

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## DISTRICT 1

Israel and Oxford townships



**David Evans**  
RESIDENT OF OXFORD  
TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

**How long have you been a member?**

24 years

**Family**

My wife, Dawn, and I have four children — Ashley, Gray, Brooke, and Bryan — and two grandchildren, Addelyn and Elijah.

**Education**

I am a Talawanda High School graduate.

**Employment**

I am the owner and president of Art Evans and Sons, a third-generation, family-run business that has given me the opportunity to work within the community.

**Leadership and community activities**

I am a member of the Brookville Road Baptist Church.

As a member of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees, I have received education on how to engage, support, and improve our cooperative while earning the Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership, and Director Gold certification through NRECA.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, and four-wheeling.

**How would you help the cooperative serve members?**

I value the opportunity to give back to my community through the board. With my entrepreneurship and experience, I feel confident in making decisions that benefit the cooperative.

**Why are you interested in serving another term on the board of trustees?**

My duty has always been to keep safe, reliable, and affordable electricity accessible to all members while meeting the needs of members and providing resources that enhance their lives.



**Shannon Maddock**  
RESIDENT OF ISRAEL  
TOWNSHIP, PREBLE COUNTY

**How long have you been a member?**

15 years

**Family**

I have been married to my husband, Rick, for 44 years. We have three children — Jason, Erin, and Justin — and three grandchildren, Jameson, Reagan, and Drew.

**Education**

I attended Miami University and received the Medical Office Manager and Physician

Practice Management certification from Kettering Medical Center.

**Employment**

I work for Reid Hospital as the practice supervisor at the Primary Care South Region in Brookville, Indiana.

**Leadership and community activities**

I am a member of the College Corner Community Club,

a not-for-profit that serves the village and surrounding areas. We oversee events like the Easter egg hunt, Toys for Tots, and the Fourth of July fireworks, along with the Outstanding Senior scholarships and the Stateline Ballpark summer league programs.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, traveling to anywhere with a beach, and being outdoors.

**How would you help the cooperative serve members?**

I would be an active member of the cooperative — listening, understanding, and applying what I know to help the cooperative grow and be successful. I belong to the community I serve and so does Butler Rural. I want to provide leadership and support to improve the quality of life for everyone at the cooperative.

**Why are you interested in becoming a member of the board of trustees?**

I have always had an interest in the cooperative and how it functions. I have enjoyed my work on many not-for-profit committees and feel this one would be a good fit for me.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## DISTRICT 2 Milford Township



**Jason Barnes**  
RESIDENT OF MILFORD  
TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

**How long have you been a member?**

13 years

**Family**

My wife, Jessica, and son, Beau.

**Education**

I attended Miami University for two years.

**Employment**

I worked at Champion Paper for seven years and have worked at Harvest Land Cooperative for the past nine years.

**Leadership and community activities**

I am an active member of my local church and I participate in the Cultivating Community Program through Harvest Land.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I enjoy working on a variety of projects. I am working with my family to establish the Hanover Reserve in Hanover Township.

**How would you help the cooperative serve members?**

By helping to implement cost-effective solutions to the challenges encountered in an ever-changing market.

**Why are you interested in becoming a member of the board of trustees?**

I believe in the mission of the co-op to bring services to their customers while increasing customer value in the shared-profit system.



**Jim Meador**  
RESIDENT OF MILFORD  
TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

**How long have you been a member?**

42 years

**Family**

I have been married to my wife, Karen, for 42 years. We have three children and four grandchildren.

**Education**

I graduated from Talawanda High School and attended Miami University.

**Employment**

I am retired from a 30-year career at Miami University, where I worked at the power plant for 28 years.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, and I love to read and do crossword puzzles.

**How would you help the cooperative serve members?**

The cooperative always has to look toward short- and long-term planning. As a board member, I am constantly looking at this with other board members and adapting as needed.

**Why are you interested in serving another term on the board of trustees?**

I would like to continue working with other board members as we strive to provide safe, reliable service to our members while keeping rates as low as possible. Our goals are always changing with renewable energy advancements, along with improvements with electric vehicles. I have received the Director Gold certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and would like to take advantage of new opportunities as more classes become available.

**Leadership and community activities**

I have been a member of the Miami Federal Credit Union Board of Trustees for 30 years. I have been a member of the Milford Township Fire Department for 43 years and have been the assistant chief for 18 years.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## DISTRICT 5

Wayne and Madison townships



**Vickie Jo Barger**  
RESIDENT OF WAYNE  
TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

**How long have you been a member?**

Six years

**Family**

I have a husband, Matt; four children, Ace, Hope, Steve, and William; and three grandchildren, Shae, Sidney, and Clayton.

**Education**

I have a master's degree in business administration from Miami University and maintain treasurer

certification in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

**Employment**

I have been the finance director for the Butler County Sheriff's Office for 15 years. I was the finance director for the City of Monroe, budget analyst and systems coordinator for Miami, and an adjunct instructor for Miami's finance division in the past.

**Leadership and community activities**

I am a board member for AllWealth Federal Credit Union, secretary for the Greater Cincinnati Finance Officers Association, and a member of the Association of Public Treasurers and the Government Finance Officers Association. I volunteer for the Great Miami River Clean Up, the Edgewood Athletic Craft Show, and I audit accounts for churches and nonprofit organizations. I also support the Edgewood Ministerial Association.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I enjoy watching my sons play soccer and spending time with my mother.

**How would you help the cooperative serve members?**

I would like to use my skills to help the co-op and the community. Board members do an excellent job maintaining a sustainable budget, and I hope my financial background will help them continue to be good stewards of funds and operate in an efficient manner.

**Why are you interested in becoming a member of the board of trustees?**

I like that the members who benefit from the cooperative are owners. All of us have a say, and that is important to me.



**Robert Hoelle**  
RESIDENT OF WAYNE  
TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

**How long have you been a member?**

42 years

**Family**

I have been married to my wife, Gloria, for 56 years. We have five daughters and five granddaughters.

**Education**

I graduated from Talawanda High School and have earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership, and Director Gold certification through NRECA.

**Employment**

I am retired from AK Steel and am a farmer.

**Leadership and community activities**

I was a Wayne Township Trustee for 36 years and served

as chairman of the board. I was a Southwest Regional Water District trustee for 13 years and served as vice chairman of the board. I was a volunteer firefighter with the Wayne Township Fire Department for 20 years and am a Butler County Farm Bureau member.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I enjoy spending time with my family, woodworking, and collecting antique farm tractors.

**How would you help the cooperative serve members?**

I base my decisions on what is best for the cooperative and its members. I will continue to support getting fiber internet to as many members as possible.

**Why are you interested in serving another term on the board of trustees?**

With the advances in renewable energy and electric vehicles, I would like to continue working with other board members to make important decisions and develop policies that will benefit cooperative members.