

Director Candidates - Region 3



MICHAEL J. FEIGHT

Lenawee County
Tecumseh, Michigan

INCUMBENT:

Age 68
FCS Member for 40 years
Board Member for 3 years

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

1474 Russell Road, Tecumseh, Michigan 49286

YEARS FARMING: 49

FARMING ENTERPRISE:

I currently farm a cash crop operation with my father, Fred, and brother Doug. Together we grow and harvest around 2,500 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat every year. We previously were dairy farmers and also grew a variety of vegetables on our farm.

EDUCATION:

Tecumseh High School
Michigan State University

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Member: Covenant Presbyterian Church, past elder
Trustee: Tecumseh Township Board
Past Chair: Lenawee County FSA Committee
Past Member: MSU Dairy Judging Team

REASON FOR RUNNING:

I am humbled and honored to be considered once again for the position of director at GreenStone Farm Credit Services.

I have realized in my previous experience that serving as a director is more than listening to members of your region. It means representing your region at a state and national level due to how much the Farm Credit System is tied to the governmental system nationally.

When it comes to the agricultural and food production industries, it can sometimes seem like so much is not within our control. That's where the importance of a strong financial institution really takes effect. I would be honored to serve once again on GreenStone's Board of Directors to further the best interest of our members and our cooperative. The importance of a strong financial institution in a business, like agriculture and food production, where so much is not within your control is very important.



JEFFREY E. HORNING

Washtenaw County
Manchester, Michigan

NOMINEE:

Age 57
FCS Member for 28 years

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

11834 E Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158

YEARS FARMING: 35

FARMING ENTERPRISE:

I am a fifth-generation dairy farmer who will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of our family farm in three years. We currently milk 450 cows and farm 1,700 acres in addition to operating a small farm store that sells our own cheese, butter, ice cream, and home-grown beef. My children are very involved in the farm and are in line to be the sixth-generation farmers of Horning Farms. Together we have a passion for educating the public about agriculture and host various events throughout the year at our farm.

EDUCATION:

Manchester High School
Michigan State University

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Member: CentralStar Cooperative
Member: Michigan Farm Bureau
Member: Michigan Milk Producers
Member: National Dairy Herd Improvement Association
Member: Zion Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
Active in 4-H

REASON FOR RUNNING:

Throughout my lifetime I have witnessed the tremendous growth of GreenStone as a cooperative. I am honored to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors. Being involved in my community has always been very important to me, and I am passionate about educating others about GreenStone's commitment to our rural communities and the agricultural industry.

**BRUCE E. LEWIS**

Hillsdale County
Jonesville, Michigan

INCUMBENT:

Age 59
FCS Member for 40 years
Board Member for 13 years

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

4840 Sand Lake Road, Jonesville, Michigan 49250

YEARS FARMING: 40**FARMING ENTERPRISE:**

I currently own and operate finisher cattle and cash crop operation after years of dairy farming. This past year marked the start of our official LLC that my wife Jennifer and I had the privilege of starting with our sons. Jennifer and our daughter-in-law also run a meat store out of our farm where we sell everything from individual cuts to whole steers.

EDUCATION:

Jonesville High School

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Board Member: Hillsdale County Farm Bureau
Member: Jonesville Methodist Church

REASON FOR RUNNING:

I've always been inspired to get involved in organizations that are closely connected with our farm. GreenStone provides the ability for its members to pursue opportunities in both their businesses and home ownership. I can't think of a better organization to be involved with when it comes to providing safe, dependable credit to its members. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be considered for the Board of Directors to represent our cooperative.

**DAVID L. VAN BRUNT**

Lenawee County
Onsted, Michigan

NOMINEE:

Age 57
FCS Member for 37 years

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

6053 Springville Highway, Onsted, Michigan 49265

YEARS FARMING: 42**FARMING ENTERPRISE:**

Together with my family, we farm 1,350 acres. We also own and operate two trucking companies, a warehousing and landscaping supply company, and do land clearing and bulk wood grinding to make mulch and other landscaping supplies. We purchased a local feed mill out of bankruptcy, and reopened in 2017. We now have two retail locations for feed and various other ag commodities, using our grain and farming operation to produce the feed.

EDUCATION:

Onstead High School
Michigan State University Ag Tech program and
Ag Business Degree

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Member: FSA Committee
Board Member: Onsted School Board 9 years,
3 years as Board Secretary
Member: Michigan Farm Bureau

REASON FOR RUNNING:

I am running for GreenStone's Board of Director's because I enjoy surrounding myself with people from diverse backgrounds, education, and life experiences. I believe in trying to learn something new every day no matter how large or small it is.

I am also running because of my business experience and experience in the agricultural industry. I believe I can provide perspective and direction to our cooperative to help us keep moving forward in our ever-changing world. I believe my knowledge and experience will be an asset to the present and future GreenStone.

The other reason I am running is I think that I can take what I have learned through the trials and tribulations of being in agriculture, and business in general, and apply them in a direction that will help the ever-changing world that we live in. I believe my knowledge and experience will be an asset to the present and future GreenStone.