

Nominating Committee Candidates - Region 3

Ahness, Lon, Hanska, MN (*Incumbent*) - Swine (1350 sow farrow-to-finish operation) and crop farming (600 acres of corn, peas and soybeans); 28 years farming experience; member of Lake Hanska Lutheran Church, spend spring, summer and winter coaching 3 daughters' basketball and softball teams, AgStar Nominating Committee last year.

Bruns, Loren, North Mankato, MN - Grain operation; 18 years farming experience.

Dammann, Carol, Glencoe, MN (*Incumbent*) - former dairy farmer (40 dairy cows, another 55 head of animals, 120 acres), currently landlord with a few beef animals; 27 years farming experience; member of St. John-Helen Township, member of St. John's tone chime group and Thrivent representative, past President of VFW Ladies Auxiliary Arthur Ziegler Post 6031, past member of Weeping Willow 4-H, a 4-H Key leader, current Supervisor of Horticulture Building for Sibley County Fair.

Hirsch, Sharon, Sleepy Eye, MN (*Incumbent*) - Dairy operation with husband and son (milk 85 cows and raise/own replacement heifers, 265 acres); 36 years farming experience; take care of financial records for the farm, lead the adult choir with husband at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye, Council of Catholic Women, 4-H leader for 20+ years, served on Brown County Extension Committee for six years. Has also been on the AgStar Nominating Committee for 3 years.

Jacobs, Anthony, Lake Crystal, MN - Grain and Swine production, Agronomist for Crystal Valley for 27 years (Wean/finish 3000 hogs, 330 acres); 32 years farming experience; ISD 2071/LCWM School Board, City of Lake Crystal Utilities, Lions Club Board of Directors.

Jarvie, Maria, Cokato, MN - Raise fruit trees (Apple, 43 acres); 15 years farming experience; Chamber member, Garlic Festival volunteer, school volunteer.

Klimmek, Gary, New Ulm, MN - Grain operation currently rented out in Sibley County (160 acres of corn and soybeans); 36 years farming experience plus 12 years growing up on a hog farm by Gaylord and farming with father; currently working at 3M Company in New Ulm as the Quality Assurance Chemist, member of Izouk Welton League, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Lost Dog and Fox Hunters Club, Concord Singers, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Lange, Lana, Glencoe, MN - Beef and grain operation (100 cow/calf, 1500 acres); 17 years farming experience; Sibley County 4-H.

Miller, Bill, Madelia, MN (*Incumbent*) - Grain operation (rents 442 acres); 29 years farming experience; member of Augustana Lutheran Church in St. James, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, also member of several other sportsman clubs, 14 years as coach for St. James High School (football, girls basketball, track).

Olson, David, New Ulm, MN - Grain and custom work operation (2000 acres); 40 years farming experience; Farm City Hub Club of New Ulm, Swan Lake Lutheran Church Council, Legion in Lafayette.

Schloesser, Michael, Le Center, MN - Dairy and grain operation (300 cows, 250 replacement heifers, 250 acres of alfalfa, 250 acres of corn); 30 years farming experience; member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

Trygestad, Neil, New Prague, MN (*Incumbent*) - Cash grain operation - corn and soybeans (320 acres); 21 years farming experience; Certified Crop Advisor (CCA certified), confirmation mentor and member at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, University of Minnesota Alumni.