cutting, pole testing programs and keep our substations in good condition.

Other Comments:

I have lived in this community all my life and I feel that I understand the issues and needs of rural electric customers. I have found my board experience to be both interesting and challenging and I would like to continue as your director.

Director Ballot

Chickasaw County District

Vote for ONE

3-Year Term

JOHN HOCKSPEIER
(Incumbent)

(Running Unopposed)

Please return your ballot in the enclosed postage-paid envelope which bears the name of the member voting (this is to ensure one member, one vote)

Please mail this ballot at your earliest convenience even if you plan to attend the annual meeting.

**All ballots must be received by:
7:00 p.m. on April 11th**

NOTE: BALLOTING ENVELOPES ARE NOT OPENED UNTIL THE EVENING OF APRIL 11, PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR MONTHLY ELECTRIC PAYMENT IN THIS ENVELOPE.

Hawkeye
REC
The Power Is Yours

Tear here to remove ballot and return in enclosed postage-paid envelope.