

You're Invited to the 2019  
BENCO Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2019  
Verizon Wireless Civic Center  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Mankato

Doors open at 10:45 am

Lunch at 11:15 am

Enjoy lunch while you learn more about your cooperative.

Meeting to follow

Capital Credit checks for 2001 and 2017 will be distributed.  
One free gift per membership.

Remember to bring your registration letter  
with you to the Annual Meeting.  
It's your express check-in,  
gift and lunch ticket.

Drawing for door prizes after the meeting.

Recycle your fluorescent light bulbs for free at the Annual Meeting. Bring up to 10 fluorescent light bulbs and drop them off at the truck parked across the street from the main doors at the Verizon Wireless Civic Center.



# Director Candidates for the Annual Meeting



**Harlan Lantz**  
**Incumbent**  
**District 2**

My name is Harlan Lantz and I am running for the position of Director for District 2.

Since 1950, I have lived on the family farm in Belgrade Township and still do with my wife, Joan.

We have been blessed with 3 children; Chad, Nicole and Michele, along with 9 grandchildren.

Over the past 12 years that I have been on the Board, I have worked hard to help the cooperative maintain reliability and cost effective rates for you.

The experience, working with the rest of the Board, has been rewarding and I feel that we have worked well together making some very sound decisions for our cooperative members.

It would be a great honor to represent District 2 again for the next three years.

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**Blake Meshke**  
**Incumbent**  
**District 6**

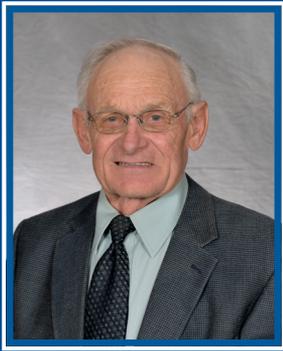
I am proud to have been nominated by the residents of BENCO's sixth district to serve on the board of directors.

As owners of this leading electric cooperative, each of us has the responsibility to provide input and receive timely feedback. As a board member, this is a primary responsibility.

But communication is just the beginning. As a director, I'm committed to policies and investments that keep rates reasonable. These objectives become more challenging when wanting to assure electricity is also clean, renewable, affordable and reliable.

We must continue strengthening this cooperative for families and businesses throughout the territory. BENCO is unique, with a mix of rural and city owners. My wife, Sheryl, and I live in a rural area, operating a diversified crop and livestock farm. Our family is proud to call this area home.

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**Duane Ehrich**  
**Incumbent**  
**District 8**

I am Duane Ehrich, current Director of District 8. My wife, Joyce, and I have a grain and livestock farm southeast of Blue Earth. We have three grown children.

I have been a member of BENCO Electric Cooperative all my life. As a board member I am committed to saving the co-op money without jeopardizing the BENCO mission, which is to bring electricity to members at a safe, reliable and affordable rate.

All board members work together to run BENCO just as if it is our own business.

I was chairman of the board for three years, which was during the acquisition and purchase of Alliant Energy. More changes and advancements will be happening and experienced decision making will be critical.

Thank you for your past support and I look forward to representing you for the next three years.



**David Lein**  
**Candidate**  
**District 8**

I am asking for the opportunity to represent you, the members/owners of BENCO Electric, on your Board of Directors. My wife Cindy and I are lifetime residents of Faribault County and we have two children. Mackenzie works at Compeer in Blue Earth and Nick is a student at SDSU majoring in Ag Business.

I have a business degree from MSU Mankato and have owned my State Farm Insurance Agency in Blue Earth for 37 years. Over the years, I have served on many City and Community boards.

When elected I will do my best to represent you and work with the other Directors to keep BENCO Electric the strong cooperative it is

today. I will work to provide the best service, at the lowest cost, consistent with sound business management. WITH your VOTE, I look forward being your VOICE as a director on the BENCO Electric Board of Directors.



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In compliance with BENCO Electric Cooperative's adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, BENCO is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers, whom satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. BENCO is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the BENCO Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Interested members should contact BENCO Electric Cooperative, 20946 549 Ave., Mankato, MN 56001 or call 507-387-7963. Information can also be found online at [benco.org](http://benco.org).