

## **District 8 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.

### **Marvin Ketola**

Background:

- Married, wife Judy
- Four sons and ten grandchildren

Education:

- Cloquet High School
- University of Minnesota-Duluth-B.A., Business & Economics (emphasis in Accounting)
- William Mitchell College of Law-Juris Doctorate

Employment:

- 3M-Inventory Control
- Economics Laboratory-Manager of State & Local Taxes
- Private Legal Practice
- Carlton County Attorney
- Retired

I live on Big Sandy Lake and have been a Lake Country Power customer for over 25 years. I am a member of Big Sandy Lake Association.

I served as state representative for District 14B for two years, serving on three committees. I am currently a member of the Minnesota Legislative Society, a non-profit corporation consisting exclusively of past members of the Minnesota Legislature.

I served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota County Attorney's Association until my retirement. I served on the Board of the Bethel Society of Duluth while working as county attorney.

Commitment:

If elected to the Lake Country Board of Directors, I will do my best to maintain the integrity and efficiency of the co-op and assist the members of Section 8 to the best of my ability.

### **Brian Napstad**

Reside in Shamrock Township, Aitkin County. My wife Sharon and I have been married 37 years. We have 3 sons all of whom graduated from McGregor High School. We have been blessed with 2 grandchildren. We have been Co-op members since 1991 and members of Lake Country Power since 1997 when created by merging 3 smaller Co-ops.

I earned a Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1980.

Work Experience: Fisherman's Bay Restaurant; Owner (Present), Floe International; Project Manager, Hewlett Packard; Project Manager, General Electric; Sales Engineer, Diversified Energies Incorporated; Sales Director.

Past board experience: Aitkin County Commissioner, Chairman Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Vice-Chairman Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Chairman Mississippi Headwaters Board, Big Sandy Lakes Area Watershed Management Board, and Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board.

My commitment to Lake Country Power members is to represent your interests in providing safe, reliable, affordable electric service. My work experience and board experience engaging with members, city, and county officials in Aitkin, Carlton, St. Louis, and Pine counties position me best as your representative.

### **Daniel Reed**

I have lived my whole life in Northern Minnesota, a product of a Finnish American family that has been in the area for 130 years. I come from strong co-op roots.

I have promoted our area and believe in community service:

- Logistics and building supervisor for the National Council of Churches relief effort in Southern Sudan during early 1970's
- Member of the Savanna-Nemadji Community Development Corporation, McGregor
- Automba Township Board 1985 - present
- Representative of Carlton County Township Officers Association for county meetings
- Reporter for Moose Lake Star-Gazette and Pine Knot News
- Chair of Hwy 73 Action Committee, advocating for upgrading roadway south of Cromwell
- Board member of Northwest Carlton County Ambulance District
- Advocate for broadband in our rural areas – lead effort to provide Star-Link in Automba Township as pilot program
- Local businessman as a logger, contractor, and Christmas ornamental producer
- Outreach organizer for Volunteer Attorney Program Duluth
- Active in Ma N' Pa Kettle celebration of Kettle River
- Member, researcher, presenter at the Moose Lake Area Historical Society

I believe in teamwork, consensus building, and open to new ideas.

### **Danny Smith**

It's been several years since I served as a director on this board. I am again offering my knowledge and experience to help guide LCP through the new challenges this industry is

facing. As a long time member of LCP I have utilized its services as the owner of a business, a cabin, and an all electric home.

Switching to renewable energy is not a new concept. As a director I helped offer energy from windmills to our members years ago. Transitioning to all renewable energy sources should happen gradually as the new and different technologies are proven to be reliable and affordable. For this to be sustainable, these technologies need to utilize American resources, manufacturing, and labor. This approach can reduce our carbon footprint and keep electricity available and affordable to our members.

LCP needs strong leadership to keep rates affordable, to ease the transition to renewable energy sources, and to return profits to its members. As a past director, I worked hard to do what's best for our families, our businesses, and our environment.

**Paul Vernon**

I was born and raised in the Carlton area, and have successfully owned and operated Vernon Insurance Agency for the past 30 years. My fiancé and I moved to Tamarack in 2015. Running for this position will give me a great opportunity to become more involved within our community.

I have extensive experience with being an elected member of a Board, along with vast knowledge regarding contract negotiations, budgeting, and conflict resolution. I feel that my years of work in the development of both public, and private businesses, will be a beneficial asset to the board in District 8.

My experience includes; but is not limited to:

- Elected to two terms on the Carlton City Council
- Carlton Fire & Ambulance Board
- Carlton County Economic Development Board
- Cloquet Rotary - past president
- Salvation Army of Cloquet Board
- Tavern League of Wisconsin-Douglas County
- Developer of both, Market Rate Housing, and Senior Housing in Carlton County

I would like to thank you for considering me for a position on your Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.