

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative 2021 Board Election District 7 Candidates

Putnam County (Ohio) Townships of Monroe, Palmer, Liberty, and Greensburg

Kenneth Niese of Ottawa, Ohio (incumbent)



OCCUPATION: Retired farmer

YEARS A PPEC MEMBER: 9 years | **SPOUSE:** Marjorie

ACTIVITIES/MEMBERSHIPS: St. Nicholas Catholic Church (maintenance committee), Miller City Sportsman Club, Ottawa Knights of Columbus, former member of Miller City Fire Dept. and former director agent of Farmers Mutual Insurance. Graduate of Ohio State University.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Helping the community in various activities. He and his son farm 300 acres and he enjoys attending his 10 grandkids' activities.

QUALIFICATIONS: 9 years of experience on the PPEC board, during which he has completed credentials for Cooperative Director classes, Board Leadership certificate training, and additional classes to stay current.

CO-OP CHALLENGES: Renewable energy (also a challenge for Buckeye Power, our energy supplier, which could affect members' electric bills). Wants to set rates that are fair to all members.

FOCUS: Making sound financial decisions and making sure the service and infrastructure are sound.

Gary Hermiller of Ottawa, Ohio



OCCUPATION: Self employed, Ohio Sanitary Services, LLC

YEARS A PPEC MEMBER: 11 years

ACTIVITIES/MEMBERSHIPS: Former Putnam County Board of Health member, Sons of American Legion member (Ottawa)

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Farming, camping, and family

QUALIFICATIONS: As a service business owner, he works a lot in District 7 and believes he will be a good advocate for PPEC because he's met and has a great relationship with the people.

CO-OP CHALLENGES: With all the technology out there, he thinks seamless power without surges will be one of the hardest challenges to accomplish. Wants to keep up with the latest technology and replace older/aging wire.

FOCUS: Maintain existing customers, expand infrastructure, and maintain good, quality employees.