

East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative

Urbana, Iowa

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the Members of East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Vinton-Shellsburg High School, Vinton, Iowa at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 20, 2019, to take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and committees;
2. The election of three directors of the Cooperative. Three from Geographic District 2, 3, and 4 as listed in the ballot.
3. All other business which may legally come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated for director by the Committee on Nominations appointed by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative pursuant to the Bylaws.

| 2019 DIRECTOR NOMINEES | | |
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| Three-Year Term (three to be elected) One from each Board District | | |
| Board District #2 | Board District #3 | Board District #4 |
| Julie Kester Scott Hepker | Allen Albers Gary Paulsen | Gary McKenna |

You are urged to attend the meeting, hear the reports of the officers, vote for directors, and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

The Bylaws provide that any member who is absent from the meeting may vote by mail.

If you cannot attend the meeting, mark the enclosed ballot and mail it to the undersigned secretary in the envelope provided.

All votes received by Cooperative staff prior to the close of the election at the annual meeting shall be counted.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2019,  Ryan Kress, Secretary

GET TO KNOW YOUR 2019 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

BOARD DISTRICT 2



Julie Kester

- Resident of Benton County for the past 25 years
- Farms with husband, Bill, north of Urbana
- Has been married to Bill for 22 years. They share six children and 11 grandchildren
- Worked for the Linn County Assessor's office for over 35 years and sat on several committees during that time
- Served as Linn County Assessor since 2009 and just recently retired in 2018. During this time, strived for good customer service, transparency and modernizing the office
- Associated with the Urbana Christian Church
- Loves to spend time with family and friends
- Hobbies include reading, traveling, gardening, playing games including cards, organizing and volunteering



Scott Hepker

- Farming since 1993
- Worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation for 32 years and retired in 2015
- Married to wife, Mary, for 35 years and has two children, two grandchildren and one on the way
- Currently works part-time for Benton County Transportation
- Serves on the Board of Directors for USA Communications
- Served locally as a volunteer firefighter and EMT
- Current member and Coleman Award honoree of the Urbana Lions Club
- Currently serving as Polk Township Trustee
- Member of the Urbana Christian Church
- Served on Iowa State Extension Council
- Former Assistant Leader for Polk 101 4-H club
- Member of the Vinton Airport Commission
- Enjoys flying since obtained pilots license in 2012, fishing and traveling

BOARD DISTRICT 3



Allen Albers

- Has farmed for over 35 years—presently a corn and soybean rotation
- Moorman Mfg Company feed salesman for 11 years
- Mycogen Seed salesman
- Taught at West Central Community Schools from 1966-1967
- Graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1966 and during his attendance he played basketball and baseball for four years
- Drafted in 1967, spending two years in US Army
- Following the Service, taught at Norway Community Schools for five years
- Married to Ruth for 49 years—Ruth is a retired math teacher from Benton Community Schools in Van Horne
- Member of St John Lutheran Church in Keystone
- Member of American Legion
- Drove school bus for Benton Community Schools for 20 years
- Director of ECI REC since 1985 and has served as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer
- Currently serving as ECI REC representative on the G&T board of Central Iowa Power Cooperative since 2004
- Enjoys golfing, bowling and watching basketball, baseball and golf



Gary Paulsen

- Has farmed 250 acres since 1992
- Operated a beef herd up until 2012
- Bachelors of Science in Ag Business and Animal Science from Iowa State University
- Has one son, Robert
- Has worked for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 30 years
- Member of St John Lutheran Church
- Enjoys Iowa State Basketball and deer hunting

BOARD DISTRICT 4



Gary McKenna

- Has been employed by Eden Mutual Insurance in Vinton for 22 years and currently serves as manager
- Owner of Van Eschen-Strong Insurance in Vinton
- Currently raises 1,500 head of hogs per year on small farm south of Vinton
- Married to Teresa for 29 years and they have two children—Andrew and Ashley
- Member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vinton
- Member of Vinton Fire Department and served as Fire Chief for 12 years
- Member of the Tri-County Snowmobile Club
- Enjoys golf, snowmobiling, carpentry work, camping and watching his kids play sports
- Has served as a Director for ECI REC for the past three years