



District #6 Candidate Biographies

Candidates are listed alphabetically

MATT MARAS

What is your background?

I am currently President of a successful local financial cooperative, United Employees Credit Union, and have been for the past 33 years. I am a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Mankato State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and economics.

I have lived in our District for 40 years. I represented District 6 with perfect attendance at all board meetings for eight years. I was always prepared, asked pertinent questions, and provided input at all board meetings. I earned my Credentialed Cooperative Director status through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. I have had many contacts with our legislators and have visited our State Capitol and Washington, DC to meet with them. I have developed good working relationships with our current board and continue to be a vocal participant in all meetings.



Why do you wish to represent your district on FMEC Board of Directors?

I am passionate about the co-op model and serving our members. I consider myself a Conservative and believe my views are in stark contrast with Mr. Pacovsky's. I do respect differing opinions and feel it is essential to work with our elected Representatives in our area to further the cooperative's agenda legislatively. I believe renewable energy is and will be a viable source of electricity, but we must move at a pace that our District's members and FMEC can afford. I worry that Minnesota's forceful push away from fossil fuels to everything carbon free will burden our already strained electric grid and our members' checkbooks. Politics will play an important part in how our energy is produced and consumed and what type of generation we will be required to use.

What qualities and abilities could you bring to the board?

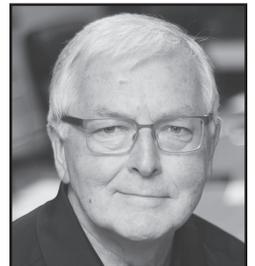
I have a comprehensive financial background that is important in a director's responsibility for the oversight of FMEC and the management team. I feel I am very approachable while also possessing strong social and leadership skills. I am a good listener when concerns are brought to my attention. I will use my skill set to benefit FMEC. I want to work to reach the decisions that best fit the entire organization and especially you, the members of District 6. I was fortunate to grow up on a farm in southwest Minnesota and know the value of hard work in becoming successful. Working full-time allows me to be more aware of the daily challenges facing your business. I have served on many boards of civic organizations in our area. I am one who becomes very involved with any board that I have been on.

I will continue working hard to be your representative. I appreciate you taking the time to read my bio, and please take the time to vote!

JOSEPH PACOVSKY

What is your background?

I grew up in the Glenville area. I attended Austin Junior College and graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering. During my six years as a Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative Director, I recommended a consultant to review the bills our power supplier charged FMEC. The power supplier had significantly overcharged FMEC, the savings were then passed to our members.



Why do you wish to represent your district on FMEC Board of Directors?

I have 36 years of electrical utility experience. The last 26 years as Utility Manager of Marshfield Utilities in Wisconsin. I know electric utility finance, operations, and contracts. I built and operated generation to keep rates down; long-term planning is essential. Due to the base I established, Marshfield customers have one of the lowest rates in the state. The 2025 residential cost for 600 kWh is \$63.84 per month for Marshfield compared to \$104.28 from Northern States Power and \$113.56 from Wisconsin Power and Light.

What qualities and abilities could you bring to the board?

I want to use my decades of experience to keep our service reliable and our rates low. I plan long-term and believe my education and management experience can benefit the members of FMEC.