

# GET TO KNOW YOUR 2023 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

## BOARD DISTRICT 1

### Jeff Elliott



Jeff Elliott married LuAnn and started farming 46 years ago in Benton and Black Hawk counties. Jeff graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business/Finance from Drake University. He joined the ECI REC Board of Directors in 1990 and has held many roles, including President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate in 1998, completed the Board Leadership Program in 2010 and received and continually maintains his Director Gold Certificate.

Jeff is a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association and is active in the American Lutheran Church in LaPorte City. In his free time, he enjoys college basketball, attending car shows and cruises, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

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### Mark Kotouc



Mark Kotouc, along with his wife Sheila, and three children, operate a diversified crop and livestock farm in northwest Benton County. Mark currently serves on the Benton County Farm Bureau board, is a Monroe township trustee, and is on the Benton County Land Use board. He is a member of the Dysart United Methodist Church in Dysart. In his free time, he likes to travel with his family and enjoys all of the family pets.

## BOARD DISTRICT 9

### Steve Rau



Steve Rau's association with REC started when he started farming over 38 years ago. Steve graduated with a degree in Farm Implement Mechanics from Northeast Iowa Technical Institute. Steve and his wife Melisa raised their three boys on the family farm in rural Fayette County.

Steve joined the ECI REC Board of Directors in 2005 and has held many roles, including Secretary/Treasurer and has been serving as the President of the Board since 2010. Steve earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Director Gold Certificates and completed the Board Leadership Program in 2010.

In his spare time, Steve serves as the President of Fayette County Corn and Soybean Growers. He is actively involved with the following organizations: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and the Knights of Columbus. He also enjoys camping, kayaking, tailgating at ISU games, and spending time with his granddaughters.

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### Rick Alber

Candidate information unavailable.