

# YOUR ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the members of Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) will be held at the North Butler Elementary School in Allison, Iowa, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to take action on the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors and committees;
2. The election of three directors for a term of three years;
3. All other matters as may regularly come before said meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The term of office of present directors: Gary Poppe, Ionia; Allyn Harms, Clarksville; and Steve Boevers, Readlyn, expire and successors will be elected to serve three-year terms.

## Your Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates as directors for a term of three years:

To represent Chickasaw County

- **GARY POPPE, IONIA**
- **MARK MILLER, SUMNER**

To represent the southeast quarter of Butler County

- **ALLYN HARMS, CLARKSVILLE**
- **KEVIN ST. JOHN, SHELL ROCK**

To represent the east of half of Bremer County

- **STEVE BOEVERS, READLYN**

**Candidate  
information on  
reverse side**

## Your Schedule For The Day

**10:30 a.m.** DOORS OPEN and registration begins (DON'T FORGET YOUR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, INCLUDED WITH YOUR MARCH BILL, FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF TWO \$25 CASEY'S GIFT CARDS)

**11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** FREE lunch in the cafeteria and displays in the gymnasium

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** WICHITA country band performs in the auditorium

**1 p.m.** BUSINESS MEETING in the auditorium

- Reports
- Election of directors
- Drawing for cash prizes totaling \$700

At the end of the business meeting, every voting member will receive a picnic blanket. You are cordially invited to attend the meeting, hear the reports of the officers, vote for directors, and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2022.  
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

*Tim Schrage*

TIM SCHRAGE, SECRETARY



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# MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

## To represent Chickasaw County

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### **GARY POPPE, Ionia**

Gary Poppe has been a member of Butler County REC since 1983. Gary and his wife Rhonda live on a farm southeast of Ionia. They have three children: Griffin (married to Ally), Kelsey, and Abigail. They also have twin two-year-old granddaughters.

Gary has served on Butler County REC's board of directors for the past 39 years and serves as the vice president. He also serves on the Corn Belt board as Butler County REC's representative. Gary is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Director Gold Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds an NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.

A graduate of Iowa State University, Gary has a degree in farm operations. He farms with his son and two additional family members. They raise corn, beans, alfalfa, feeder cattle, and hogs. Gary is a member of the state and national Cattlemen's. He is a past trustee for Chickasaw Township.



### **MARK MILLER, Sumner**

Mark Miller has been a member of Butler County REC since 1992. He and his wife Lisa live on a farm approximately six miles northwest of Sumner. They have a 12-year-old daughter.

Mark grew up in the Sumner area and graduated from Sumner High School. Today he is semi-retired from farming and construction work. He continues to raise cows and sheep on his farm.

He is a founding member of the Sons of the American Legion in Sumner and has been a 4-H leader and Sunday School teacher in the past. He is a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner, where he serves on the council.

## To represent the southeast quarter of Butler County

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### **ALLYN HARMS, Clarksville**

Allyn Harms has been a member of Butler County REC since 1995 and a board member since 2013. He is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Director Gold Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds an NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.

He and his wife Bev live on a farm approximately seven miles southeast of Allison, where they raise corn and soybeans. They have one son, Brett, who lives in Allison with his family.

Allyn grew up on a farm south of Aplington served by Grundy County REC. Before starting his farming operation in 1984, he attended Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls and studied agriculture management.

In addition to farming, he has done part-time construction work, shingling roofs for more than 21 years. He is a member of Trinity Reformed Church, Allison, and has served as a deacon.



### **KEVIN ST. JOHN, Shell Rock**

Kevin St. John has been a member of Butler County REC since 1980. He and his wife Barb live on a property five miles southwest of Shell Rock. They have two children: Andrew (married to Natalie) and Erica Parks (married to Lou). They also have a granddaughter.

A graduate of Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Kevin has a degree in farm management and operations. Recently retired from Bayer Crop Science as a Channel brand district seed sales manager, he now is a part-time delivery driver for Meyer Pharmacy, Waverly.

Kevin is currently a member and the treasurer of Faith Lutheran Church in Shell Rock. He is also a certified crop advisor in the state of Iowa for the American Society of Agronomy.

## To represent the east half of Bremer County

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### **STEVE BOEVERS, Readlyn**

Steve Boevers has been a member of Butler County REC since 1982 and a board member since 2013. He is an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Credentialed Cooperative Director. He and his wife Sara live in Readlyn and own farms served by the cooperative. They have three children: Michael, Megan Schutte, and Mitchell, and seven grandchildren.

Steve grows corn and soybeans on 1,800 acres and owns a 5,000-head hog finishing operation. He is a graduate of Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, where he studied computer-assisted drafting and agriculture. After college, Steve farmed and worked seven years for Schumacher Elevator company in Denver.

Steve has volunteered for the Readlyn Fire Department and served on the Readlyn City Council. Steve is also a member of the Bremer County Corn and Soybean Association. For more than 27 years he has managed the association's corn and soybean plot. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Readlyn, and has served as a deacon.