

COOPERATIVE POWER

84TH ANNUAL MEETING

NDAREC BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NDARECs
North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

Main Entrance
5001 Weyer Dr NW



A group of hands of various skin tones are shown from a low angle, reaching up to hold a chandelier with several glowing light bulbs. The hands are positioned around the bulbs, suggesting a collective effort or support. The background is a plain, light color, and the overall lighting is warm and soft.

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

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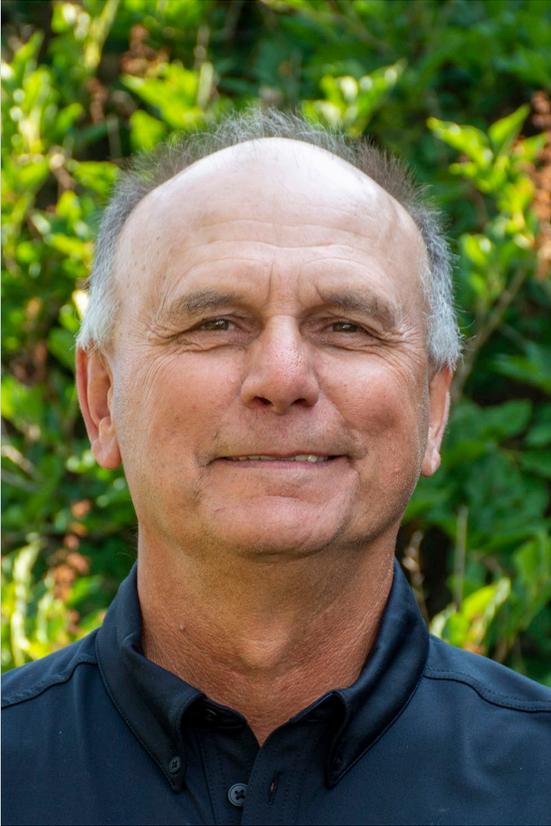
Connie Bitz, secretary, NDAREC
Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative
NDAREC Board Service | 2013 - 2026

IN MEMORIAM

NDAREC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NRECA REPRESENTATIVE



Angela Carlson, president
Slope Electric Cooperative
2019 - Present



Randy Simon, vice-president
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative
2014 - Present



Maxine Rognlien, treasurer
Verendrye Electric Cooperative
2014 - Present



Lynn Jacobsen, NRECA director
Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative
1998 - Present

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Deon Vilhauer, director
Capital Electric Cooperative
2016 - Present



Tom Seymour, director
Cass County Electric Cooperative
2022 - Present



Michelle Schommer, director
Cavalier Rural Electric Cooperative
2023 - Present



Carmen Essig, director
KEM Electric Cooperative
2018- Present

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Dennis Schmierer, director
Lower Yellowstone Electric Cooperative
2019 - Present



Ken Sanford, director
McKenzie Electric Cooperative
2023 - Present



Rod Stockdill, director
McLean Electric Cooperative
2013 - Present



Chad Harrison, director
Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative
2016 - Present

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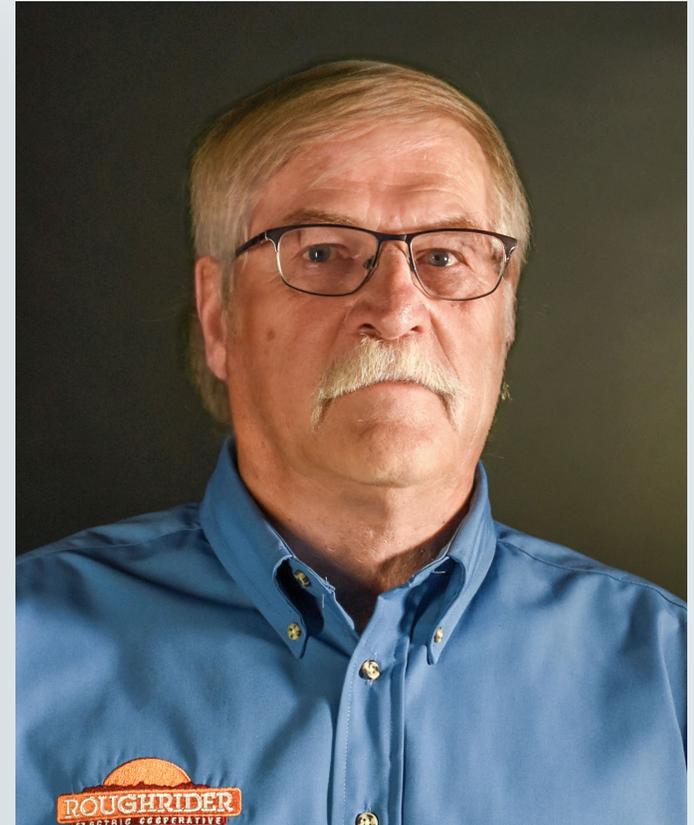
Bob Grant, director
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative
1998 - Present



David Brag, director
Nodak Electric Cooperative
2021 - Present



Lori Kittleson, director
North Central Electric Cooperative
2020 - Present



Arnold Kainz, director
Roughrider Electric Cooperative
2020 - Present

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Troy Presser, director
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
2012 - Present



Jean Brandt, director
Central Power Electric Cooperative
2017 - Present



Mike Brasel, director
Great River Electric Cooperative
2025 - Present

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Les Windju, director
Minnkota Power Cooperative
2021 - Present



David Sigloh, director
Upper Missouri Power Cooperative
2004 - Present

What do we do?



Monitor legislative and regulatory developments



Review committee reports and prior actions



Approve policies and membership items



Oversee the annual budget and workplan



Authorize major grants and statewide programs



Engage with public officials, cooperative partners, and industry experts



Receive strategic updates on industry trends such as large-load developments



Track progress across education, safety, communications, and rural development initiatives.



Overview of the Board Evaluation Session 2025 NDAREC Board Evaluation Summary

Two-day, eight-hour facilitated **review of board evaluation** results:

- **17 board members** completed the survey and interviews
- **Focus:** Governance culture, board roles, meeting effectiveness, and future improvement
- **Board engaged in team-building, governance training, and small-group problem solving**





DECADES OF DEDICATION

Bob has spent over 40 years in cooperative leadership — his achievements are stellar — but his greatest legacy is the trust and respect he inspired in all of us through his integrity, honesty and compassionate leadership.

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