

## 2021 nominating committee results

The 2021 nominating committee met upstairs at Marine Bank & Trust in Carthage on March 15 and 29 to make nominations for directors. Five directors will be elected at the cooperative's annual meeting on Thursday, June 24.

Serving on the committee were Lyman Ross, Gladstone; Bradley Flatt, Media; Spencer Berry, Nauvoo; Jeremy Kerr, Carthage; Rod Pence, Dallas City; Harold "Tony" Herdrich, Dallas City; Rod

McGaughey, Carthage; Austin Ufkes, Carthage; Robert Menn, Plymouth; Gary Akers, Carthage; Max Roskamp, Sutter; and Todd Beeler, Sutter. **10526-47**

The following were nominated for director positions:

**District 6** – Robert Gronewold

**District 7** – Janet Spory

**District 1** – Kim Gullberg

**District 2** – Dusty Walker

**District 3** – Jay Morrison

The nominations have been posted in Carthage at the co-op office as stipulated in the cooperative's bylaws. Any nominations made by petition will be included on the official ballot if they are brought to the WIEC office at least 10 days before the meeting.



2021 nominating committee members include: (front row, L to R) Bradley Flatt, Harold Herdrich, Todd Beeler, Robert Menn, Rod McGaughey; (back row, L to R) Lyman Ross, Spencer Berry, Jeremy Kerr, Max Roskamp, Austin Ufkes, Rod Pence



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **Kent Flesner** —  
President, West Point
- **Mark Burling** —  
Vice President, Carthage
- **Janet Spory** —  
Secretary/Treasurer, Sutter
- **William Newton** —  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer,  
Burnside
- **Rob Gronewold** —  
Director, Carthage
- **Kim Gullberg** —  
Director, Stronghurst
- **Jay Morrison** —  
Director, Niota

**STAFF**

- **Todd Grotts** — General Manager
- **Ryan Biery** — Manager  
of Operations
- **Wendi Whitaker** — Finance and  
Accounting Manager

**MAP LOCATION CONTEST**

Every month we are printing four members' map location numbers in the newsletter. If you find your map location number call the WIEC office by the 25th of the following month, tell us where it is and we will give you a \$10.00 bill credit. Keep on reading the WIEC News.

**William Newton resigns from WIEC board**



Via written notice dated March 1, 2021, William "Bill" Newton submitted his resignation from the WIEC board of directors, effective immediately. Bill was elected in 1994 to represent the members of District 2. This district includes WIEC's territory in the

Hancock County townships of Appanoose, Montebello and Sonora. Manager Todd Grotts said, "Bill has served his cooperative and his district well. We thank him and wish him well in the future."

The remaining WIEC board members have decided to leave the District 2 seat vacant until elections at this year's annual meeting in June.



**WIEC Annual Meeting – SAVE THE DATE**

The WIEC Annual Meeting will be **Thursday, June 24**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with meeting to begin at 7.

Watch your mailbox for the Annual Meeting booklet. It will contain your registration card, proxy card and other important information. To save time, please bring the registration card with you to the meeting. There will be additional details in the meeting booklet.

If you will be unable to attend in person, please give your signed proxy card to another member who does plan to attend or drop it by the office so that your vote will count.

**Can't make it to WIEC's Annual Meeting?**

You can still make your vote count! We NEED as many members as possible to vote. **3922-48**

If you can't come to the annual meeting on June 24, you can still make your vote count! You'll also help WIEC meet the requirements set by its bylaws for participation. Please consider giving another co-op member your signed proxy card from your

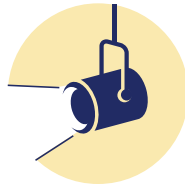
Annual Meeting booklet, or sending or bringing your signed proxy card to the office directly. We can then give it to an attendee the night of the meeting to cast your vote. This way your vote will count!

All members who sign and return their proxy to be used at Annual Meeting will be entered into a drawing for a bill credit.



## Director Spotlight

We are continuing our Spotlight series on the Western Illinois Electrical Coop. Board of Directors. They're a selfless group of individuals who respectfully work together to guide the co-op in making the best decisions for each and every WIEC member.



### Kim Gullberg – Director for District 1



Kim is the Director for the entirety of WIEC's territory in Henderson County. He is a Western Illinois University graduate – Go Leathernecks! –

as well as the owner of and engineering manager at The D.C. Cooper Company, located in Stronghurst. D.C. Cooper is in the architectural and structural metals arena, manufacturing metal parts and industrial vessels, tanks and containers. Kim is also a farmer. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married for 42 years and have raised their four children in that time. One of Kim's biggest joys in life is working on projects with family, and that now includes several grandchildren to help.

Kim has served on the WIEC board since being appointed in March 2014. He also serves on the board of his local

grain elevator, as well as on the Henderson County board. When asked about a skill he wishes he could learn, Kim replied, "Create time." That makes perfect sense with all he has going on! **3823-31**

Kim believes the toughest issue for the co-op, as well as for most other businesses today, is managing costs. Co-op employees consistently look for less expensive options or alternatives for products or procedures and implement cost-effective changes when possible. Kim states that "working to improve energy costs and reliable supply" is very rewarding.

Cooperatives are different than their for-profit counterparts. We are inclusive by nature in that all members are owners and WIEC's directors want to hear from you. Whether it is the employees or the members, when it's all said and done, the most interesting thing to Kim has been meeting good people.

### Jay Morrison – Director for District 3



Jay is a Colusa native who graduated from Nauvoo-Colusa High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in ag business from Western Illinois

University. While at Western, Jay was introduced to his wife Lisa by mutual friends and the two have been married for 33 years. Their grown and married children, Rachel and Ryan, have given them two granddaughters to spoil. Jay is currently a grain farmer, retired from his former position as executive VP and loan officer at State Bank of Colusa.

He has a long history of service. In addition to being a WIEC board member, Jay has also served on the boards of the telephone cooperative and the bank. Another way Jay serves his community is by being a volunteer firefighter. He was asked to run for the WIEC board in 1994 because members thought that his financial background would be helpful ... and they were right. Jay has served as vice president and assistant

secretary-treasurer during his time on the WIEC board.

Jay says the most interesting thing he's learned as a WIEC board member is just how complex the operations of electrical generation and distribution are. He believes the biggest change he's seen is in renewable energy and the more complex decision-making regarding it. Electrical generation, transmission and distribution options and the changing technology related to them mean there's always something new to learn for a WIEC board member in order to make informed decisions. Jay doesn't see that changing anytime soon.

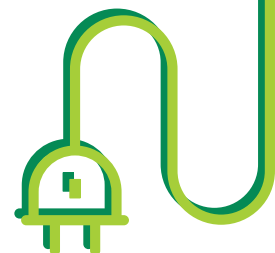
He believes the biggest strength for co-ops is offering an essential service as a not-for-profit entity and returning capital credit dollars to members. Jay says, "Our employees work very hard to provide excellent service to keep the lights on." According to Jay, hearing members' appreciation of the co-op employees is the most rewarding part of being a WIEC board member.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Source:  
[www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



# Look up – look down – look ALL AROUND...

Please take one more look to assure you've cashed your capital credit retirement check from October of 2020. **262-46**

If you happen to have current address or phone information for someone appearing on this list of uncashed checks, please contact our office to aid in our efforts to return as many dollars to WIEC members as possible.

## Outstanding Capital Credit Checks

Allensworth, Paula	Davis, Helen	Harrison, Mark	McConnell, Elisabeth	Rowland, Margaret
Amfahr, Galen	Dayton, D J	Hartweg, Edith	McKay, Orris F	Schoolcraft, Charles
Annegers, Raymond R	Dennis, Tim C	Hasten, Cerece	McMillen, Michael	Shaffer, Thomas E
AT & SF Railway Co	Derry, Bill	Hedrick, Dorothy	Miller, Bonita J	Siegfried, Clement G
Bell, E Irene	Detrick, Cora L	Hempen, Tim or Cindy	Miller, Dixie L	Speer, Vernetha
Belshaw, Eileen	Dickwisch, Pat	Hiller, Garrett R	Miller, Michael	Staff, Arlene
Bernstein, Dorothy	Diewold, John D	Hobby, Gary L	Mohr, Lewis L	Staff, Norman
Berry, Robert L	Donley, Pamela A	Holstein, John E	Munger, Paul	Steinhour, Darrel
Bertschi, Grace H	Dunn, Ronelle	Hookway, Gloria	Mynatt, Rex D	Stephenson, Shirley
Bevenour, James F	Dustman, William	Houseal, Keith	Neisen, Steve	Strate, Gloria
Bianchetta, Stephen	Earls, Connie	Huff Island Hunt & Fish	Northup, Roland H	Stratton, Frieda
Blume, Wayne A	Easterday, Betty June	Humphry, Dola R	Ochsner, Grace C	Sumner, Louis
Boddeker, Peter	Eddington, Dean	Hunt, Don A	Olson, Richard T	Swisegood, James D
Boston, Randall C	Eichman, Keith	Huss, Charles J	Ormiston, Christine	Taylor, Jane
Brooks, Danny	Eilers, Marjori	Jackson, Janice I	Paben, James L	Taylor, Lois J
Brooks Hog Confinement	FAA/MMAC	James, Michael	Painter, Patricia W	Thompson, Betty K
Brown, Betty	Ferguson, Jerry	Johnson, Betty	Pellican, Henry C	Tobias, Johnnie M
Brown, Harold E	Folkerts, Eddie R	Johnson, John M	Pence, Wayne	Tri County Agro Inc
Brown, Myrtle	Forristall, Glenn Jr	Johnson, Lonnie	Perry, Charles R	Vanarke, Eldon L
Brown, Teresa L	Fortado, Dave	Jones, David K Sr	Peterson, Michael	Vance, Thomas C
Buckert, Carroll	Frakes, Ralph L	Jones, Judith C	Phillips, Truman Sr	Vantine, Gerald
Bullard, Kevin	Fye, Samuel F	Kemp, Allen R	Pindell, Dorothy	Walker, Lewis E
Burg, Max	Geissler, William F	Kirchner, Sherry	Porter, Neal	Walton, Roy C Jr
Bush, John R	Gerdes, Clarence D	Kiser, Connie M	Prairie Farms Dairy Inc	Waterman, Conda
Califf, Bill	Gerdes, George E	Krieg, Ethel M	Purtle, Leona	Waterman, Harold L
Catlin, Marvis D	Gilpin, Lynn R	Krieg, Galen	Quinn, Linda Redenius	Waterman, Pat
Clark, Paula S	Gittings, Michael A	Labbe, Richard Jr	Quinn, Linda Redenius	Watkins, Kenneth
Collins, Charles G	Grafton Farms	Lamb, Ruth M	Ramplsey, Wayne E	Webster, Eural G
Cooper, Paula L	Grant, Timothy	Land, Jesse E	Ramsey, Herbert Jr	Wenger, Larry
Covert Farms	Greenslaugh, Katherine	Larkins, Nancy	Rang, Shelly S	Wepner, Ardath M
Covert, Willa	Gutknecht, Don	Lindsey, Dewey R	Rasmussen, Richard	Weston, Richard
Crist, Ruth M	Hageman, Kevin K	Long, Wilbur	Redenius, Patricia	Wichman, Mattie
Crosier, Robert H	Hall, Roger L	Marshall, Enid	Reed, Johnson	Wilcox, Earl
Crum, Marjorie J	Hanson, Mark E	Martens, Raymond	Renshaw, Dale	Williams, Evelyn A
Daggett, Helen	Harl, Darrel J	Massey, Marjorie	Rockenfield, Velma	Wright, John F
Daniel, Kim	Harmony Township	Mathewson, Elaine	Roschke, Paul H	Wright, Kenneth Jr
Daskalos, Nick	Supervisor	Mayfield, Mary E	Roskamp, David	Wulf, Sandra
Daugherty, Joseph	Harms, Erma	McClain, Martin M	Roskamp, Lance M	Young, Wayne E

## Welcome New Members

Bolton, Brian  
Lemmer, Jeremiah

Petersen, Craig E. & Curt M.  
Stephenson, Brianne

Vanwinkle, Willis  
Wayson, Alan

February  
2021