

TAMA COUNTY | District 1



LISA TICHY (Incumbent) | UNOPPOSED

A lifelong resident of Tama County, Lisa Tichy lives in Indian Village Township, northwest of Montour, with her husband, Brody Kellogg, and their dogs. For 24 years, they have been proud members of T.I.P. REC, managing 950 acres of row crops and operating a thriving dust control business, now celebrating its 15th anniversary. Lisa plays a vital role in their business, handling equipment operations, administrative duties, and customer service with excellence.

Lisa earned her bachelor's degree in Business Management from Buena Vista University in 2024 and is a proud member of Phi Kappa Theta. Her professional career includes her current role as HR Administrator at Martin Marietta, following five years as Weighmaster. In her current position, she oversees the onboarding process, managing everything from candidate acceptance to integration, honing her organizational, communication, and decision-making skills. These abilities have been instrumental in her role as a board director. Her contributions were recognized in 2024 when Martin Marietta awarded her the Central District Community Relations Award for her commitment to community engagement as a director on the T.I.P. REC board.

Lisa's passion for animal welfare led her to co-found a nonprofit animal rescue in 2014, where she currently serves as secretary. She enjoys life on the farm with Brody and their dogs, finding peace in designing rock and flower gardens and embracing the beauty of nature. With her business acumen, teamwork, and unwavering commitment, Lisa is eager to continue serving the cooperative and its members.

IOWA COUNTY | District 2



GENE VON AHSEN (Incumbent)

Gene Von Ahsen lives five miles northeast of Williamsburg in Iowa Township, Iowa County, where he has resided since 1983.

Gene and his wife, Diane, employed at Kinze Manufacturing, have three children: Darcy (Brad) Schaefer of Williamsburg, who works for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency; Derek (Jess) Von Ahsen of South Amana, is engaged in farming; and Beth (Nate) Weltner of Ankeny, who works for JR & Associates, Omaha. Gene and Diane have six grandchildren.

Gene has a farming operation with his son, Derek, and brother Michael, raising corn and soybeans in Iowa County, and has been an REC member for 42 years. He is a T.I.P. REC Board member, a Farm Bureau member and has served as director on the Farm Service Board, Vinton, and Patrons Mutual Ins. Board, Williamsburg.

Gene is a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, where he has served as an elder, on the finance board, and on the Lutheran Interparish School Board.

In his leisure time, Gene enjoys spending time with his family, especially watching his grandchildren at their sporting events, concerts, dance and 4-H showings.



CHRIS SCHNEBBE

Chris Schnebbe lives one mile south of Upper South Amana, Hilton Township, Iowa County, where he has resided since 2022.

Chris is engaged to Mikayla Rogers, who is a Customer Service Representative at Farmers Trust & Savings Bank. He also has a stepson, Waylon.

Chris owns Schnebbe Repair where he repairs farm equipment. He raises corn, beans, and hay and helps his uncle with feeder cattle. He has been an REC member for three years.

Chris is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Conroy.

In his leisure time, Chris enjoys tractorcades, mowing, going to farm shows and being outside.

KEOKUK COUNTY | District 4



ANNE AXMEAR (Incumbent)

Anne Axmear lives ten miles southwest of North English in English River Township, Keokuk County, where she has resided for 19 years.

Anne and her husband, Jesse, farm and have five children. Anne is a cosmetologist and owns her own salon at their home. The Axmears' have been REC members for 21 years.

Anne and her family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Victor, where she helps with the youth group, teaches Sunday School and serves on the education board. She enjoys volunteering at the Keokuk County Expo in Sigourney and Lutheran Interparish School in Williamsburg.



TED BATES

Ted Bates lives one and a half miles north of Sigourney on the Keswick Highway in Van Buren Township, Keokuk County, where he has resided since 1989.

Ted and his wife, Christy, a Keokuk County Auditor, have four children: Adam of Pella, who is an Engineer at Vermeer; Eric of Ottumwa, who is a RN at Davis County Hospital; Chelsey of Sigourney, who is a teachers aid and wife and mother of four; Spencer of Sigourney, who works at Kinder Morgan in Keota, Iowa.

Ted works full-time at Vision Ag in Sigourney and has 80 acres in the ten-year program. He has been an REC member for 45 years.

In his leisure time, Ted enjoys camping with his kids and grandkids.

Ted plans to retire and is interested in participating on the board. He is eager to learn about the cooperative and become a skilled board member.