

# DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATES

*Candidate Bios are listed in alphabetical order by last name.*



**Rick Dumperth**, 61, of Chatham Township in Medina County, has been a cooperative member for 32 years. He and his wife, Lora, have two children and four grandchildren. Dumperth is retired from Wolff Bros Supply inc., where he was employed for 42 years. He previously served as a board member of the United Way of Medina County from 2018-2020 and currently serves as a board member for Leadership Medina County and Habitat for Humanity of Medina County. Dumperth also serves as a Chatham Township trustee.

## **WHAT DOES BEING A MEMBER OF A COOPERATIVE MEAN TO YOU?**

“Being a co-op member means I am a stakeholder in a partnership where service is not sacrificed for profit, where I am continuously informed and equipped, and where I have a voice and participate in decisions that shape the future. A partnership that collaborates and cooperates with other co-ops exchanging resources, best practices and ideas for continuous improvements in an ever-changing world.”

## **WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE REASONS FOR BEING INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE?**

“I would enjoy being involved in the financial and management decision making. Secondly, I like the community engagement and involvement that LMRE delivers. I would also like to expand my education. Electric utilities have always interested me, having sold low voltage distribution products my entire career. I am interested in this large-scale non-profit opportunity, as profit margins were a primary focus in my sales career.”

## **IF ELECTED, WHAT ARE THREE GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACHIEVED AS A LMRE TRUSTEE?**

“My first goal is the continued distribution of reliable, affordable electricity. The next goal of mine is providing broadband to our members. Finally, my last goal is the construction of a new facility in Spencer.”



**William “Lonnie” Montgomery**, 41, of Harrisville Township in Medina County, has been a cooperative member for over two years. Montgomery is currently employed at Murphy Tractor and Equipment and has five children with his wife, Sarah. He has previous involvement in the Boy Scouts of America and “Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful.”

## **WHAT DOES BEING A MEMBER OF A COOPERATIVE MEAN TO YOU?**

“As a cooperative member, we are part of a community. We can collectively work together for change and can control the destiny of our local power distribution. We are not leaving our future in the hands of a large corporation or for-profit entity. I love the fact that as part of a cooperative, we are part owners and have the opportunity to conserve energy and be responsible users of electricity.”

## **WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE REASONS FOR BEING INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE?**

“I want to be part of my local community and represent their needs. I also look forward to meeting new people, being involved, and supporting local interests. Finally, I want to impact change for my neighbors that feel like their voices my not be heard.”

## **IF ELECTED, WHAT ARE THREE GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACHIEVED AS A LMRE TRUSTEE?**

“My first goal will be to meet every member of the cooperative in District 9. Secondly, I want to bring the perspective of a younger generation to the board and represent families impacted by changes made. Finally, I want to be part of the process to streamline the rollout of fiber to LMRE customers.”