



Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative
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Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members

The 78th Annual Meeting of the members of the Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative will be called to order at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 28, 2015, in the E.J. Mittermeyer Auditorium at Cornell High School, located in the City of Cornell, County of Chippewa, and State of Wisconsin. Action will be taken on the following matters:

1. Report of Officers and Managers
2. Director Elections
 - One from District 1
 - One from District 6
3. Unfinished business
4. New business and other business to come before this meeting

Important Information About the Annual Meeting and Voting

Only members in Districts 1 and 6 will receive a ballot for their director election. A return envelope is also provided for your convenience. If mailing your ballot, please allow sufficient time to assure your ballot reaches Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's office prior to the date of the Annual Meeting in order that your vote is counted.

The February issue of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* magazine will contain additional information about the upcoming Annual Meeting. **Please bring the magazine with the attached prize stub to the meeting.**

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Director Candidates

District 1

Donald E. Frei

29348 263rd Street • Holcombe, WI 54745

Don currently is the active Chippewa Valley Electric director for District 1 and presently serves as Vice Chairman on the board. Don received an Associate Degree in Accounting from Chippewa Valley Vocational and Technical College and received an additional Accounting Degree from the University of Minnesota.

Since being on the board, Don has completed numerous director educational courses and has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) status. In addition, Don brings over 35 years of experience in the electric utility industry to the board.

As a board director, Don will continue to introduce and support board actions that help assure members are provided with safe and reliable electric service at fair and reasonable rates. Don is aware of the numerous challenges facing cooperatives and their members. Don asks for your support in helping to meet those challenges.



District 6

Candis A. Homme

11166 210th Avenue • Bloomer, WI 54724

Candis recently retired from the United States Postal Service after 36 years of service, with 23 years as Postmaster in Cameron, Wisconsin. As Postmaster, she was responsible for financial accountability, labor relations and customer service. During her tenure, Cameron was cited as one of the outstanding offices of the 107 in the area. She believes that her experience as Postmaster can help her be a positive asset to Chippewa Valley Electric. Candis enjoys serving the public, and she has confidence that she would be a great fit on the cooperative board. Now retired, she has the time to serve on the board and work hard to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

Candis and her husband, Greg, have been members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative for 40 years. They have three grown daughters and four grandchildren.



District 6

Ken Schmitt

4988 120th Avenue • Colfax, WI 54730

Ken was born and raised on a small dairy farm in Neillsville which he operated till 2004. He served on the Clark Electric Junior Board in 1982 and graduated from Neillsville Public Schools in 1983. In 2003 he met his wife, Laura, and they were married the following year. They live in the Town of Howard, near where Laura grew up, with their four children; three girls and one boy between the ages 4 and 10. They have a grass based cow-calf operation and market some cattle as grass-fed beef.

Ken plays an active role within his community. He is a lifetime FFA Alumni member and a member of St. John's Catholic Church-Cooks Valley where he has been on the Finance Council for several years and serves Sexton and chairman of the Cemetery Committee. In April of 2010 he was elected to the Chippewa County Board, on which he served on the Land Conservation, Extension and Executive Committees. In April 2012 he lost a close election to another incumbent, largely due to the redistricting and downsizing of the board from 29 to 15 members.

He sees many challenges in the coming years with personnel changes, both on the Co-op Board and in its workforce as well as with power generation and distribution.

