

Region 2

Two candidates are running for the Region 2 Director position for a 3-year term.

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Family: wife - CeCe, a special education teacher; Daughter - Tracy, graduate of University of MN with engineering degree; Son - Zack, senior at SCC high school.

Employment and business experience for past five years

Operated family corporation Gillis Farm, Inc. and operate Pioneer Seed Agency.

Current boards serving on and principal activity of the entity

Secretary and Treasurer of Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board whom promotes research and usage of corn and corn products. President of St. Croix Central Wrestling Club. Delegate of U.S. Grains Council.

Affiliations/memberships

St. Croix Central FFA Alumni, member of Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, member of National Corn Growers Association.

Education

Graduate of St. Croix Central High School.

Hobbies

Fishing, hunting, golf and tractor pulling.

What is your vision for the future of agriculture?

Continue to provide food, fuel and fiber in a sustainable environment to improve the lives of not only the people in this country, but throughout the world to maintain the rural communities.

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What role do you see AgStar playing in the future of agriculture?

Provide capital, business, estate planning and insurance. To expand rural community development. In an ever-changing finance market to make sure agricultural producers have access to credit.

What issues do you feel will impact agriculture on a county, state and federal level?

Budget deficits at all levels of government will add to the tax burden of agricultural producers. Increased regulations will also limit the ability of farmers to provide ample ag products to the world.

If elected to the Board of Directors, what direction do you think AgStar should take on these issues?

To provide sound advice to all entities that affect agriculture in a positive manner.

What important lessons have you learned in your business career?

Any business, especially farming to a long-term commitment.

Are there any other comments you would like to share?

Having traveled to China and Japan seeing first-hand what is a tremendous job the American farmer has been doing for generations!