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Armstrong United Methodist Church in Marshall, Ill., installed energy efficient LED bulbs in just about all their light fixtures throughout the building. Pictured left is EnerStar's Tim Haddix presenting a check to Pastor Adam Penn, church secretary Lynn Wallace and trustee Tom Jones.



Judi and Lloyd Thompson received a rebate check from Power Moves from EnerStar's Tim Haddix for upgrading their HVAC system.



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Years of Service recognized

We have some really GREAT employees!

EnerStar is fortunate to have employees with many years of experience. At the 81st Annual Meeting of Members held on March 28, two employees were recognized for their years of service. From left to right: Jim Lewis (20 years) and Jake Keys (10 years). Thank you for your service to our cooperative!



Jim Lewis (20 years)

Jake Keys (10 years)

Dedicated Directors Serve the Membership

At the annual meeting in March, three directors were recognized for their years of service. Thank you all for your dedication to the co-op!



Dan Gard (20 years)

Dan Gard, who currently serves as chairman of the EnerStar board and is the co-op's representative at Wabash Valley Power Alliance, has served the co-op for 20 years. In 2012, he earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate.



John Fell (35 years)

John, who currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer on the EnerStar board, has served for 35 years. John earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate in 1999.



Bob Staley (5 years)

Bob has served on the EnerStar board for 5 years. He chose to not seek re-election this year and is retiring from the board. We thank Bob for his invaluable insight throughout the years. It is much appreciated!

thank you

2020 Director Candidate Profiles

Results Announced at Annual Meeting on March 28, 2020

It's time to vote for fellow co-op members to serve on the EnerStar Board of Directors. Ballots were mailed to all active memberships on Feb. 12. There are three ways to return your completed ballot.

- Mail ballot in the pre-addressed envelope to Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS). There is no postage necessary. Mail in ballots must be received by March 26, 2020.
- Hand deliver the ballot in the sealed envelope to the EnerStar office at 11597 IL Hwy 1, Paris. by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 27, 2020.
- Hand deliver the ballot in the sealed envelope to the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Crestwood School in Paris.

Please note: Do not include any other correspondence in the ballot envelope such as payment on your electric bill.

The Voting District A election is uncontested while in Voting District B and C, there are two candidates for the director position. Election results will be announced at the 81st Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Crestwood School in Paris.

The biographical information for these candidates has been provided by the candidates who are solely responsible for the content.

- VOTING DISTRICT A - REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

JEFF ZIMMERMAN



Candidate for Voting District A, Representative District 1

The board member serving EnerStar's most western region is Jeff Zimmerman

of the Oakland area. He has served on the board for eighteen years.

Jeff is a 1974 graduate of Oakland High School and earned his B.S. in Accountancy from the U of I in 1978. He is a certified public accountant and a certified financial planner.

Jeff has an accounting and financial planning practice in Oakland. The professional services offered include tax planning and preparation, financial planning, client write-up and management advisory services.

Jeff is actively involved in his community. He is a founding board member and treasurer of the Oakland-Hindsboro

Charitable Foundation. Jeff is a member of the Oakland Area Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend the Oakland United Methodist Church.

Jeff serves as Vice Chairman of the EnerStar board of directors. He is a member of EnerStar's Ethics and Audit Committees. He became a Certified Cooperative Director in 2003.

Jeff believes strongly in the cooperative form of ownership as it allows members, who are owners of the cooperative, to participate in the governance and direction of the cooperative. When asked what the most important fact about the coop is that members may not realize, Jeff explained, "It is important to understand how the cooperative came into existence and the economic and social benefits it brings to our communities."

Jeff enjoys gardening, reading and sports. He and his wife, Diana, have been married for 31 years and have two children, Zack and Vanessa.

- VOTING DISTRICT B - REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5

BOB ABERNATHY



Candidate for Voting District B, Representative District 5

Bob Abernathy is a Vocational Coach for the ECCEL Academy (Edgar Clark Career

Exploration & Leadership). This is a program working with the area high school students, to help expose them to career opportunities in our area. He is also self employed as a Lean Consultant, working with companies to reduce cost and maximize profits. Before becoming the Vocational Coach for the ECCEL Academy, Bob retired as General Manager of Tri-Aerospace in Terre Haute, Ind.

Prior to Tri-Aerospace, Bob had been General Manager of EH Baare in Robinson, where he lived for 5 years. During that time he and his team

worked to reduce cost, improved on time deliveries and improved customer satisfaction. Before EH Baare, Bob was the Director of Global Manufacturing and Paris Plant Manager for GSI. As Director of Global Manufacturing, his duties included the startup of material handling product being manufactured in China. Prior to GSI he was Product Unit Leader and Manufacturing Manager at Smiths in Terre Haute. He worked at Smiths for 20 years and started there as a Laser operator and worked his way up to the PUL position.

Bob recently moved back to Paris about 2.5 years ago. He is currently junior high boys' basketball coach at Crestwood. He previously coached girls' basketball at Mayo and Paris High School for 18 years. Bob is a Paris High School graduate and has been married to his wife Vonda for 35 years. They have one son (Zach) who lives in Robinson.

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- VOTING DISTRICT B - REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5

JONATHON "THAD" MARTIN



Candidate for Voting District B, Representative District 5

My name is Thad Martin and I have lived at 5960 Public Well Street for the past 14 years. I was born and raised in Paris and graduated from Paris High School. During both high school and college, I worked summers at EnerStar, including briefly after graduation. I graduated from Lake Land College with an Associate degree in 1993. I am currently self employed as a farmer in Edgar County.

I am a member of the Masonic Lodge Stratton #408 and the Edgar County Farm Bureau. I have been married to my saint of a wife, Mandy Martin for 22 years and we have two amazing kids, Chayse and Chloe.

My primary reason for wanting to serve on the board is to help EnerStar continue to offer reasonable rates with reliable service. I care about the future of the coop and my hope is that I will be able to offer consumer driven insight as to the expectations of the members. I feel that I am uniquely qualified to serve on the board based on the experience I got working at EnerStar. Because of this, I feel I have a good understanding of how the coop operates but am excited about expanding that knowledge further. In my opinion, some of the biggest challenges facing the coop today are recruiting and retaining a skilled workforce, keeping up with technology in addition to new solar options and environmental battles.

My hobbies include raising show pigs and Illini sports.

- VOTING DISTRICT C - REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 9

CLAYTON DANIEL GARD JR.



Candidate for Voting District C, Representative District 9

Since December 2000, Dan Gard Jr. has served as Director of

the southernmost district. He has served as Chairman of the EnerStar Board since 2012. Dan is an accredited Director through NRECA.

Dan is a lifelong resident of the West Union area. He graduated from Marshall High School and has farmed since 1973. He and his wife Barbara have three sons and daughters-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Dan is a member of Zion United Methodist Church, the Marshall Cemetery Board, Clark Co Fair Board and Marshall Masonic Lodge.

He also serves on the Wabash Valley Power Board in Indianapolis and represents Wabash Valley Power on the Illinois Electric Coop Association. Dan has previously served as Road Commissioner and trustee in Darwin Township.

Dan said, "I enjoy being part of the Enerstar Board working together with the current board members, management and staff to provide the highest quality services at the lowest possible cost. We want to continually improve our plant and infrastructure and services to the customers. I am proud of our linemen and office staff for the job they do and the dedication they have to our cooperative members. I appreciate representing my district on the board and ask for your continued support in the upcoming election."

ADAM MEEHLING



Candidate for Voting District C, Representative District 9

My name is Adam Meehling. My wife, Samantha and I reside in Marshall,

IL. I have lived here in Marshall for my entire life, 25 years. I graduated from Marshall High school in 2013. I currently run Can-Do Construction, in which I founded and started in December 2017. I have done contracting work for the past 7 years. I have also helped run my family's farm since 2016.

I formally graduated from 841 Operating Engineers in September 2017. During my duration of operator's school, I worked for the following companies: L. Keely Construction, Illini Drilled Foundation, and Aldridge Electric. Along with my previous operating school, I attended ADSC

in Texas, which is an International Association of Foundation Drilling.

I want to serve on the board because I want to make a difference in my community. I also feel like I could bring a fresh perspective of ways to solve situations. It would be a privilege to serve on the board to help face the many challenges that arise. Just as in my current role as a contractor, I face many challenges every day that take perseverance, open mindedness and sometimes numerous resources to come up with a solution to the problem, in which I do not stop until a solution is found.

I feel like EnerStar's biggest challenge in the near future is the development of technology that is changing every day. Another challenge I see is the changing of electricity resources, such as solar, wind, and water.