

Region 4

Two candidates are running for the Region 4 Director position for a 3-year term.

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Family: Wife - Joyce
Children: Robert (Sara) Henning, Christine (Adam) Schumacher, Sheila (Kenneth) Ripley, Brenda (Daniel) Wurdeman and 13 grandchildren

Employment and business experience for past five years

Self-employed as a grain and livestock farmer.

Current boards serving on and principal activity of the entity

Minnesota Soybean Processors - serving as Vice President
MnSp processes soybeans for soybean meal, oil and bio-diesel.

Affiliations/memberships

Member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of which I serve as an elder, Minnesota Corn and Soybean Association, Okabena Development Club and Minnesota Cattlemen's Association.

Education

Lakefield High School Graduate, attended Dunwoody Institute.

Hobbies

Reading, walking and spending time with family.

What is your vision for the future of agriculture?

Agriculture is and will continue to be always changing. New innovations in production, marketing and sales will be inevitable. One day we may be able to consume the packaging for the products we produce. It is essential to bring in people who find the joy in working with all aspects of agriculture. Global access to more of the world's markets is opening fast. Companies are opening up new ports to export and import goods.

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

AgStar has played a large role in the past and will continue to be a major influence in the future of agriculture. The availability of money for agriculture is essential to expand operations and replace old equipment. AgStar has been involved in building the bio-fuels industry and I would anticipate that to continue.

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

There are many issues that will impact agriculture. On a county, state and federal level some of the issues include restrictions that are set up to control odor, water run-off, location, taxes, permits and insurance. AgStar can continue to be active in these areas.

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

AgStar should take an active role in both large and small operations to effectively support all aspects of agriculture. One way of completing this task may be working together with commodity groups to overcome the challenges faced by producers. The Association needs to be a major player in the lending sector for global demands.

What important lessons have you learned in your business career?

The most important lesson I have learned is that nothing stays the same. I have always felt that you have to try and use any advances that are cost effective to an operation.

Are there any other comments you would like to share?

If I were elected, it would be an honor and privilege to represent all stockholders.