

## **District 4 Director Candidates**

The following members have completed the necessary qualification questionnaire and submitted a timely petition signed by 15 Lake Country Power members to be considered a candidate for director of Lake Country Power.

### **Ernie Braunschweig**

Bringing a fresh perspective to Lake Country Power.

My wife and I retired to Cohasset, on Lake Pokegama, in March of 2022. We built our forever home in 2022 on land that has been in my wife's family since 1926.

I spent 15 years in the electric utility business, the last position being district manager. We were the first in New Mexico to negotiate customer choice.

Moving into private business, I spent 25 years with a multi-national company, traveling the world meeting the needs of our customers in various industries.

I am a registered professional electrical engineer in two states, and a certified project management professional.

I currently volunteer on the City of Cohasset PUC. I have been involved with Habitat for Humanity and many organizations in other states.

Talking to members, they expressed concern about reliability and rates. When elected, I will do my best, along with the other directors, to address your concerns and to represent all members in my role as your District 4 director.

I ask for and would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

### **Carter Pettersen**

My name is Carter Pettersen. I am retired, a veteran, and a father of four. I want to serve as your District 4 director.

About nine years ago, I served on the LCP board. I did not run for another term at that time, as my family planned to move to town. Plans changed, so I served on numerous other boards, including the Arbo Township Board, the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board and the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools. I am currently on the Mount Itasca Ski and Outing Club Board.

If I am elected to the LCP board, I pledge to be a strong voice for the members in District 4. I pledge to keep rates reasonable, listen to your concerns and ideas, and push for clean energy.

My phone number will always be available to you, 218-327-2422. If you see fit to vote for me, I would really appreciate it.

**Jeff Sheldon**

Retired in 2019 after working nearly 30 years for rural electric cooperatives in northern MN. I am married to wife Shelly and have two grown daughters and one grandson. We live in rural Cohasset on a hobby farm and enjoy farming and traveling.

My past experience while working are in the Key Accounts and Economic Development areas.

I managed/supervised many different departments during my tenure. Some of my duties included commercial and residential energy audits, heat loss calculations, fuel cost comparisons, negotiated industrial electric contracts and administered the conservation improvement program.

Achievements include CEM Certified Energy Manager and Certified Energy Auditor thru the Association of Energy Engineers.

Past Chairman of the City of Cohasset PUC Commission

Current Board Member of the Itasca Mutual Insurance Company

U.S. Army Veteran 1977-83

My concerns are having an affordable and reliable wholesale energy network along with tackling the supply chain shortage of material at the inflated prices we are seeing today.

I would be honored to represent the members of District 4 on the board at Lake Country Power.

Thank You

**Lee Thole**

Hello – I feel fortunate and proud to be a resident of the greater Grand Rapids/Cohasset area. My interest in representing District 4 on the Board of Directors is driven by getting more involved and giving back to this incredible community my family calls home.

I believe my experience and background have something to offer the Lake Country Power organization and its members. Throughout my career I have held several leadership positions in operations, finance, and strategy. My professional career began as an engineer for Otter Tail Power Company. I currently work for Yanmar Compact Equipment North America (ASV).

Focus on exceeding customer expectations with products and services they purchase has been important to each of these jobs. I believe it is important to develop a robust plan, set clear expectations for achieving the plan, and show accountability through actions. I

would approach this position in a similar way. Over time, I will demonstrate that I do this with integrity.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve the customers of Lake Country Power.

Thank you for your consideration.