

# - CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -



## DISTRICT 7



**Ben Bowsher, 8360 Bellefontaine Rd., Harrod**, is seeking election in District 7. Ben is a self-employed grain farmer, farming corn, soybeans, and wheat 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 - 2018. He is a member of the Ohio Small Grains Marketing board, which is part of the Ohio Corn & Wheat association. He enjoys coaching and helping with his kids' activities, traveling, and attending community festivals to visit friends and neighbors. Ben and his wife, Stephanie, live in Harrod with their three children Charlotte, Blaine, and Allen.

**Kyle Hibbard, 2900 Bently Rd., Ada**, is seeking election in District 7. Kyle is a lifelong Ada resident and a graduate of Ohio Northern University, where he earned a degree in Construction Management. He currently works as a Project Manager for a large general contractor. Kyle notes his work has provided real-world experience in budgeting, planning, and delivering projects efficiently. Kyle is also a local small business owner and partner in One More Gym and Buckeye East Coffee in Ada. He credits his work and business involvement for forming an understanding for smart growth, fiscal responsibility, and supporting the local economy. He is married to his wife Becca and is a proud father of two daughters. He cites his reason for running for trustee is "to give back to the members and to help ensure a strong, practical, and sustainable future for Mid Ohio Energy".



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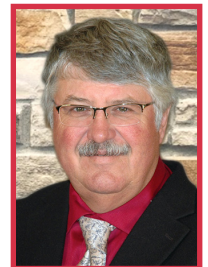
**John J. Thiel, 3446 Marion-Upper Sandusky Rd., Marion**, is seeking re-election in District 8. John has served on the cooperative's board for 38 years. He and his wife, Carol, have three sons (John, Jim, and Jeff) and two daughters (Lisa and Lynette). John farms grain—including soybeans, corn, and wheat. John is a past board president 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.



**Robert Terryl Artripe, 4083 Marion-Upper Sandusky Rd., Marion**, is seeking election in District 8. Robert is a retired Health and Safety Inspector for the Ohio Department of Transportation, where his duties included teaching CPR and first aid, and he was responsible for accident and theft reports on state properties. He holds a private pilot's license, has completed coursework in marketing and supervision, and served in the Navy as a crew leader on the flight deck of the JFK aircraft carrier. He also worked in several now-closed Marion factories and was a past member of the Red Cross response team. In his free time Robert enjoys walleye fishing in Lake Erie, hunting, and training his Czech Shepherd.

## DISTRICT 9

**Robert F. Imbody, 2155 Essex Road, LaRue**, is seeking re-election in District 9. Robert was first elected to the board in 2011. He has completed the required coursework to be named a Credentialed Cooperative Director (Director Gold designation) and has earned a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Robert began helping his father and grandfather on their farm in the 1950's. He enjoyed working on the farm through the years, managing it on his own from 1977 to 2024. He retired from his position as a school bus driver for Elgin School District after 28 years of service, and has served on the Elgin School Board since 2020. He was long-time member of Marion County Farm Bureau, serving 37 years on the board, including three terms as the organization's president. Robert and his wife Jennifer attend Prospect Street United Methodist Church. Jennifer is a retired registered nurse. They raised six children and have 12 grandchildren.



**Paige Wallace, 19770 State Route 292, Ridgeway**, is seeking election in District 9. Paige has 25 years of experience serving members of Quest Federal Credit Union, where she is the Chief Financial Officer. Her long-standing commitment to the cooperative model has shaped a career focused on stewardship, stability, and member value, which she believes will help her contribute to the board. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Findlay and an MBA from Franklin University. She also serves as Fiscal Officer for the Southeast Hardin Northwest Union Joint Fire District and contributes as a board member for both the Hardin Memorial Hospital Advisory Board and the Memorial Park Golf Course Board. She is an active member of Otterbein Church. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling and staying active through golf, pickleball, and bowling, and values time with her husband, Russ, and her family.