

## **DVEC Directors Elected by Mail-In Vote**

“This year, for the first time in its more than 75-year history, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative was not able to hold a traditional in-person annual meeting,” said Richard Schlosser, Edgeley, the cooperative’s board president.

Due to the Covid-19 health crisis and concern for the wellbeing of its members, the co-op’s board of directors determined its 2020 annual meeting, scheduled for June 4, would consist only of the election of directors by mail-in ballots, as permitted by the cooperative’s by-laws, he explained.

The results of the mail-in director elections are as follows:

**WEST REGION: Trish (Patricia) Gehlhar**, Ypsilanti, was elected over Jeff Piehl, Marion, to fill the director position in the cooperative’s West Region. Gehlhar fills the position formerly held by Richard Schlosser, Edgeley, who chose not to run for re-election after 26 years on the board.

**CENTRAL REGION: Connie Bitz**, LaMoure, retained her seat on the board, winning over candidate Peter Awender, Oakes, to represent members in the cooperative’s Central Region.

**EAST REGION: Neil Olerud**, McLeod, who has represented the East Region since 2017, ran without opposition.

Each director will serve a three-year term.

Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative is a rural electric cooperative providing electric service to just over 4,000 members in southeastern North Dakota, in a service area that includes all of Dickey, LaMoure and Sargent counties, and parts of Richland, Stutsman, Logan and McIntosh counties.

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