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## Season's Greetings from Guthrie County REC!

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# Vote for GCREC board members

All members of Guthrie County REC are encouraged to come to the 2019 Annual Meeting and cast their vote in the board election. If you can't make the meeting, please watch your mail for the ballot, which can be returned to the GCREC office by 4 p.m. Jan. 4 or brought in-person to the annual meeting.

Only members living in the district with seats up for election – Districts 1, 2 and 3 – will receive a ballot and be eligible to vote. If you don't know what district you're in, visit [www.guthrie-rec.coop](http://www.guthrie-rec.coop), click on About Us, then Meet Your Board of Directors.

## District 1

*Represents Beaver, Des Moines, Sugar Grove, Grant, east half of Spring Valley and sections 1-3 and 10-12 of Washington Township in Dallas County.*

### CANDIDATE NAME:

**Julie Kiley**

**ADDRESS:** 27497

141<sup>st</sup> Street,  
Woodward

**FAMILY:** Husband, John; son, JB and his wife, Erika;



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### Office

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### Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Telephone Number

641-747-2206 or 888-747-2206  
Calls answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### Website

[www.guthrie-rec.coop](http://www.guthrie-rec.coop)

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daughter, Erin and her husband Daniel; four granddaughters, Courtney, Brooke, Elizabeth, Audrey; and grandson Lucas.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelors and Master of Education degrees; working on NRECA certifications, Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership Certificate.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired teacher of elementary education for the Des Moines Public Schools.

### COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP

**ACTIVITIES:** Church council board president, Sunday school teacher and Vacation Bible School volunteer, secretary on the Friends of FFA board, Dallas County Extension Council past president, 4-H Foundation personnel committee.

## Why are you seeking re-election to the Guthrie County REC Board of Directors?

As a second-generation REC director, I have the background and dedication to promote all REC programs, not only at the local level, but also at the state and national level. I have participated in the legislative receptions where we present the REC platform and encourage support for those issues.

I feel the courses I have taken and the active way I have participated in Board activities have provided me with the knowledge needed to contribute positively to any issues that may arise to challenge the Guthrie County REC. I have made every effort to represent Guthrie County REC in a professional manner. With my newly acquired skills, I feel that I would continue to contribute in a way that would promote rural electricity in a safe and affordable manner.

### CANDIDATE NAME:

**Jim Kenkel**

**ADDRESS:** 29079

Royer Creek Dr.,  
Woodward

**FAMILY:** Wife, Pam; daughter Charisse and



family (Grand Junction, Colorado); daughter Michaela and family (New Castle, Colorado); daughter Sarah and her family (Woodward); and son Brett and his family (Waukee); 17 grandchildren.

**EDUCATION:** Harlan High School; Associate Degree in Industrial Electricity from Iowa Western Community College.

**OCCUPATION:** I farmed on the family farm until 1986. When I left the farm, I worked one year at a local co-op. In 1987, I had the opportunity to join the State Fire Marshal's office and attended the Dept. of Public Safety law enforcement academy. After completion, I was assigned to the Cedar Rapids office as a Fire Inspector. In 1989, I was promoted to Fire Investigator and Bomb Tech and was assigned to the Osceola office. In 1996, I was transferred back to western Iowa to the Denison office continuing to do fire investigations. In fall 2000, I had the opportunity to join the management team within the Fire Marshal office as Assistant State Fire Marshal in Des Moines. In 2002, I became the acting State Fire Marshal, then the director of the State Fire Marshal office in 2003. I served in this position until my retirement in 2010. At that time, I was hired as the training coordinator in the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB) in Ames, a position I currently hold. The FSTB is a bureau within the State Fire Marshal office.

### COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP

**ACTIVITIES:** I have served on six fire departments across the state of Iowa. I served as first Assistant Chief on two of these departments. I was a member of the Shelby County Cattlemen's Board. I was on the board of directors of the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators. I served as a board member for the Iowa Firefighters Association. I have served on several parish councils for several Catholic churches for towns where I have lived.

### Why would you like to serve on the Guthrie Co. REC Board of Directors?

I have had many wonderful opportunities while working on the farm and working for the State Fire Marshal office. Serving on this board would be another great opportunity to learn from the current board members. I would like to have a better understanding of how technology is improving our consumption of electricity.

### Is there anything else you would like GCREC members to know about you before they vote?

I would be honored to be part of the great leadership of the board, along with management and staff of this co-op. Since I was a small child, I have always had an interest in electricity. My emphasis in college was in power generation and distribution. While in the positions of Assistant Director and the Director of the SFM office, I had the opportunity to work with other state agencies, including the Iowa legislature. In my current job, I coordinate training for Iowa's firefighters across the state, both volunteer and career departments. I don't have any specific agenda for applying for this board. I just want to provide the utmost safety to the employees and the continuation of safe, affordable electricity to you – the members.

### District 2

*Represents Linn, Union, south third of Lincoln and south third plus sections 13-15 and 22-24 of Washington Township in Dallas County. Southeast corner with sections 1-2 of Jackson and sections 11-14 and 23-24 of Penn Township in Guthrie County.*

**NAME:** John Masmar

**Address:** 8400 Lakeshore Drive, Dexter

**FAMILY:** Wife, Carolyn; three sons



and three grandchildren.

**EDUCATION:** Degree in Accounting from Omaha University.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired.

**COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP**

**ACTIVITIES:** President, Atlantic Chamber of Commerce; President, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council, Atlantic; Volunteer, Freedom for Youth, Stuart; and board member, Diamond Head Lake Building & Zoning Committee.

### Why are you seeking re-election to the Guthrie County REC Board of Directors?

I am seeking re-election to continue helping with the board of directors and their quest to help make Guthrie County REC deliver electricity in the most efficient way. With six years on the board, I offer experience and a strong desire to watch your co-op investment.

### District 3

*Represents east Lake Panorama excluding the 5200s on Panorama Point and Panorama Terrace, all 5300s and 5400s in Cass Township in Guthrie County.*

**NAME:** Keith Peterson

**ADDRESS:** 5173 Panorama Dr., Panora

**FAMILY:** Wife, Carole, two children, five grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, three great-grandsons.

**EDUCATION:** Humboldt School of Traffic Management

**OCCUPATION:** Retired, Sr. Manager Real Estate, Union Pacific Railroad (39½ years)

**COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP**

**ACTIVITIES:** Serve on the Lake Panorama Association (LPA) Land Use Task Force. We inventory and catalogue LPA properties and make recommendations to maximize use of these properties.



### Why are you seeking re-election to the Guthrie County REC Board of Directors?

I have been a director for the past 11 years and attained my Certified Cooperative Director (CCD) status. Our use of wind energy continues to increase as we begin to phase out of nuclear energy. We have made great strides in upgrading our physical plant, which was devastated by ice storms several years ago. I'm very optimistic for the future of Guthrie County REC as we are seeing rapid growth in the eastern portion of our service area. We will continue to work to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members. ⚡

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Enter this month's contest for the wireless weather station by visiting the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website at [www.livingwithenergyiowa.com](http://www.livingwithenergyiowa.com) no later than Dec. 31, 2018. ⚡

FROM THE BOARD

# Guthrie County REC notice of Annual Meeting of members

The Annual Meeting of the members of Guthrie County Rural Electric Cooperative will be Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at the Lake Panorama Conference Center in Panora. Registration opens at 11 a.m. with a free meal at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.



The meeting will include:

1. The reports of officers, directors and committees.
2. Election of three directors for a term of three years each. The following individuals are nominated:
  - **District 1:** Jim Kenkel, Julie Kiley\*
  - **District 2:** John Masmara\*
  - **District 3:** Keith Peterson\*
3. Members have the right to vote for one of the candidates to be elected from their own voting district.

All other matters as may regularly come before said meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Members are encouraged to attend the meeting, hear the reports of the officers, vote for directors and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. ⚡

**Dated this 1st day of December 2018**  
**Joni Rees, secretary**

\*Denotes incumbent

## Annual Meeting Agenda

**Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019**  
**Lake Panorama Conference Center, Panora**

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| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | Registration opens   |
| <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | Free meal  |
| <b>12:30 p.m.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Invocation</li> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Business Session</li> <li>• Board President's Remarks</li> <li>• Chief Executive Officer's Remarks</li> <li>• Drawing for Door Prizes</li> </ul> |
| Adjourn           |  |

### OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Guthrie County REC office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24-25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, so our employees may enjoy the holidays with their families.

*We wish all our members a safe and happy holiday season!*

### WORKPLACE SAFETY

# Cooperative office upgrades security

Workplace safety is a top priority for the staff at Guthrie County REC. As much as we don't like to think about it, threats of violence, theft, or other types of harm at the office are a reality, even for a rural electric cooperative.

To ensure our employees' safety and make sure everyone returns home at night, Guthrie County REC has upgraded its security. Please take note of the following changes:

- All doors will be locked at all times. When you come to the office, you will be buzzed in.
- If you are coming to the office during bad weather, simply call ahead (641) 747-2206 and we will be ready to let you in.



The cooperative appreciates our members' understanding of these changes as we work to make sure all our employees are safe. ⚡