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Director Election

Our Board of Directors is made up of nine Directors, each representing a Director District and serving a three-year term. Three Districts are up for election at each Annual Meeting. This year, members at large will vote for representation in Districts 2, 5 & 9.

The petition due date was May 24, 2024. Four members submitted petitions. Candidates may choose to offer brief remarks to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

District 2
Gary Martin



Gary has served as Director for 36 years. He currently chairs the Finance Committee and serves on the Irrigation and Bylaw/Policy Committees.

He represents Menard Electric on the Prairie Power, Inc. Board of Directors and serves on the NRECA National Resolutions

Committee and National Resolutions Standing Committee. Gary holds his Director Gold Certificate, the highest achievement for education from the NRECA.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from the University of Illinois and has operated his family corn, soybean and hog farm since 1975.

Gary serves as Trustee on the Ashland Fire Protection District and President of Timberline, LLC.

He lives in Alexander with his wife Pam and enjoys snow skiing and reading.

District 5 D. Jay Frye



Jay has 24 years of service with Menard Electric and currently serves as Vice President. He chairs the Annual Meeting Committee and serves on the Bylaw/Policy and Labor Committees.

He also serves on the IL Cooperative Workman's Compensation Group.

Jay holds the Director Gold Certificate, the highest achievement for education from the NRECA.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics from the University of Illinois and served on the department's external academic advisory panel.

Jay has farmed in the Sherman, Havana, Bath and Kilbourne areas since 1989.

He lives in Easton with wife Noreen. They have three sons, a grandson and a granddaughter.

District 9
Donald McMillan



Donald has served as Director for 18 years. He chairs the Building Committee and serves on the Annual Meeting and Finance Committees.

He holds the Director Gold Certification, the highest achievement for education from the NRECA.

Donald lives in Logan County, where he farmed for 42 years before retiring in 2015. He enjoys time with his four grandchildren, boating and attending car shows.

District 9 Rex Muir, Jr.



Rex is employed as a mechanic at JLS Performance in Taylorville and is a member of Operating Engineers Local 965. He previously oversaw the fleet at Asplundh in Riverton and worked for 35 years as a heavy truck mechanic for Prairie International. He attended Illiopolis High School and multiple tech schools.

Rex lives on his family farm in Buffalo with his wife Teresa. His three sons also live on the farm, which raises crops and recently stopped raising cattle.

"I feel I have some industry-specific insight and knowledge of logistics that could benefit and possibly assist with the development in Menard Electric District 9."