



## 2026 Nominating Committee Candidates

### REGION 1 (Minnesota) Nominating Committee Candidates

**Amanda (Mandy) Anderson** – Belgrade, Minn. Mandy and her family farm approximately 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans, alfalfa, hay, and canning crops while also managing around 110 cow/calf pairs, feeding out 380 Holstein steers, and custom feeding hogs. The operation includes Mandy, her husband, and his parents, with her husband representing the sixth generation on the family farm. Mandy and her husband, Justin, have been married for 15 years and are raising their two children, Jaxon and Shae, in the rural community they value deeply. Mandy is actively involved in the community through Trinity Lutheran Church Council and Education Committee, as a volunteer EMT with the Sunburg Ambulance, and through the Ag & Rural Advocacy Network with Land O'Lakes. In addition to farming, Mandy works part-time as an X-ray technologist and recently opened Harvest Shield Insurance Agency, specializing in crop and livestock insurance.

**Todd Boster** – Cambridge, Minn. (Incumbent). Todd began farming alongside his father at an early age, starting in a traditional stanchion barn before transitioning to a double-6 parlor. Today, he farms 250 acres of corn and soybeans on a mix of owned and rented land. His operation is certified through the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program and participates in several carbon credit initiatives, including cover crop experimentation. Todd is actively involved in local soil and water conservation efforts and collaborates with area cooperatives to support educational programs promoting sustainable farming practices. He is continually seeking innovative tools to enhance his operation and is particularly interested in the practical applications of drone technology in agriculture.

**Ruth Buck** – Goodhue, Minn. (Incumbent). Ruth has been farming since 1998 and currently operates a 560-acre dairy farm, milking 150 cows. In addition to farming, Ruth is actively involved in a variety of professional and community organizations. She currently serves on the Minnesota Organic Task Force Advisory Board and is the treasurer of the Goodhue Scholarship Committee. Past service includes a role on the Finance Committee at Holy Trinity Church, as well as serving on previous Compeer Financial Nominating Committees.

**Rosanne Caughey** – Fort Ripley, Minn. (Incumbent). Rosanne and her husband, Bruce, farm in partnership with their two sons and their families, one focused on dairy and the other on crops and beef. She has been farming for 68 years, starting with her parents on a diversified farm, then later on a dairy farm after marrying her husband in 1977. Although dairy was their main commodity, they also grew by diversifying with beef and cash crops of rye and leftovers that were not fed to their livestock. Rosanne's community involvement includes membership in the Farm Bureau, American Dairy Association, Council of Catholic Women, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, FFA Alumni, and County Fair Association.

**Ryan Cunz** – Elk River, Minn. Ryan is a grain farmer operating 500 acres, with 10 years of farming experience, including 5 years as an owner-operator. He brings practical, hands-on knowledge of crop production and a strong commitment to supporting the cooperative and its members.

**Keith Fischer** – Plymouth, Minn. Keith is a grain farmer operating 600 acres, with 10 years of farming experience. He is a member of St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye and serves on the Compeer Client Advisory Council, and is committed to supporting the cooperative and its members.

**Sandra Foust** – Pierz, Minn.

**Matthew (Matt) Guggisberg** – New Ulm, Minn. Matt raises corn, soybeans, and oats while also finishing Angus cattle from feeders to market weight. He currently farms 120 acres of his own ground while working alongside his brother, grandfather, and two uncles in the family operation. After graduating from college in 2020 with a degree in agricultural production, Matt began managing his own acreage and continues working to grow and improve his operation. He is an active member of Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Church, where he serves as an usher and helps with church picnic and breakfast fundraisers.

**David (Dave) Marquardt** – Howard Lake, Minn. (Incumbent). Dave has been farming for 30 years and grows corn, soybeans, wheat and hay on 1,000 acres. He also raises 400 head of dairy steers. Dave has served on Compeer's Client Advisory Council and is a member of the Minnesota Agriculture & Rural Leadership Class 5. He's a director at the Minnesota Beef Council, Wright County Farm Bureau and Wright County Corn Growers Association. He is also a member of the Cattlemen's Association and the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association. Finally, Dave is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a member of the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association.

**Ron Mohr** – New Ulm, Minn. (Incumbent). Ron has been farming since 1977. While transitioning his dairy operation, he currently farms 400 acres of grain and also provides custom harvesting services in the fall. Ron is an active member of St. John's Church in Searles. He serves on the Nominating Committee for Compeer Financial and previously spent two years on the AgStar Financial Nominating Committee. In addition, Ron has served on the Brown County ADA Board.

**Tami Nelson** – Pipestone, Minn. (Incumbent). Tami and her husband Jim farm 1,800 acres in Pipestone County, growing corn and soybeans. They have been farming for more than 30 years. They have two daughters, an agronomist and a cosmetologist. Both are active with the family farm as time and commitment allows. Tami is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and serves as a 4-H and FFA volunteer.

**Kristy (Kris) Schubert** – Brainerd, Minn. Kris, along with her husband Andy, have owned and operated a cow/calf farming operation for more than 35 years and currently manage a herd of approximately 425 cows. In addition to farming, Kris serves as Clerk for Daggett Brook Township and has been active in supporting her local community. She recently retired after serving as the Human Resources Director for the City of Brainerd.

**Julie Sievert** – Gibbon, Minn. (Incumbent). Since 2002, Julie and her husband, along with their children, Cody and Nicole, have run a beef, sheep, grain and hay operation on 240 acres, growing corn, alfalfa, barley and soybeans. They own a flock of 75 ewes that are lambd out annually, along with a 30-beef cow-calf herd. Julie has a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, with an applied economics minor from the University of Minnesota and works as a senior account manager for Ecolab Food and Beverage. In addition, Julie is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church where she previously served as a church council member. She is longtime volunteer for the Sibley County 4-H, a member of the Minnesota and National Corn Growers Association (2014 New Leader Program), the Nicollet and Sibley County Corn Growers Association and the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers.

**Diane Stenzel** – New Richland, Minn. (Incumbent). Diane and her husband have 33 years of farming experience, running a grain operation with their children on 1,000 acres of owned and rented land, growing corn and soybeans. Diane is a lifetime member of St. Joe's Catholic Church in Waldorf where she is a lector, past finance council member, fundraising chairman, CCW president, secretary/treasurer and guild promoter. She is a board member and secretary for the New Richland Area Food Shelf, a full-time employee and volunteer at the New Richland Care Center and served on Compeer's Client Advisory Council, the SWCE nominating committee, and Compeer Financial Nominating Committee for more than a decade.

**Douglas (Doug) Wills** – Nicollet, Minn. Doug has been farming since 1985 alongside his family, raising corn, soybeans, grass hay, and finishing feeder cattle. The family retired from dairy farming in 2022, and today his two sons are actively involved in the operation. Doug is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Nicollet County Corn and Soybean Growers. He has served on several local boards and organizations, including Nicollet County ADA, Nicollet Farmer Exchange, Trinity School Board, and Church Council, and currently serves as Chairman of the Blue Earth–Nicollet County USDA FSA County Committee and on the MVFH Board of Directors. Doug and his wife Tammy have been married since 1989 and have three married children working in agriculture-related businesses, along with six grandchildren.

**Amber Weitalla** – Pierz, Minn.

## REGION 2 (Wisconsin)

### Nominating Committee Candidates

**Dorothy Anderson** – Cambridge, Wis. (Incumbent). Dorothy crop farms with her sister, Carol, on 163 acres.

She has a small flock of chickens and houses abandoned animals. Dorothy is semi-retired and watches her grandchildren five days a week, and helps out with a local area community festival.

**Sherry Arnold** – Barron, Wis. For the past 43 years, Sherry has operated a calf nursery specializing in raising newborn calves through 5 months of age. In 2025 alone, she and her team cared for more than 17,000 calves while also farming approximately 1,200 acres of crops to help feed their livestock. Her operation is built on decades of experience, dedication to animal care, and a strong commitment to agriculture.

**Marc Boettcher** – Bloomer, Wis. (Incumbent). Marc operates 1,500 acres of corn, beans, alfalfa and small grains, and owns a 100 animal cow/calf operation. He also does approximately 2,000 acres of custom work. Marc has farmed all of his life in partnership with his parents, wife and children. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, is a River Country Coop board member and a WIAA official. Marc is also a Bloomer High School football coach and a 1991 University of Wisconsin-River Falls graduate.

**Mark Breunig** – Sheboygan Falls, Wis. (Incumbent). Mark has been farming for 42 years. He operates a dairy farm and owns 500 cows. He also rents and owns 800 acres of cropland, growing corn, wheat, soybeans and alfalfa. He is a member of Gibbsville Reformed Church, is a 4-H leader including co-general leader, is a 4-H shooting sports air rifle leader and serves as a coordinator for the food stand at the county fair. Mark is also on the advisory board for the Dairy Herd Management course at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis. and a member of Compeer's Client Advisory Council and Nominating Committee.

**Mackenzie (Mack) Clark** – Sun Prairie, Wis. (Incumbent). In January 2026, Mack began working at United Cooperative in Johnson Creek in the agronomy division. In this role, he serves as a custom applicator, applying crop protection products to fields and delivering seed and fertilizer to customers. He also obtained his CDL license to support these responsibilities. Mack has always been passionate about the agriculture industry and was eager to explore this side of farming, while also gaining more time during the slower seasons to spend with his three young children.

**James Dutter** – Eleva, Wis. For the past 18 years, James has farmed full time, operating a diversified family farm that includes corn, soybeans, a cow/calf herd, and a fat cattle feedlot. Their farm consists of approximately 450 tillable acres, including 300 acres of corn and soybeans and 150 acres of alfalfa. They manage a herd of 210 beef cows and finish all their home-raised calves, along with purchasing an additional 150 feeder cattle each year. In addition to raising cattle and selling beef directly to consumers, his wife operates a farm-based tallow skincare business producing items such as lotions, lip balm, and deodorant.

**Steven (Steve) Endres** – Waunakee, Wis. (Incumbent). Steve owns and operates a dairy operation in partnership with his two brothers, Jeff and Randy, and his son Zach. Steve and his brothers' families are also active on the farm. The farm milks 850 registered Holsteins and grows corn and alfalfa on 1,500 acres. Steve and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Cassandra, Elizabeth and Zach. He is a member of St. Martin Catholic Church.

**Tim Evert** – North Freedom, Wis. Tim is an owner/member of United Dreams Dairy LLC, a multi-family, multi-generation 850-cow dairy farm that also raises 600 replacement heifers and farms 560 acres of corn and alfalfa to support the herd. A lifelong farmer, he remains actively engaged in agriculture and community service. He currently serves as chairman of the Sauk County Dairy Breakfast Committee, is a member of the Honey Creek Township Plan Commission, and serves as vice chair of the Sauk City Fire Commission. He is also vice chairman of Consumers Cooperative, an active member of the Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni, and involved at St. John Lutheran Church. Tim has also served on the Compeer Financial Client Advisory Group and previously spent 13 years as a director with Badgerland Financial and Compeer Financial.

**David Grade** – Eldorado, Wis. David has been farming for 25 years and operates a diversified dairy, grain, and custom harvesting operation alongside his parents, sister, and brother-in-law. Their family farm milks 150 cows and farms approximately 1,100 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa. In addition to farming, David has served on the Rosendale-Brandon School District Board for the past eight years and is a member of Farm Bureau and the local Forage Council. He and his wife, Torrie, a teacher at Rosendale-Brandon School District, have three children: Keeton, Izec, and Addison.

**Timothy Hager** – Chippewa Falls, Wis. Tim is a cash crop farmer who grows corn, soybeans, and hay for local horse owners on approximately 1,000 acres, including 500 acres of corn, 450 acres of soybeans, and 50 acres of hay. He has been farming for 37 years, beginning in partnership with his father before purchasing his father's share of the operation after six years. Tim is a member of First Presbyterian Church and currently serves on the board of the Chippewa County Farm Bureau. He previously served 15 years on the board of River Country

Co-op and also spent two years on the advisory board for Compeer Financial. He and his wife, Becky, have been married for 26 years and have three children: Alex, Rachel, and Michael. As newly empty nesters, they are still adjusting to a much quieter house.

**Jeff McNeely** – Brooklyn, Wis. Jeff has lived and worked on the farm his whole life and has been a partner in the farm for the past 19 years since he graduated from UW-River Falls in 2007. “Rollin’ Green Dairy Farms” is a diversified multigenerational farm partnership with his father (Jim) and brother (Jamison). They milk 220 Holstein dairy cows and farm approximately 1,800 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. They finish out all the steers born on the farm. Jeff’s wife, Nicole, also farms on her family’s farm nearby and is a field representative for a milk co-op. Jeff and Nicole have two children, Maysen and Charlie. Outside of farming, Jeff serves as a supervisor for the Town of Brooklyn board, President of the Albany FFA Alumni, and previously served on the Compeer Financial Client Advisory Council.

**Christina Meylor** – Darlington, Wis. (Incumbent). Christina and her husband Bart farm with their families at Meylor Farms and Silver Creek Family Farms (Berget farms swine division). Meylor Farms is a family farm that grows 250 acres hay and 3,800 acres corn and 2,000 acres soybeans. They raise Holstein and crossbred steers. Christina and Bart, with their children, also have an 80+ cow/calf beef herd. They are part owners/operators of Silver Creek which is a 1,500-head sow unit that sells piglets at wean. The farms believe in exceptional animal husbandry, efficiency, and sustainability. They feel blessed to be bringing up their children on multigenerational farms. Christina and Bart have four children that help in every aspect of the farms. Christina currently serves on the Wisconsin Pork Association Board for seven years and for three of those years she served as President. Recently she was appointed to the National Pork Producers Council Nominating Committee.

**Brian Schaal** – Burlington, Wis. (Incumbent). Brian owns and operates a dairy and grain operation growing corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat on 700 acres. He also milks 400 cows and raises young stock. He is the third generation on his family farm. Brian earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science, with a minor in ag business from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He continued his education by attending the PDPW Managers Academy and attended two years of TEPAP at Texas A&M. Brian and his wife, Renee, have two adult children, Michael and Ashley, who also help on the farm. He is active in his church, is a board member for the Racine County Farm Bureau, is the president of the Racine County Dairy Promotions and is active in 4-H.

**Theresa Schluter** – Watertown, Wis. Theresa has been involved in farming all her life and currently operates a grain farm planting corn and soybeans across 2,765 acres. Along with her lifelong commitment to agriculture, she has remained active in her community through several organizations and volunteer efforts. She is a member of St. Therese Catholic Church, serves as the current president of the Catholic Women’s Club after previously serving as vice president, and has been involved with the Watertown Community Garden and Farm Bureau fair stand volunteering. Theresa also served for 3½ years as both past president and secretary of the Friends of the Watertown Public Library.

**Gabe Slattery** – Norwalk, Wis.

**Morgan Worek** – Dodgeville, Wis. Morgan and her husband, Jeff, own and operate a commercial gilt development farm in southwest Wisconsin, where they raise 2,400 replacement females for sow herds across the Midwest. Morgan remains actively involved in the swine industry through her role as superintendent of the swine department at the Iowa County Fair, her involvement with their local parish, her membership in the Southwest Wisconsin Pork Producers and employment with the Wisconsin Pork Association. Outside of pig farming, Morgan enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, reading, and helping farmers and young people begin new swine operations in Wisconsin.

## REGION 3 (Illinois)

### Nominating Committee Candidates

**Chad Bremmer** – Pearl City, Ill. (Incumbent). Chad is married to Deb and they have three sons, Ben, Ethan, and Eli. Chad and his brother, Ross, own and operate Bremmer Farms, Inc. They own and rent land for a total farming operation of approximately 3,000 acres, producing corn, soybeans, and hay. Chad also raises dairy heifers for two dairy operations. He received the 2008 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Achievement Award. Chad is currently serving as president of the Pearl City School Board.

**Fred (Rob) Gunderson** – Shannon, Ill. Rob and his wife, Kelli, started farming in 2010 with the purchase of a dairy herd and machinery and rental of crop ground from his long-time employers and mentors. He had worked as a herdsman for 17 years prior to his own operation. They milk approximately 200 cows – mostly Holsteins and a few Jerseys at two farms. About 120 cows are milked by robots at a new facility and the remainder are milked at the original facility. They also custom house dry cows for a Wisconsin dairy. They grow corn, alfalfa, and rye on 380 acres and most of it is used for feeding the herd. Rob and Kelli have three children that help where needed and they have two full-time and two part-time employees. Rob is a member of the Northwest Illinois Holstein Club, and an elder and trustee at Forreston Grove Church.

**Brandon Heiman** – Compton, Ill. At 26 years old, Brandon has built a diverse farming operation that includes corn, soybeans, wheat, hay production, and cattle. He currently farms approximately 1,700 acres of row crops and harvests around 800 acres of hay while maintaining a cattle herd of approximately 50 head. Brandon has been actively farming for 12 years and is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and an active supporter of the local farming community. At the age of 14, he purchased his first New Holland 575 baler and began custom baling for neighboring farms, steadily growing the operation through hard work and dedication. Today, Brandon markets and ships hay to southeastern states including Georgia and Florida and was recently featured in Hay & Forage Grower magazine for his accomplishments and commitment to agriculture.

**Zachary (Zach) Henkel** – West Brooklyn, Ill. Zach has been farming for over 20 years, raising corn and soybeans on 1,400 acres. He owns a custom farming business and sells seed for Nutrien. Zach is married to Emilee and they have two sons, Greyson and Cashen, and a daughter, Collins. He is a 2006 graduate of the University of Illinois with a concentration in farm and financial management. Zach is a board member for the West Brooklyn Farmers Coop and is a volunteer for the Sublette 365 organization.

**Michael Houston** – Camp Point, Ill. Michael owns 113 acres with 80 acres of crop land. He rents a share of another 565 acres of crops, and his father and brother operate 4,000 acres in the same proximity. Michael owns and operates Houston Agronomics specializing in Precision Planting technology and precision seed agronomy. He is a 2018 Western Illinois University graduate of agronomy and has previous work experience with Farm Services.

**James (Jim) Huffman** – Kewanee, Ill. (Incumbent) Jim is a fifth-generation farmer based in rural Galva, Illinois, where he and his wife, Kathy, raise corn and soybeans on their 1,000-acre family farm. After retiring from a career at John Deere Harvester in 2019, Jim returned to farming full-time, continuing a proud family tradition. A second-generation client of Compeer Financial, Jim is a strong advocate for his local Compeer offices and the broader farming community. He actively serves as Secretary on the Galva Township Board and is a member of Hill Church.

**Mark Kelly** – Bureau Co., Ill. As a fourth-generation farmer, Mark has been involved in agriculture his entire life and has farmed full time for the past 15 years. He currently manages his family's grain and poultry operation in northwestern Bureau County, farming approximately 1,200 acres consisting primarily of corn and soybeans, along with seed corn and organic crops. In 2025, he expanded the operation by starting a poultry layer business. In addition to farming, Mark is a retired Air Force officer whose career included roles as an explosive ordnance disposal operator, space acquisition professional, intelligence professional, and instructor at the Air Force Institute of Technology. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Webster University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Phoenix. Together with his wife, Joan, and their three children, he is committed to growing and diversifying the family farming operation through innovation and new business ventures.

**Brett Meador** – Lanark, Ill. Brett farms 500 acres independently as part of his family's broader grain farming operation. He is currently in his seventh year of actively managing his own operation. In addition to farming, Brett works full-time for Calcium Products, serving agricultural retail customers across Illinois and portions of Wisconsin and Iowa. After graduating from Iowa State University, he began his career in agricultural technology and ag retail. Outside of farming and work, Brett enjoys buying and selling machinery, as well as excavation and land improvement projects.

**Curt Meeker** – Mason City, Ill. Curt has been farming for 25 years and operates a grain farm producing popcorn, field corn, seed corn, white corn, soybeans, and wheat across approximately 1,000 acres. He is actively involved in agricultural leadership, serving as vice president on the Mason County Farm Bureau Board and as a director on the Central Illinois Irrigated Growers Board. Curt also previously served as an elder and trustee at his local Lutheran church, reflecting his commitment to both his farming community and his local faith community.

**Jenny Mennenga** – LeRoy, Ill. Jenny and her husband, Eric, have been farming for 20 years in McLean County where they grow corn, soybeans and seed beans, and have a small cow-calf herd. They also have a custom farming business and own and operate a trucking company. Jenny was an at-large director for the Illinois Soybean Association and was the treasurer/director for the Nutrient Research and Education Council. Jenny has also been a Certified Crop Advisor since 2004.

**Kathy Reinhardt** – Seaton, Ill. (Incumbent). Kathy and her husband, Ken, have been farming for more than 30 years. They own and rent approximately 2,300 acres where they produce corn, soybeans and hay in Western Illinois. Kathy has served on various boards, including director of 1<sup>st</sup> Farm Credit Services, director and officer of the Farm Financial Standards Council, director and officer on the Mercer County Farm Bureau, and founding director and officer of the Mercer County Farm Bureau Foundation. Kathy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.

**Jacob (Jake) Streitmatter** – Sparland, Ill. (Incumbent). Jake, of rural Sparland, is a grain farmer in both Peoria and Marshall County. He farms 1,500 acres of corn and soybeans. Jake is a member of the Peoria County Farm Bureau and is a former chair of the Peoria County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. Jake participated in the Leaders to Washington Trip through the Illinois Farm Bureau, where he met with congressmen and representatives from the USDA, EPA and White House to advocate for agricultural issues. Jake and his wife, Mary, have two children, Kayla (12) and Kyle (10). In their spare time they enjoy traveling and camping.

**Sarah Surprenant** – Manteno, Ill. Sarah has been actively involved in her family's farming operation for the past decade. Deeply rooted in the agricultural community, she maintains affiliations with the Farm Bureau, the Corn Growers Association and is a certified crop advisor. Sarah combines her firsthand agricultural experience with her career in real estate, specializing in farmland sales and helping clients confidently navigate agricultural property transactions.

**Cheryl Walsh** – Princeville, Ill. (Incumbent). With 23 years of farming experience, Cheryl, along with her family, operates a diverse and expansive farm encompassing approximately 5,500 acres of row crops, including corn, soybeans, and hay. In addition to crop production, the operation includes a 2,300-sow breed-to-wean swine facility and a 45-head cow/calf herd. A dedicated leader in the agricultural community, Cheryl is a past president of the Illinois Pork Producers Association and currently serves as President on the Peoria County Farm Bureau Board, where she contributes to several committees and is also a volunteer with Peoria County 4-H and a member of Northwoods Community Church.

**Jacob Zumwalt** – Delavan, Ill. (Incumbent). Jacob, together with his father and brother, Dillon, farms 2,100 acres in Tazewell and Mason counties, producing both irrigated and non-irrigated corn and soybeans. A sixth-generation farmer, he began farming in 2018 after graduating from the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, where he studied Technology Systems Management with minors in Crop Science and Ag Safety. He serves on Compeer Financial's Client Advisory Council and is a board member of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau, as well as a member of the United Citizens of Tazewell County.