

VOTE 2024

DISTRICT 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative service territory is divided into nine districts and is governed by a nine-member board. Each year, the cooperative accepts nominations for election to three seats on the board of directors. 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 LMRE Code of Regulations, if only one candidate submits a valid petition in any given district they are automatically deemed elected and no election needs to be held.

This year, two candidates submitted valid petitions for District 2 on the LMRE board of directors representing Florence Township in Erie County, and Camden, Henrietta, New Russia, and Pittsfield townships in Lorain County. **Members in ALL DISTRICTS are asked to cast a ballot for one of the two candidates seeking election this year.**

Members elect directors using a mail-in or online ballot. Board members serve three-year terms. The outcome of the 2024 District 2 elections will be announced at the cooperative's annual meeting on July 9. Following are the biographical summaries of both 2024 candidates for District 2 on the board of directors.

ALL VOTES MUST BE RECEIVED, EITHER BY MAIL OR ONLINE, BY 11:59 P.M. ON JUNE 20, 2024.

VOTING INFORMATION

- ★ The most cost-effective method to cast a ballot is online at the cooperative's website, www.lmre.org.
- ★ Vote for only one candidate in District 2.
- ★ **According to the code of regulations, voting is open to all Lorain-Medina Rural Electric members, even those outside of District 2.**
- ★ All ballots must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 20. Online voting will close at this time.



Questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the communications department at 440-647-2133, or by email at lmre@fesco-oh.org.

Turn this sheet over for candidate information.

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES

Candidate Bios are always listed in alphabetical order by last name.



John Ciarrone, 65, of Camden Township in Lorain County, has been a cooperative member for 32 years. Ciarrone retired from North Point Education Center where he was employed for 21 years. Currently, he serves as the fiscal officer for Camden Township and represents Camden Township for the Lorain County Township Association, acting as the association's treasurer. Ciarrone is also a member of America's Electric Cooperatives PAC.

What does being a member of a cooperative mean to you?

"Being a member of an electric cooperative means I get a say in the direction of the co-op, especially running for a director spot. Membership in America's Electric Cooperatives PAC allows me to be informed on the changes that are being anticipated."

What are your top three reasons for being interested in becoming a director?

"I would enjoy being involved as a board director to help improve and maintain the quality service of members and to assess the impact federal climate change legislation has on LMRE's service delivery. Additionally, I would like to continue my involvement in my community. Finally, I would also like to challenge myself to learn new skills since I am an advocate for 'life-long learning.'"

If elected, what are three goals you would like to see achieved as a LMRE director?

"My first goal is to continue to develop alternative forms of renewable energy. Next, I would aim to keep rates charged to members competitive with other electric energy providers. Lastly, I would work towards continuing to reduce outage times during weather emergencies."



Brady McCann, 57, of Pittsfield Township in Lorain County, has been a cooperative member for 20 years. McCann works as the Environmental Engineering Flight Chief at the 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station for the United States Department of Defense where he has been employed for 13 years, and recently retired from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant in the Civil Engineer Squadron. He has also owned U.S. Construction since 1994. McCann currently serves on the LMRE Member Advisory Committee representing District 2, and is a member of the Lorain County Farm Bureau. Previously, he served as a Zoning Commission board member for Harrisville Township in Lodi for 10 years, and was a member of the LMRE People Fund board, representing District 9.

What does being a member of a cooperative mean to you?

"As a member of a cooperative, we all share ownership in LMRE, which provides our electric service. This means we, as customers who are also owners, have a responsibility to provide direction to ensure the business continues to meet the current and future needs of its members. This service must be provided economically while investing to ensure service remains reliable and the cooperative is prepared for growing energy demands. This requires thoughtful consideration of the sources, whether from fossil fuels or renewable sources, as well as increased demand from development, a growing population, industry, and electric vehicles."

What are your top three reasons for being interested in becoming a director?

"I would like to use my experience to help LMRE make good strategic decisions to reduce costs to the members. Additionally, I would like to be involved in petitioning the government for legislation and funds to support electric cooperatives and upgrade infrastructure for lines serving rural electric owners. Lastly, I'd like to use my knowledge as an engineer/contractor to serve as a resource to help members understand factors impacting their energy use and how to reduce their costs."

If elected, what are three goals you would like to see achieved as a LMRE director?

"My first goal is to keep costs down for members through advising the cooperative on good business decisions. Next, I'd like to petition the government for legislation and funds to support the cooperative on reliable power. Lastly, I'd encourage offering high-speed internet service to areas underserved by currently available options."