

2020 Candidates for Election to the Board of Trustees

- DISTRICT 7 -



Gene McCluer, 10550 Alger Rd., Harrod, is seeking re-election to the District 7 trustee's post. Gene currently is completing 35 years as a trustee. Gene is Mid-Ohio Energy's representative on the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives' board, where he serves as the group's chairman and is also a member of the education committee. As a trustee of Mid-Ohio Energy, Gene has completed coursework to be named a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has earned a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Gene graduated from Harrod High School, received a bachelor's degree in Dairy Science and a master's degree in Agricultural Education from Ohio State University. For 24 years, Gene served as the OSU Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Hardin County. Gene and his wife, Jean, live in Allen County near Harrod, on the farm they have owned and operated since 1972. He is currently retired from OSU Extension, and continues to work on the family farm.

Ben Bowsher, 8360 Bellefontaine Rd., Harrod, is seeking election in District 7. Ben is a self-employed grain farmer, farming approximately 1,600 acres in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties. He is a graduate of Waynesfield-Goshen High School and received a degree in Agricultural Business from Wilmington College. Ben participated in Mid-Ohio Energy's Member Advisory Committee program in 2017 - '18. He is a member of the Allen County Farm Service Agency committee as well as a past member of a grain condo board at Sunrise Cooperative. He enjoys golfing, traveling, and attending community festivals to visit friends and neighbors. He is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ada. Ben and his wife, Stephanie, live in Harrod with their three young children Charlotte, Blaine, and Allen.



- DISTRICT 8 -

John J. Thiel, 3446 Marion-Upper Sandusky Road, Marion, is seeking re-election in District 8. Jon has been on the cooperative's board for 32 years. He and his wife, Carol, have three sons (John, Jim and Jeff) and two daughters (Lisa and Lynette). John farms grain—including soybeans, corn and wheat. John is a board member of the Scioto Conservancy District and serves on the Marion County Regional Planning Commission. He has previously served as a Grand Prairie Township trustee. John has completed the required coursework to be named a Credentialed Cooperative Director by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



Tom Lust, 3765 Marion Upper Sandusky Rd., Marion, is seeking election for District 8. Tom farms full-time in Marion, Wyandot, and Crawford counties alongside his father, uncle, and cousin. In 2017 - '18, Tom participated in Mid-Ohio Energy's Member Advisory Committee program. He is a deacon at Grand Prairie Baptist Church and also coaches sixth grade basketball. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and watching his sons' sporting events. Tom is a graduate of Ridgedale High School and currently lives in Grand Prairie Township with his wife, Tina, and their two sons Clayton and Isaac.

- DISTRICT 9 -



Robert F. Imbody, 2155 Essex Road, LaRue, was first elected to the board in 2011 and is currently the board's chairman. Robert has completed the required coursework to be named a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has earned a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He began helping his father and grandfather on their farm in the 1950's. Over the years he continues to enjoy working on the farm, and has managed it on his own since 1977. He retired from his position as a school bus driver for Elgin School District after 28 years of service. As a long-time member of Marion County Farm Bureau, Robert has been a three-time president and currently serves on their board. Robert and his wife Jennifer attend Salem Evangelical Church. Jennifer is a registered nurse at Marion General Hospital. They raised six children and have 12 grandchildren.

Jon Hartshorn, 19291 County Road 144, Kenton, is running for election in District 9. Jon is the Manager of Quality Assurance and Regulatory Compliance at Morral Companies, where he has worked for 23 years. He began as a lab manager before later transitioning to a role in operations management. Jon holds a degree in Chemistry from Marietta College, and has spent over 30 years in analytical labs. He lives in Kenton with his wife, daughter, and grandson, while he has another daughter just beginning college at Marietta College. Jon is a member of the Kenton Lions Club and Kenton Elks Lodge and also enjoys playing golf, working outside, and anything else that helps him relax. Members may also find him on high school basketball courts, as an official, during the winter sports season.

