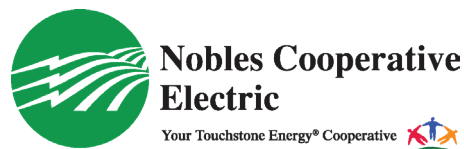


Director candidate profiles



Director Candidate for District Four



Jerry Beckering

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

I was born and raised on a farm in Leota Township. I live there with my wife, Linda. We are the parents of three grown children and have twelve grandchildren.

Employment and business experience:

After graduating from college, I started a trucking business called Beckering Gravel Hauling. This business included hauling gravel and other material to townships, farmers and contractors in our local area. At the same time, I was

involved in a crop farming operation.

Community involvement/service/leadership positions:

I have been on numerous boards, including our local grade school board, our high school board and was past president of a financial foundation for our high school. I am an active member of the Leota Christian Reformed Church, where I have held various positions on the church council. I am currently the president of the church board. I have also served on our local town and park board where I was past president. I have served on the Nobles Cooperative Electric Board of Directors for the past three years and have fulfilled the requirements of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) education program to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director. I am currently working toward completing the NRECA Board Leadership program.

What are the primary issues facing the electric industry and NCE? Why I want to serve on NCE's Board of Directors?

It has been a pleasure to serve on the NCE Board with the other directors, and I would like to continue to work as a representative of this cooperative on the local, state and federal level. We must continue to fight legislation and mandates that are counterproductive to our cooperative. The electric industry is changing rapidly, replacing fossil fuel with renewable energy. We, as directors, must keep pace with all this change and be ready to adapt and implement new infrastructure, rates and policies for our members. We must also be aware of the future of electric vehicles (EV) and other innovations that may impact our cooperative in the future.

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Ronald Honken

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

My wife, Cathy, and I were both born in Luverne, Minnesota, and are graduates of Luverne High School. We have been married for 30 years. My career has taken me to Nebraska, Indiana, Tennessee, back to Indiana and now it allows me to return to Minnesota. We have two sons. The oldest is a gradu-

ate of Middle Tennessee State University, and is currently in the process of becoming a captain in the U.S. Army. Our other son is a member of the Army National Guard in Tennessee, and is currently attending Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Employment and business experience:

My early career was working for my father in the construction industry. This skill set actually led to my calling to the insurance industry, where I began my career with Tri-State Insurance Company of Minnesota located in Luverne. In 1990, I accepted a new position in which I was blessed to advance quite quickly and have spent the bulk of my career in executive leadership

positions in the insurance industry.

Community involvement/service:

Since my early 20s, I have been involved in local government or community organizations. These positions have involved local housing authorities, economic development groups, governing boards of churches, alderman for the town of Farragut, Tennessee, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, Farragut Beer Board, Knoxville Area Chamber of Commerce (Tennessee), Knox County Charter School Review Committee, mentor for Youth Villages, and member of the Westfield, Indiana, Youth Assistance Program.

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Ronald Honken cont.

Leadership positions:

As mentioned previously, I have been in executive leadership positions in my career for the past 25 plus years. I have also been a member of several boards. I was a member of the executive board for the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, and was an elected official as alderman for the Town of Farragut (this would be equivalent to a city council).

What are the primary issues facing the electric industry and NCE?

Being a relatively new resident to the area, I am not yet intimately familiar with specific issues, but believe they would consist of ensuring that the infrastructure is maintained and updated as needed, that there is compliance

with any federal, state or local regulations, and that the cooperative continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of its members. I also suspect that cybersecurity, as well as other forms of security, are near the top of the list.

Why I want to serve on NCE's Board of Directors?

As previously mentioned, I have always had a desire to be involved in local groups. My desire revolves around wanting to give back to the community, work to elevate the community as a whole and I enjoy the opportunity to learn as well. I believe that my combined past experiences would be of benefit to the group and allow me to get up to speed and contribute in an expedited manner.

About our board:

- The board of directors are elected by members that govern Nobles Cooperative Electric.
- Seven directors serve with staggered three-year terms.
- Directors must receive NCE's electric service and have their primary residence in the district they represent.
- Directors must meet the qualifications listed in the bylaws.
- Basic commitment:
 - Monthly board meetings
 - Committee assignments
 - Education seminars

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Timothy Taylor

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

I was born and raised near Adrian, Minnesota, and live on an acreage north of Adrian with my wife, Deb. We have three daughters, two of them live in Sioux Falls and one daughter is deceased. I have farmed for 25 years. After that I worked for a dental equipment repair company. Then later owned and operated my own dental equipment service company. I am now retired but still advise and assist with

dental office installs.

Employment and business experience:

I attended school for electronics technology and diversified agriculture. Once out of school, I built and repaired computers and electronics. Then I farmed grain and raised cattle and swine (farrow to finish). Later, I did dental repair and the installation of equipment in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and other states.

Community involvement/service/leadership positions:

I am a member of St. Adrian Catholic Church and a board member of the Nobles County Farm Bureau, Nobles County Pork Producers and serve as chairman on the Kanaranzi Little Rock Watershed Board.

What are the primary issues facing the electric industry and NCE?

- I feel these are the primary issues:
- Government regulations on how electricity is produced,
 - Cost of power today and in the future,
 - Cost and management of all lines and substations in our represented area,
 - Build now for future needs and use, and
 - Looking at all power resources to help in times of peak load (individual standby generators).

Why I want to serve on NCE's Board of Directors?

This is a way I can serve my community in retirement. I have always been interested in the electric cooperative and would like to be more involved.



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