



MICHELLE (MICCI) WINDHOLZ

DISTRICT #1 TRUSTEE NOMINEE



BIO

(Micci) Windholz grew up farming and ranching in Barton County Kansas and into her adulthood. She was exposed to both dryland and flood irrigation operations. She graduated from Barton County Community College, (go Cougars!) and the University of Cincinnati. Micci worked in Hays in the Medical Laboratory Field until relocating to Graham County, where she and her husband, Kenny, farm and ranch. Collectively they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Windholz helps her husband by cumulating data for the operation, generates billing information, and helps with the cattle. She can be found on the Graham and Trego County roads throughout the year checking cattle/water and/or helping to move farming equipment.

Windholz has participated in the Graham County Conservation Auxiliary and has previously served as the Kansas Association for Conservation Districts Auxiliary treasurer.

My ability to analyze, research, and problem-solve would make me a good fit for this position and help to make informed decisions for the members, Windholz said. My philosophy is to be transparent and honest with everyone I encounter. I would welcome open communication with the Western members and staff, and I would strive to represent their immediate and future concerns about our electric utility needs. I look forward to learning more about the electric utility industry and representing everyone in District 1.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Barton Co Community College - Associates of Applied Science

University of Cincinnati - Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

WHAT ARE THREE CRITICAL ISSUES THAT YOU BELIEVE THE COOPERATIVE SHOULD FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

Cost, Diversity of electricity, Transparency to its members

EXPLAIN THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE

The Co-Op difference is that the business, or in this case the electric utility company, can be owned and run by the people who use its services.

WHAT IS YOUR COMMUNITY OR BOARD EXPERIENCE?

2000-2005: Central Plains Laboratories Infectious Disease Safety Committee Member (Committee Disbanded in 2006)

2005-2006: Central Plains Laboratories Infectious Disease Safety Committee Officer (Committee Disbanded in 2006)

2005-2008: Northwest Kansas Regional Hospital Bioterrorism Microbiology Expert

2008-2009: Thomas-More Prep Marian High School Senior Class Parent Group

2008-2009: Thomas-More Prep Marian High School Project Graduation Committee Volunteer

2007-2008: Thomas-More Prep Marian High School Junior Class Parent Group & Sports Booster Club Member

2005-2011: American Red Cross Blood Donor

2008 Thomas-More Prep Marian Volunteer

2007-2024: Auxiliary Member of Graham County Conservation District

2012 -2015: Kansas Association of Conservation District Auxiliary Treasurer

WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST ABOUT SERVING ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

As a cooperative member I would like to learn more about the electric utility business and contribute to the decisions that are made.

WHAT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WOULD YOU BRING TO WESTERN'S BOARD AND MEMBERS?

As a member of WCE and both a residential and agricultural user of electricity I understand the need, purpose and importance of reliable and affordable electricity; I also understand that there are other opportunities to generate electricity

AS A TRUSTEE, HOW WOULD YOU PROMOTE THE COOPERATIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

As a trustee I would have an open-door policy for the members that I represent, to call or drop by to discuss a concern or just to say hi, actively engage with community events and encourage member participation

WHAT MAKES YOU THE IDEAL TRUSTEE?

I strive, and challenge those around me to be transparent, I am diligent in my pursuits, and I am committed to learning new skills.