

The North Central Electric Cooperative service territory is divided into seven districts and is governed by a nine-member board. Each year, the cooperative accepts nominations for election to three seats on the board of trustees. District candidates must submit nominating petitions bearing at least 25 signatures of members residing in their district to qualify for the election. According to the Code of Regulations, if only one candidate submits a valid petition in any given district, they are automatically deemed elected in their district and no election needs to be held.

This year, three candidates submitted valid petitions for District 7 on the North Central board of trustees. After a run-off election in March, Andrew Brose and Kevin Kreais moved on as official candidates in the all-member election. Members in ALL DISTRICTS are asked to cast a ballot for one of the two candidates seeking election this year.

Members elect trustees using a mail-in or online ballot. Board members serve three-year terms. The outcome of the 2022 District 7 elections will be announced at the cooperative's annual meeting on June 14. Following are the biographical summaries of both 2022 candidates for District 7 on the board of trustees.

ALL VOTES MUST BE RECEIVED, EITHER BY MAIL OR ONLINE, BY 11:59 P.M. ON MAY 31, 2022.

# **VOTING INFORMATION**

- The most cost-effective method to cast a ballot is online at the cooperative's website, www.ncelec.org.
- ★ Vote for only one candidate in District 7.
- ★ Voting is open to all North Central Electric members, even those outside of District 7.
- All ballots must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31. Online voting will close at this time.



Questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the communications department at 419-426-3072, or by email at nce@fesco-oh.org.

Turn this sheet over for candidate information.

# DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATES

Candidate bios are listed in alphabetical order by last name.



**Andrew Brose**, 32, of Loudon Township in Seneca County, has been a cooperative member for 7 years. He and his wife, Danielle, have two daughters and another baby on the way. Brose is an 11-year member and Lieutenant of the Tiffin Fire and Rescue Division. Brose is also a small business owner, and previously worked for Vaughn Industries in the high voltage division prior to his professional firefighting career. He currently assists with Tiffin Firefighter's Local 322 annual toy project and sportsmans raffle, and has previously served as an assistant football coach and little league coach with Seneca County Baseball Little League.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR BEING INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE?

"I have some background in high voltage power from my work experience. I have strong leadership qualities, and I've never shied away from hard work. I have always been able to work

and communicate well with others to accomplish goals.

I am very community-minded and enjoy helping to improve people's quality of life. Listening to others along with a strong willingness to take on responsibilities are other reasons. The cooperative does an outstanding job serving its members, and I would love to be a part of that."

### IF ELECTED. WHAT ARE THREE GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACHIEVED AS A NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC TRUSTEE?

"First, I will gain as much knowledge and education from the co-op and other trustees as soon as possible enabling me to fulfill my responsibilities and duties as a trustee. Secondly, I will uphold the principles that the cooperative was built on and continue to help move it forward in unity. Lastly, I would like to see the retention and addition of programs and incentives for the members."



**Kevin Kreais**, 50, of Loudon Township in Seneca County, has been a cooperative member for 11 years and has worked for Cooper Tire for the past 25 years. He and his wife, Kimberly, have three children. Kreais currently serves on the Hopewell-Loudon School Board, and has also been active with the Sons of the American Legion and St. Wendelin Parish for several years. In the past, he has also volunteered with the Knights of Columbus.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR BEING INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE?

"I am interested in learning more about how North Central currently operates, along with the future development activities and the impact it will have within the community. I am also eager to continue the support of youth activities that promote leadership opportunities, such as the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

I would also like to promote the strategic objectives of the cooperative with effective solutions by learning about the electric industry, training, and understanding regulations."

## IF ELECTED. WHAT ARE THREE GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACHIEVED AS A NORTH CENTRAL TRUSTEE?

"If elected, the three goals I would like to see as a North Central trustee include the use of renewable energy options and how we look to incorporate those systems into the future vision of the cooperative, to maintain and train adequate staffing for reliable energy transmission to members considering current labor shortages in the workforce, and to continue to promote youth activities and show where and how those individuals are becoming active leaders with involvement in community organizations or volunteer activities."

All votes must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31. If you plan to vote by mail, consider returning your ballot at least three days prior to the deadline.