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Celebrate Another Successful Year at the Cooperative with Fellow Members

United Power has made strides as an innovative electric cooperative serving members along Colorado's Front Range, but it may be entering the most exciting period in its nearly 85 years of existence. Early last year, leadership announced the official decision to exit its current power supply contract effective May 2024, and has spent much of the past year preparing for the upcoming transition, including receiving and reviewing proposals from potential power suppliers and debuting new member programs. All members are invited to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting on April 12, and join the cooperative in celebrating all its

accomplishments over the past year in pursuit of building a better electric utility and powering a bright future for you and the communities it serves. All participating members will receive an attendance gift. In-person attendees will be eligible for door prizes.

Voting in the annual Director Election also provides United Power members the unique ability to voice their thoughts on the cooperative's future. Each year, your votes determine who serves on the United Power Board of Directors. Your participation in the election is critical to helping the cooperative better serve you.

This year, nine candidates are running for election to the Board of Directors. One seat in the East, South, West, and Mountain Districts is up for election. The director candidates are Steven "Steve" Douglas and Robert "Rob" Masden in the East District; Jamie Klein, Ken Kreutzer, Katherine "Kathy" Mills, and James Vigesaa in the South District; Virginia "Ginny" A. Buczek and Thomas "Tom" Hogan in the West District; and Tamra "Tami" Waltemath in the Mountain District.

Balloting opens on March 13. United Power encourages all members to cast their votes in

the election. Members may vote electronically through their online account, or via mail ballots sent to all members in mid-March. Online and mail-in ballots must be received by 11:59 a.m. on April 11, or members can vote in person on April 12 at the meeting. Directors represent all members and are therefore elected on an "at-large" basis. This means members may cast a vote for a director in each district and not just their own. Directors serve in geographic districts to ensure adequate accessibility for members and to provide a representative cross-section of United Power's member base in the cooperative's governing body.

To learn more about your director candidates, consider attending a Meet the Candidate forum in March (**details on pg. 2**) and reading their candidate statements available in this issue of the *United Newsline*.

Attend the Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held at Riverdale Regional Park on April 12. Registration opens at 4:30 p.m. and balloting closes at the beginning of the official business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members may also view a livestream of the meeting, available online at www.unitedpower.com/annual-meeting.



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Along These Lines

A Message from United Power's President & CEO



Mark A. Gabriel

President & Chief Executive Officer

Have Feedback For Us?

Submit your questions, comments, concerns, or general feedback at www.unitedpower.com/CEO.

Our Cooperative Roadmap

Our Cooperative Roadmap contains the cooperative's long-term action plan and key priorities to maintain its strength and competitiveness in the evolving electric industry.

Read Our Cooperative Roadmap at www.unitedpower.com/roadmap.

10,000 Rooftop Solar Systems & Counting!

United Power recently hit a major milestone with its 10,000th member rooftop solar installation. The amount of potential generation from these panels is approximately 58.5 megawatts (MW), a significant part of the cooperative's 600 MW peak.

The number is important for many reasons, especially when combined with the 175 batteries our members have installed, the nearly 6,000 electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in hybrids being driven in our service territory, and 1,900 homes with controllable thermostats. Our members are taking actions to manage energy consumption and create electric power locally. This will be of increasing value for United Power as we transition to new power suppliers in May 2024 and as power markets come to the West in the next few years.

Colorado utilities, and United Power in particular, are ahead of the curve in energy transition. Approximately 4% of homes in the United States have solar systems, according to PV Magazine, compared to nearly 11% of United Power members. Interestingly, Colorado does not even make the top 10 states for solar penetration.

Of course other generation options are necessary to ensure resilience and reliability. United Power is blessed to have a footprint with abundant natural gas and wind resources which will continue to be a part of our generation mix. We are also helping our oil and gas members meet their own corporate goals through field electrification.

While other utilities are fretting – and sometimes fighting – over the impact on the distribution system, United Power has been planning for the

future. We have increased wire sizing in new construction and are carefully watching how well our transformers are performing while we work toward becoming a distribution system operator (DSO). As a DSO, we can take advantage of investments our members make and share in the financial benefits. Our Cooperative Roadmap outlines this new energy future and how we are preparing and enacting changes to lead the way in this exciting frontier.

I recently had the honor of being interviewed for an Energy Central podcast "Shaping a Dynamic and Modern Power Delivery Landscape," in which we discussed the exciting changes happening in the utility business. You can find a link to the podcast on our website.

United Power has long led the way in energy innovation. The cooperative energized the first community solar farm in Colorado in 2009. In November 2018, we brought the largest battery storage facility in the state on line, a prestige it held until late last year. We added a smart thermostat program for load control and our EV charging program in 2022. This is all possible due to the amazing women and men at United Power, with support from the Board of Directors. You can hear more about our tremendous progress and our vision for the future at the Annual Meeting of Members on April 12. I hope you will join us.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the executive leadership team any time with your questions, comments, or concerns.

Meet the Candidate Forums

United Power will host four Meet the Candidate forums in March, one in each director district. Forums are free and light refreshments will be served. RSVPs are not required.

MONDAY, MARCH 13 | 6:30 p.m.*
Riverdale Regional Park & Fairgrounds
Rendezvous Room, Waymire Dome
9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton 80601

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 | 7:30 a.m.
Coal Creek Canyon Community Center
31528 Highway 72, Golden 80403

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 | 6:30 p.m.
United Power Carbon Valley Service Center
9586 E. I-25 Frontage Rd., Longmont 80504

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 | 7:30 a.m.
Fort Lupton Recreation Center
Multi-purpose Room 3
203 S. Harrison Ave., Fort Lupton 80621

*Riverdale Regional Park Meet the Candidate forum will also be hosted virtually at www.unitedpower.com/annual-meeting.

**Dates and locations of forums may be subject to change or cancellation.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILES

2023 Director Candidates

There are four director seats up for election this year. One position in each director district is up for a three-year term. Be sure to read about each of the candidates before casting your ballot.

District E (EAST)

Steven "Steve" Douglas
Robert "Rob" Masden

District W (West)

Virginia "Ginny" A. Buczek
Thomas "Tom" Hogan

District S (South)

Jamie Klein
Ken Kreutzer
Katherine "Kathy" Mills
James Vigessa

District M (Mountain)

Tamra "Tami" Waltemath

United Power directors serve in geographic districts, but they are elected on an at-large basis. Please vote for one candidate in each director district.

EAST DISTRICT

The following statements are those of the candidates and have not been altered or verified by United Power.



Steven "Steve" Douglas

I'm running as a candidate for the United Power Board East District because of the important impact it has on the lives of our families, businesses, and economy.

My wife and I have been proud members of the United Power Family for nearly 20 years. Over the last two years, I have made the commitment to attend United Power monthly meetings. Through this, I have gained an excellent knowledge-base and understanding.

Having served as a Councilman At-Large for the City of Commerce City for 2 terms, I know the importance of serving the public and working as a team-player. I promise to be a good steward for all of the members throughout United Power, both urban and rural. Clean energy will be the heart and soul of our futures and I believe United Power should lead the way - always as an investment in the way we live as a community, both for today and for our future. The future of energy is happening right now and we need to take advantage of that fact. I believe the next energy solution will include super-capacitors which can support or replace substations giving communities a much needed new clean power supply which will also include relief during blackout periods.

As a United Power Board member these are the things I would bring to the board if I'm elected.

- New innovative ways of thinking about our electricity grids
- Career Technical Education (CTE) local HS
- Future-proofing our electric infrastructure from substation attacks such as the recent Pacific and North Carolina
- Cutting-edge storage solutions to minimize the down time during blackout conditions
- Realizing a true all-electric goal/ small battery systems behind the meter
- Making United Power more member inclusive/ Propose Board Term limits
- EAAS also known as Energy As A Service, gives customers access to energy management services with small upfront costs or no cost
- Energy systems for Commercial business infrastructure both large and small businesses

I would like to thank you for your support, and look forward to serving as your next United Power East District Director. Thanks again for your time!

STEVE DOUGLAS EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS FOR UNITED POWER EAST DIRECTOR

- Commerce City Planning Commission 3rd Term: Oct 01, 2020 to Oct 01, 2023
- Commerce City Councilman At-Large 2011-2019
- Governor Appointment: RAOC (Regional Air Quality Council) 2019-2020
- E-470 Board Alternate 2011-2015, Treasurer/Secretary 2015-2019
- King Soopers 1977-Present, UFCW Local #7 Union Member 45 years
- Arapahoe Community College Undergraduate, Accounting, Business Management and Economics 1983-1984
- Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee 2011-2019
- Prairie View High School of Business Board 2017-Present
- Active NAACP Member and Democratic African American Initiative



Robert "Rob" Masden

I have an extensive background in leadership roles and public service having served as Mayor of Hudson, Colorado for eight years, Weld County Commissioner for another eight years, and a member of the RE3-J School Board, as well as being a small business owner for over 20 years.

While Mayor, I negotiated the territorial exchange between United Power and Public Service of Colorado, making Hudson the first Municipality to approve this Franchise exchange. During my tenure, we also solved a long-term problem with water quality by bringing in high-quality Big Thompson water utilizing a multi-faceted agreement involving several municipalities and entities. We also shepherded the process of improving Hudson's ISO fire rating resulting in both greater availability for insurance and a subsequent reduction in our commercial and residential insurance costs.

During my tenure as Weld County Commissioner, we became one of the top counties in the Nation for economic development and financial stability. We successfully assisted with accomplishing the extension and upgrade of Tri State's system connection to United Power improving the quality of service in our area, and we approved the State of Colorado's largest wind farm project.

My Experience/Qualifications

- Small business owner for over twenty years
- Mayor of Hudson from 1986-1994
- Weld County Council - 1999-2000
- RE3-J School Board of Directors -1999-2003
- Weld County Commissioner for District 3 - Eight years
- State of Colorado Energy and Mineral Impact Committee Appointee by both Governor Owen and Ritter
- Northwest Parkway Board of Directors - Eight years
- Colorado Counties Inc. Member
- Chairman of the General Government Committee - two years
- National Association of County Officers Member
- Appointee to the Energy, Environment, and Land Use Commission
- Chairman of the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region -two years
- Appointed to Colorado State Transportation Action Committee

I have served on many other committees and in other capacities and truly wish to bring that experience to the United Power Board of Directors. I will work diligently to become fully educated in Co-op matters to help continue the great service and affordability that we United Power members have enjoyed. I will work collaboratively with the Board of Directors and support the hard-working staff to ensure all the efforts to reduce the current power costs and transition to new business models and renewable energies continue.

Colorado is my lifelong home where I raised and educated my son Kyle and daughter Brittany and planted deep roots. I am committed to doing everything in my power to maintain and improve our Colorado way of life and I would truly appreciate your vote to be able to represent you on the United Power Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration, Rob Masden

National Work Zone Awareness Week

Recognized April 17-21, 2023

United Power would like to remind our members of the importance of staying aware when entering and exiting roadside work zone areas for both your safety and our crews' safety. Transportation accidents are one of the leading causes of on-the-job deaths nationwide.

As an electric utility, our work is fundamentally different from most highway construction work zones. When United Power conducts roadside construction work, it usually involves small crews working for short periods of time when compared to major highway and road construction. This poses challenges to keeping our lineworkers safe.

Major traffic construction will warn drivers in advance with signs posted hundreds of feet or even miles prior to the beginning of work. However, because of the nature of our work, our crews use different warning techniques when preparing for roadside work. Traffic cones are typically used to delineate our work, which are quicker and easier for our crews to haul and set up when working near roadways. Much of our electrical infrastructure is located in high traffic areas, such as shoulders, right-of-ways, intersections, and road medians.

To maintain high-powered electrical lines and equipment, our crews work in large vehicles, such as bucket trucks. When you see a United Power truck located on a roadside, remember to look for cones and signs that it may be a work zone. Slow down and move over when possible to give our crews a wide enough path to continue working safely.

Please try to avoid distractions like cell phones or changing radio stations when entering a roadside work zone, and be prepared for the unexpected.

We thank you for helping keep our crews safe!



Slow down and move over for roadside workers.

READER REWARDS

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Three Winners Every Month!

1st place: \$100 Bill Credit

2nd place: \$50 Bill Credit (two winners)

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When is the Director Election balloting deadline?

By submitting this entry, I agree to allow United Power to publish my name in subsequent issues of *United Newslines* if I am selected as a winner. For complete contest rules, visit www.unitedpower.com/newsline.

Members may also enter by mailing the following entry form to:

United Power • Reader Rewards • 500 Cooperative Way • Brighton, CO 80603

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

UNITED POWER PRIDE



Solange Griffith, Commerce City, joined United Power last year and had this kind message for the cooperative: "I love that this company has more than just power service it offers to its customers. It's great to see a company involved in the community from local events and even the youth."

United Power Pride Photos

Snap a photo with the *United Newslines* and you'll receive a \$100 bill credit if we print it. Submit your photo along with your name, address, email, and a description of the photo online at www.unitedpower.com/unitedpowerpride.

We are Dedicated to Keeping the Lights On

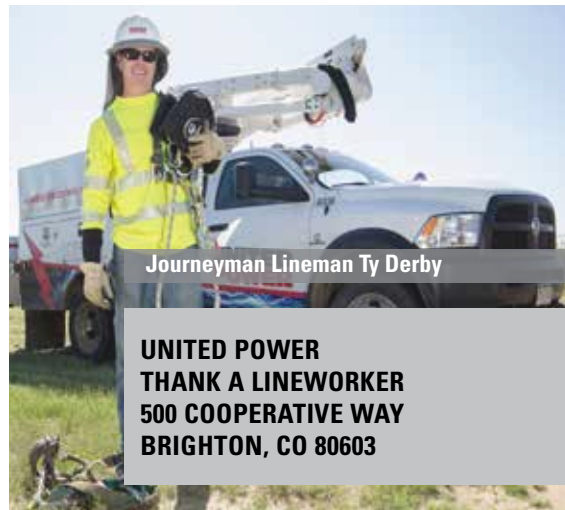
Lineman Appreciation Day is Tuesday, April 18

United Power is involved in our communities in many ways, but providing our members with safe and reliable power is our number one priority. Skilled lineworkers, who work each day to improve our system and prevent outages before they happen, make that possible. On April 18, we will celebrate National Lineman Appreciation Day to recognize and honor our lineworkers for their hard work and dedication.

Being a lineworker along the Colorado Front Range is not easy. Our lineworkers must be ready at a moment's notice, prepared to resolve complex and hazardous problems in unknown or dangerous conditions, including severe weather.

Our lineworkers are on call 24 hours a day, ready to respond to any situation in any type of weather. Next time you lose power, rest assured a highly-trained United Power lineworker is on the way, dedicated to getting the lights back on.

Without our lineworkers, the power that makes our members' homes comfortable would not be possible. We invite our members to take a moment to thank our United Power lineworkers for the work they do. Use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support, drop a kind note in the mail, or submit a comment on our website at www.unitedpower.com/thanka-lineworker.



Journeyman Lineman Ty Derby

UNITED POWER
THANK A LINEMAN
500 COOPERATIVE WAY
BRIGHTON, CO 80603

WEST DISTRICT

The following statements are those of the candidates and have not been altered or verified by United Power.



Virginia A. "Ginny" Buczek

Virginia "Ginny" Buczek is the incumbent director in the West District, and currently works part-time in design review. She has 13 years private sector managerial work experience and studied business management at Red Rocks Community College. Buczek earned her CCD, Board Leadership and Gold Leadership certifications

from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). During her tenure she has served as the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and currently chairs The Audit Committee. Buczek is United Power's director on the Colorado Rural Electric Association Board (CREA). She is President of the CREA Board, serves on CREA's Executive and Policy Committees. She has served as CREA's Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Budget and Finance Chair. Buczek is United Power's Delegate for Tri-State G&T and has served as a member of the G&T Contract Committee.

Ginny's elected and appointed experience includes: Weld County Council, Southwest Weld Technical Committee and Tri-area Ambulance Board of Directors. She has been active in her hometown, on the Firestone Planning Commission, Firestone Board of Trustees, and Park Commission, receiving the Colorado State Parks' Conservation Hero Award, 2006. She served on the Board of the United Power Round-Up Foundation.

She has been active in many civic groups including 4-H, Girl Scouts, Neighborhood Watch, and Frederick High School Booster Club. Ginny is a member of the Colorado



Thomas "Tom" Hogan

My name is Tom Hogan and I wish to be your next United Power Cooperative Board member. I have been a United Power member since July 1, 2020 when my wife, Tina, and I moved from Illinois to Colorado. I have a BS degree in Business Administration from Illinois State University, and an MBA from Purdue University. We reside in

Heritage Todd Creek in Thornton and have four adult children, and one grandchild, all of whom reside in Colorado.

I believe Rural Electrification to be one of the great accomplishments of the 20th century. I have worked at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association for the past 22 years and I am planning to retire in 2023. I see the enduring strength of the cooperative business model and wish to continue to be involved with the electric cooperative for years to come. I have a dozen years of board experience at the HOA level from my years as Treasurer of the Brookside II Homeowners Association of Frankfort, IL.

I believe my 22 years at NRECA working with electric cooperatives gives me unique qualifications, and a unique perspective, to contribute to the board of United Power.

WestPoint Parents Club, has served on Congressional and Senatorial Military Academy Appointment Boards and as member of Weld County's Bright Futures Advisory Board.

"The electric industry is rapidly changing, presenting new opportunities and challenges requiring experienced, knowledgeable leadership. It is the responsibility of Directors to contribute to decisions resulting in a focused plan to maximize and leverage opportunities, mitigate risk and maintain a quality workforce. Ensuring safe, reliable, cost efficient electrical power, financial stability, maintaining quality service for all United Power members, and positioning the Cooperative to provide the future needs of our communities are fundamental Board duties.

I have been a committed member of the United Power community for thirty-one years and remain focused on the families and businesses of our community. I thank you for the investment you have made in me as one of your United Power Directors. That investment has provided hundreds of hours of Electric Cooperative education. Using my electric director education, coop experience and the input you, the member/owners, provide, I will continue to work for the best interests of the members. Thank you, for your continued support and interest in Your Co-Op. I would be honored to serve you, the members, for another term."

In my career, I have worked with the boards at dozens of co-ops and have seen a lot, both good and bad, in boardrooms across the country.

The cooperatives do a great job of recognizing the legacies, and equity, of long-term cooperative members through capital credits. I want to represent the interests of the current and future cooperative members and make sure we keep the electric power supply available and affordable for today's, and tomorrow's, United Power members. With the cooperative's exit from the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association power supply agreement, I think it is critical that we pursue an "all of the above" approach to power generation sources. Along with power supply, the most important resource of a cooperative is the employees and maintaining a strong and motivated workforce. I have worked closely with the employers and employees, participated in union negotiations at several cooperatives, and am in tune to excellence in attraction and retention of a strong workforce.



Jamie Klein

Jamie Klein is a seasoned business professional with a passion for making a positive impact in his community. A resident of Thornton, Colorado for the past 22 years, Jamie has planted deep roots in the area, raising a family with two children and building a successful business. Originally raised in Enid, Oklahoma, Jamie was an active Boy Scout and excelled in sports such as football and wrestling. After graduating from Enid High School and pursuing a degree at Northern Oklahoma College, Jamie started his career in the oil and gas drilling industry and worked his way up from a floorhand to a driller. Jamie then transitioned to horizontal directional drilling, installing utilities throughout the United States. Jamie and his team installed thousands of miles of fiber optic, gas, water, and electric lines. At the age of 25, Jamie took an entrepreneurial leap and founded Klein Trucking LLC, based in Thornton and has been serving the local construction and oil industries for over 22 years.

In addition to his successful business career, Jamie has served as the chair of the Business of Thornton Advisory Commission (BTAC) for the past 6.5 years and provided updates to the City Council on small businesses in the area. He is also

an active volunteer, previously coaching football for and currently volunteering at Orchard Church in Brighton. In his free time, Jamie enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Jamie is an enthusiastic leader with a successful history of driving change and making a lasting impact in organizations. His focus on results, leading teams, fostering relationships, and developing effective strategies, position him as an ideal candidate for a United Power Board of Directors role. His in-depth knowledge of the industry, combined with his expertise in management, enables him to identify opportunities and formulate action plans to drive the organization forward and achieve its mission. He supports all forms of energy generation but is particularly focused on keeping electric rates stable for the members while ensuring long-term growth and success for the cooperative.



Ken Kreutzer

I'm Ken Kreutzer, and I'm running to represent the South District on the United Power Board of Directors. Growing up in Brighton I have seen the impact of change and growth in the area that United Power serves. I have also watched United Power grow from a small Rural Electric Association to a strong force providing electric service to more than 100 thousand meters in homes, farms, and businesses serving 20 communities and 2 mountain canyons. Regardless of where you live, work, do business, or play, the most important expectation we all have from our power supplier is reliability. I am excited for the opportunity to be a part of directing the future of this great organization as it meets its high reliability standards in a safe and affordable manner.

As a Board Member I will champion the following:

- *Maintain and continue to provide the members of United Power safe and reliable power in the most sustainable way.
- *Seek out the most affordable supply options to offer the members of United Power the best value for their electrical service.
- *Be aggressive in seeking renewable energy options that make both economic and environmental sense.
- *Proactively meet the ever challenging growth needs in the United Power service area.
- *Continue to have a positive impact on the 20 communities and 2 mountain canyons that United Power serves as well as being a nationally respected leader amongst electric cooperatives.

I retired in 2012 after 30 years of teaching high school marketing. Since retirement I have been actively involved in leadership and board positions with several organizations. Some of them include

- Brighton City Council for 6 years including 2 years as Mayor and 2 years as Mayor Pro Tem.
- E-470 Board of Directors
- Metro Mayors Commission
- Adams County Economic Development Corporation Executive Board
- United Power Round-Up Board
- Brighton Sister Cities
- Brighton Economic Development Board of Directors
- Brighton Historic Preservation Commission

My wife Judy and I have three children. Our oldest, Missy works at Melissa Rippey Insurance Company she and her husband live in Brighton have two children. Our oldest son, Johnny is a retired Army Soldier he lives in Arkansas with his wife and his two children. Our youngest son Ben Lives in Longmont and is a firefighter for the Frederick/Firestone Fire Department.

In my spare time I enjoy swimming, playing golf, brewing beer, making sausage, and providing my talent as an auctioneer raising funds for many charitable organizations. For the past 33 years I've had the honor of being "The Voice of the Brighton Bulldogs" as the P.A. announcer for Brighton High School football games. I greatly appreciate your support as I work to serve you on the United Power Board of Directors.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of Members of UNITED POWER, INC. will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waymire Dome at the Riverdale Regional Park, located at 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton, Colorado. Members can attend in person or via livestream. The registration portal and instructions for participating in the meeting virtually can be found on the cooperative's website at www.unitedpower.com.

The meeting will be for the purposes of electing directors, considering and approving reports for the prior fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

This year there are elections in the following districts: Mountain, South, West, and East for three-year terms. The candidates nominated by petition are Tamra "Tami" Waltemath in the Mountain District; Jamie Klein, Ken Kreutzer, Katherine "Kathy" Mills, and James Vigesaa in the South District; Virginia "Ginny" A. Buczek and Thomas "Tom" Hogan in the West District; and Steven "Steve" Douglas and Robert "Rob" Masden in the East District. All Members are entitled to cast a vote for the director positions of every district, regardless of the district where the Member is domiciled. Additional information including dates and times of forums to meet the candidates, how to cast a ballot, and deadlines for voting can be found at <https://www.unitedpower.com/annual-meeting>.



Katherine "Kathy" Mills

My name is Katherine Mills, and I have been a cooperative member for 12 years. In the energy sector rules and regulations are very important. As the mother of two disabled sons, I have successfully navigated the disability and medical realm for the past 19 years and have learned the ins and outs of rules and regulations. I feel

confident that I have the skills, drive and perseverance to serve on the board.

United Power's success is especially important to me as a wife and mother of three. My youngest disabled son has spiked anxiety and is nearly inconsolable when the power goes out. Having reliable power for my home is imperative to keep things calm. I am extremely grateful that our power company gets things running quickly when issues arise.



James Vigesaa

James Vigesaa is an incumbent director and currently Vice Chairman of the Board. James has been a Director for 12 years. James has served as Chairman of the Board for three years, has served as Vice Chairman for two years, and as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for one year.

James is the CEO and owner of BVB General Contractors located in Brighton. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is a US Army veteran of the Nebraska National Guard. He has served as Board Chairman of the Brighton Economic Development Corporation. He also supports Boy Scouts as a Technical Advisor for Eagle Scout projects for Brighton Troop 315.

The next year will be the most critical year in United Power's 85 year history. The Board will be making monumental decisions for the future power supply of the company that involve hundreds of millions of dollars and ultimately will reduce power costs to our members by a significant amount. The Board has been evaluating this decision for the past several years and I have a great deal of knowledge and background to be evaluated when making the upcoming final decisions.

These past twelve years have been great for United Power. United Power has recognized the growing demand to transition to smart and responsible energy generation for years, deploying nearly 60 megawatts of local renewable energy

I have attended many United Power events and have gone to the annual meetings for several years. I consistently listen to the annual reports. I am running for the United Power Board because I want to represent all cooperative members. I am sure I have much to learn, but I have the time and motivation to educate myself, learn from the current board, and represent the members.

I would love your support and vote on April 12th, 2023. Please come meet me at one of the candidate forums or the annual meeting.

generation. Our residential rooftop solar has grown to over 9,000 houses. This growth has resulted in United Power being one of the fastest growing cooperatives in the nation for residential rooftop solar installations. United Power has a real "Can Do" culture in providing **COST EFFECTIVE** green/alternative energy for our system.

In 2022 United Power had Power Sales of approximately 315 Million Dollars, resulting in power sales growth of 125 % that has occurred since 2011. We have also grown to over 100,000 meters and now are one of the largest distribution cooperatives in the nation. **One of the things that is at the forefront of my mind is that United Power is a rapidly growing large business that is owned by our members. I take the Board Of Directors Duties very seriously in directing the affairs of the business and representing the interests of all members.**

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you as your Director for the past 12 years. Looking ahead, I ask for your vote to continue to serve you to select our power supply for the future, increase our green/alternative energy efforts, our cost effectiveness, and continued refund of capital Credits.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jamesvigesaa@gmail.com with any questions, comments or concerns that you may have.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

The following statement is that of the candidate and has not been altered or verified by United Power.



Tamra "Tami" Waltemath

My name is Tamra K. Waltemath (Tami) and I am currently one of your directors from the mountain district. I have served as a director for 6 years and I am asking for your vote so I may continue serve you, the members of United Power. I am an attorney and I own my own business, Tamra K. Waltemath, PC. I am a graduate of the University

of Colorado and Denver University. My education along with my legal and business experience help me to understand the many complex issues involved in the electric business and helps me to contribute a valuable perspective to the decisions we make as directors. As a business owner, I am comfortable with planning for long range decisions which is important in leading an electric utility into the future.

Since I was elected to the board of directors in 2017, I have taken over 35 educational courses and earned a Credentialed Cooperative Director designation, a Board Leadership Certificate and a Gold Leadership Certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. I have served as the assistant Secretary/Treasurer to the board of directors for the last three years. I am currently serving on the By-law committee and the audit committee.

The United Power board of directors is committed to providing flexible, affordable, sustainable power and services. United Power is a growing company serving over 100,000 meters. We are planning for the future by developing EV charging programs

and installing EV charging stations, using battery storage for our renewables, adding micro-grids and continuously optimizing our electric distribution system. We are also focused on the safety of our employees, the cyber safety of our members and fire mitigation in our mountains and in our plains. United Power also supports its communities. We have provided a standby generator to the Gilpin County school in Black Hawk to serve as an emergency power source for the community and every year we support local activities in all our districts. I feel proud to be a director of a company that supports their communities and provides value to it's members. As a board member, I am committed to empowering and engaging our membership and community. To help our members stay involved, we are offering electronic voting again in 2023 and will hold our annual meeting electronically to encourage participation.

As a United Power member, I am a consumer, like you, so I am affected by price increases and power outages. If reelected, I promise to listen to your concerns and help keep costs down and reduce outages. I would appreciate your vote, and I would be honored to serve another term as a Director of United Power.

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Celebrate Our Lineworkers

National Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18.

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