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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
CANDIDATES



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Voting in this year's Director and Nominating Committee elections will take place in the spring after the Annual Meeting. **Customer-owners who have voting stock will receive information packets with voting instructions, candidate information and ballots in May.** Ballots will be tallied in June and results announced shortly thereafter.

## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 24.

**WHAT:** 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

**WHEN:** APRIL 24, 2025 AT 8:00 AM EST

**WHERE:** FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA, 12501 LAKEFRONT PLACE,  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40299

**RSVP OR**

**QUESTIONS:** KRISTIE PHILLIPS, (502) 276-8421 OR [ELECTIONS@FCMA.COM](mailto:ELECTIONS@FCMA.COM)

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO AND BOARD CHAIR

Thank you for putting your trust and confidence in Farm Credit Mid-America. We are honored to have the opportunity to work together as we put you at the heart of everything we do.

As a customer-owner of our cooperative\*, your vote during our annual election helps shape the future of our Association. Our customer-owners select a Board of Directors that oversees the cooperative's strategic direction and a Nominating Committee that chooses candidates to run for open director positions.

There are 15 elected directors on our board — three from each of our states — who each serve four-year terms. Those terms are staggered and typically do not feature multiple director positions from the same state in the same election.

You will find information in this booklet about the candidates running for open seats. Arkansas/Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee each have a director position up for election in 2025.

Your vote matters. Leaders on our board leverage their decades of experience, as they align every decision toward supporting your financial needs and protecting your lifestyle for generations to come.

These strong leaders keep a clear focus on what we can control and take advantage of opportunities when they arise, helping us achieve our financial goals. We ended 2024 at approximately \$44.1 billion in total earning assets owned and managed, \$551.8 million in net income and a capital ratio of 14.8%.

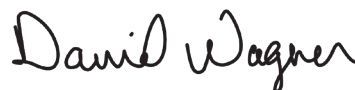
Our Board of Directors approved to distribute \$260 million in cash patronage to patronage-eligible, customer-owners\*\*—the largest amount ever declared. Over the past nine years, they approved to distribute more than \$1.5 billion in patronage, reflecting our remarkable financial strength and commitment to you.

As a customer-owner of our cooperative, please consider participating in this annual election. Your vote matters as we work together to secure the future of rural communities and agriculture.

Sincerely,



Todd A. Clark  
**Chair, Board of Directors**  
Farm Credit Mid-America



Daniel Wagner  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
Farm Credit Mid-America

\* Only voting stockholders will receive a ballot for this year's elections. Rural 1<sup>st</sup> is the consumer lending division of Farm Credit Mid-America. Rural 1<sup>st</sup> is the tradename and exclusive trademark of Farm Credit Mid-America.

\*\* Patronage is an annual decision made by the Board of Directors to return earnings to eligible customers. The amount received through the 2024 Patronage Program is generally taxable income for the year it is received (2025).

MESSAGE FROM YOUR

# 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In February, our committee came together to nominate candidates for Farm Credit Mid-America's 2025 elections. On the following pages are the nominated candidates for the four current open Board of Directors positions in Arkansas/Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Additionally, you'll find names and information about those who've been nominated to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee.

Thank you for taking time to learn about each of the candidates. As a voting customer-owner, we encourage you to participate in your cooperative and cast your vote by mail or online when your ballot arrives in May.

## 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### ARKANSAS/MISSOURI

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**JOHN NORMAN BRYANT**

**MARK COLEMAN**

**TODD EDWARDS**

**JAMES KEMMER**

**CHRIS WOOD**

### INDIANA

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**DAN ARNHOLT**

**A.J. BOOHER**

**KATHARINE BURGER**

**LISA HAMMOCK**

**SCOTT MAPLE**

### KENTUCKY

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**STEVEN BACH**

**CHRIS MITCHELL**

**ALICE MAZE PORTER**

**TYSON SANDERFUR**

**AARON TUCKER**

### OHIO

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**LUKE DURBIN**

**BETH ELLIS**

**ELLEN JOSLIN**

**LISA PETERSON**

**MIKE WOLFE**

### TENNESSEE

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**ANDY DAVIS**

**ROBERT ELLIOTT**

**HEATHER HARDY**

**BEN SANDERS**

**BRANDON WHITT**

# DAVID CARWELL



**CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS | OCCUPATION: REPRODUCTION SPECIALIST, LAND OWNER, LIVESTOCK OWNER**

AGE: 37

## FARMING OPERATION

David's operations are based on 285 acres, which serve as the foundation for the genetics company. The operation specializes in providing assisted reproductive technologies for small ruminants to domestic clients in the U.S. and exporting live animals and frozen germplasm to international clients. Beyond the core business, he is dedicated to supporting the community by managing several rental properties in the county and surrounding areas. These properties reflect his commitment to local housing initiatives. Additionally, he leases portions of his land to farmers for row crop production, contributing to local agriculture. The cattle backgrounding feedlot is also leased, providing valuable resources to the farming community. Through these diverse operations, he fosters growth and opportunity both within the company and the community, underscoring his commitment to sustainable practices and economic development.

## EDUCATION

Arkansas State University, B.S.A. in Animal Science, Louisiana State University, M.S. in Reproductive Physiology

## BOARD EXPERIENCE

- American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), Region 6 Director (Arkansas and Missouri), 2020-2023
- American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), DNA Committee Chair, 2021-2023
- American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), Goat Marketing Committee Co-Chair, 2020-2021
- American Goat Federation Board Member, ABGA representative, 2023
- Cross County Farm Bureau Board Member, 2020-2024
- Farm Bureau – Cross County Chapter Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee Chair, 2020

## COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- American Boer Goat Association Certified Livestock Judge
- Arkansas Cattlemen's Association
- Bowers Cemetery Committee
- International Embryo Transfer Society
- National Cattlemen's Association
- Pedigree International
- Three Trees Cowboy Church, member

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I grew up on a traditional row crop farm in Northeast Arkansas, where my family primarily cultivated rice, soybeans, wheat and milo. During high school, my father became one of the first ranchers in Arkansas to raise full-blood Boer goats for meat production. This venture ignited my passion for sheep and goat production, and our operation quickly expanded to over 300 head. We discovered that the best way to quickly reproduce quality sheep and goat genetics to enhance our breeding program was through the use of artificial insemination and embryo transfer techniques. This experience fueled my desire to acquire these skills as part of my college education and future career.

I am proud to be the fifth generation to live and continue our farming heritage on my family's land in Cross County, which I hope to pass this legacy on to my children, Rhett and Kendall, making them the sixth generation.

## WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

Like many in my generation, I began with limited knowledge of finance and credit management. While there is immense pressure to pursue higher education, which is undeniably valuable, we often lack a comprehensive understanding of the financial aspects essential to the industries we hope to thrive in. Acquiring practical skills and trades is vital, but mastering financial management is arguably the cornerstone of any successful operation. Today's farmers and ranchers are facing unprecedented challenges as they strive to preserve and pass on the legacies they've worked tirelessly to build. Farm Credit Mid-America plays a crucial role in supporting these young farmers, equipping them with the financial tools they need to continue this important work. I am deeply committed to advocating for the farmers and ranchers in my territory who confront the complexities of today's agricultural landscape every day.

# DANE COOMER

PIGGOTT, ARKANSAS | OCCUPATION: GRAIN & COTTON FARMER

AGE: 57



## FARMING OPERATION

Dane is the owner and operator of Dane Coomer Farms and co-owner of Coomer Farms, LLC. His operations consist of cotton and grains on approximately 7,000 acres, both owned and rented.

## EDUCATION

University of Arkansas, B.S. Agricultural Engineering

## BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Farm Credit Mid-America Board of Directors
  - Director, 2023 to present
  - Vice Chair, 2024 to present
  - Risk Committee, Chair, 2024 to present
  - Governance Committee, Vice-Chair, 2023-2024
- Farm Credit Midsouth Board of Directors
  - Director, 2013-2023
  - Chair, 2020-2023
  - Vice Chair, 2017-2020
- AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, Director
  - Representing Farm Credit Midsouth, 2022-2023
  - Representing Farm Credit Mid-America, 2023 to present
- Clay County FSA Board, 2009-2017
  - Chair, 2011, 2014, 2017

## COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Arkansas Farm Bureau
- South Thornton Street Church of Christ

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Along with my cousin/partner, I operate a fourth-generation family farm in Northeast Arkansas currently consisting of corn, popcorn, cotton and soybeans. My wife, Karen, owns Wildflower Properties, LLC, a rental property business. We have two children, Taylor (husband Clay) and Logan, and two grandchildren, Lyle and Nellie. We all enjoy the outdoors; hunting, fishing, hiking, and tending the crop. My family is my greatest earthly blessing.

I've been a Farm Credit member since 1993, when I secured my first real estate loan for 40 acres. Farm Credit continued to meet my needs throughout the years as our operation was blessed to expand. Over time, I realized the value of a self-governing cooperative lender. Being given the opportunity to replace a retiring director on the Farm Credit Midsouth Board, I was grateful to be nominated and blessed to be elected to the Board in 2013. Following the merger with Farm Credit Mid-America in 2023, I was allowed to continue my service as director to our customer-owners. Currently, I serve as Vice Chair of the Farm Credit Mid-America Board, having been elected to that position by my fellow Board members in 2024. I've consistently attended training and national Farm Credit events to try and be the best director that I can be for the stockholder, and as the ever-changing landscape of agricultural lending requires to stay current. Throughout the years, this service has become a passion to me. I don't take this service lightly. I'm here to serve.

## WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

Given my training, experience, and desire, I feel fully prepared to represent and can express the needs of our customer-owners. I've been fortunate to create and maintain personal relationships with many of our customers, both listening and sharing the concerns within the Association. I strive to take these concerns to the boardroom in my continued effort to be an appropriate representative. To talk with a young farmer as they navigate the financial maze of production agriculture reminds me of my own story, and I take that to heart. These aspects of the job have been most rewarding, and I hope, with your support, to continue fostering those relationships.

Also, from a legislative and regulatory standpoint, Farm Credit's voice nationally can't be underestimated and must be utilized. My service on the District Farm Credit Council has allowed me to do that, and I hope to continue.

## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2025 | 4-YEAR TERM KENTUCKY

# AMANDA GAJDIK

## SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY | OCCUPATION: FARMER

AGE: 42



### FARMING OPERATION

Amanda and her husband raise about 2,000 acres of corn and soybeans, background and finish cattle and have over 8,000 trees in their apple and peach orchard. Their on-farm agritourism market, Mulberry Orchard and commercial kitchen are key to the produce operation and a growing asset to their community.

### EDUCATION

University of Kentucky, B.S. in Agriculture Economics with a minor in Business

### BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council, 2020 to present
- Farm Credit Mid-America Growing Forward Committee, 2018-2019
- Kentucky Farm Bureau, past Young Farmer Advisory Committee member, past Generation Bridge Chair and Board Member
- Kentucky State Horticulture Society, Treasurer, 2014 to present
- Leadership Shelby, past participant
- Shelby County Chamber, past President and Board member
- Shelby County Extension Phase I Board, 2024 to present
- Shelby County Farm Bureau Womens' Committee, 2009 to present
- Shelby County Farm Bureau, Director, 2008 to present
- Shelby County Farm Bureau, Treasurer, 2025 to present
- Traditional Bank Advocacy Board, 2024 to present

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- American Soybean Association, past Corteva Young Leader Program
- Kentucky Soybean Association
- Kentucky State Horticulture Society
- Serenity Center Food Bank
- Shelby County 4-H volunteer

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I was born and raised in Shelby County and have a strong family background in agriculture with four generations of farmers before me. I graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture with a major in Ag. Economics and a minor in business.

After 7 years in lending at a local bank, I left my career in 2012 to return to the farm full time. My husband and I started our own farming operation after college raising row crops, burley tobacco and beef cattle. We've continued to rent additional farms to increase corn and soybean acres over the years and have moved from a cow-calf operation to backgrounding cattle. We also finish over 30 cattle each year for retail beef through our market. As challenges with the burley tobacco market continued to rise, we wanted to find a niche market that could replace tobacco over time. The first fruit trees were planted in 2010 and we now have over 8,000 apple & peach trees, along with raising vegetables, berries, and melons to sell in the on-farm market. Over 20 Kentucky Proud vendors sell their products at Mulberry Orchard where the focus is on local foods, letting the community experience agriculture, and educating the public on where their food comes from. We have two children, Nick (15) and Abby (12), who enjoy helping out in all parts of the operation.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

Farm Credit Mid-America has been a part of our farming story since day one and continues to be a big part of our operation. They took a chance on us, a young couple, fresh out of college, wanting to plant a couple thousand fruit trees and build a farm market. I've seen how they can think outside of the box and how they partner with the Farm Service Agency. I've been through the Growing Forward program and seen how much they pour into young and beginning farmers. Through the Advocate Council I've gotten to see how they continue to follow their mission and support all aspects of agriculture. I want to give back to an organization that has given so much to my operation and countless others with similar stories. I feel like my operation's diversity adds a unique insight that would be beneficial to the Board.



## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2025 | 4-YEAR TERM KENTUCKY

# BRENDA PAUL

PARIS, KENTUCKY | OCCUPATION: FARMER

AGE: 59



### FARMING OPERATION

Brenda is co-owner and manager of Timberlawn Farm, a commercial beef cow/calf and stocker operation in Paris, KY, which also raises row crops, forage crops and Thoroughbred horses. She is co-owner of Cattle Marketing Group, Lexington, KY, a livestock dealer which markets cattle throughout North America. She is also Manager and Trustee of Fish Family Trust, her family's original farm in Anderson, Indiana, which raises corn and soybeans.

### EDUCATION

Purdue University, B.S. Agricultural Economics

### BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Bourbon County Conservation District Board, past Chair
- Bourbon County Farm Bureau, past Director and Secretary
- Bourbon County FFA Alumni Association, Treasurer, 2017-2020
- Kentucky Agriculture Development Board, member, 2021-2024
- Southern States, Lexington Cooperative Board, Director, 2023 to present
- University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Advisory Committee, member
- USDA Farm Service Agency, Kentucky State Committee, Chair, 2018-2021

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Bourbon County Shooting Sports 4-H Club, Co-Coordinator
- Boy Scouts Troop 67, Troop Committee Member
- Church of the Annunciation parish member & St. Mary School past Council Member
- Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program (KALP) Class IX
- International Grasslands Congress Tour, Farm Host, 2023
- Kentucky Cattlemen's Association member
- Kentucky Soybean Association member
- Livestock Marketing Association member
- The Executive Program for Agriculture Producers (TEPAP) Units I and II, 2023 and 2024

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Having grown up on a family farm, I knew from an early age that my career would be in agriculture. I was an active 10-year 4-H member, majored in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, and worked in the animal health industry before becoming a farmer.

Timberlawn Farm is a first-generation farming operation founded along with my husband, Austin Paul, nearly 33 years ago. What began as a beef stocker cattle grazing operation has steadily expanded with the addition of commercial fall and spring calving cow herds, row crops and Thoroughbred horses. While Austin primarily focused on the livestock dealer business now known as Cattle Marketing Group, I focused my work at the farm. We raised our two sons, Spencer Paul and Nelson Paul, at this farm instilling in them a deep appreciation for agriculture. Following college, both have returned to Kentucky and joined the family businesses. I'm also very proud to honor my parents' farming legacy as the farm manager of the Fish Family Trust farm, a corn and soybean farming operation in Central Indiana.

Over the years, I've worked hard to improve and promote agriculture through my service on many agricultural boards at local, state and federal levels, and I feel the collective knowledge I've gained from those experiences will enable me to be an effective Farm Credit Mid-America director should I be chosen to serve. I was deeply honored to be named the Farmer of the Year award winner by Kentucky Farm Bureau in 2024.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

It would be an honor to serve on Farm Credit Mid-America's Board of Directors. Over the years, I've come to appreciate Farm Credit Mid-America as being more than just a lender. Farm Credit Mid-America offers a variety of resources and services that provide direct benefit to agriculture businesses. Farm Credit Mid-America is a true partner in both of our operations' successes. My diverse farming and business experiences would enable me to contribute as a director and represent crop and livestock farmers seeking affordable working capital, as well as agri-business customers striving to achieve their business goals.

## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2025 | 4-YEAR TERM OHIO

# SEAN RITTINGER



**STOUTSVILLE, OHIO | OCCUPATION: FARMER & SEED DEALER**

AGE: 51

### FARMING OPERATION

Sean is the owner and operator of Rittinger Farms LLC, a fourth-generation grain farm. The operation consists of row crop corn and soybeans on 700 owned and 200 rented acres in South Central Ohio and 800 owned acres under pivot in Nebraska, being leased to a local young farmer. He, along with his wife Rachel, also own and operate Stoutsville Seed Shed, a full-service seed business offering precision agriculture, nutrition and drone services. Sean is committed to using the most up-to-date digital, precision and agronomic practices. He also has conducted research for various agriculture companies on his farm for the past 20 years. He is proud to be a fourth-generation farm operator but even more proud to be a first-generation land owner.

### EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, B.S. Ag Business and Applied Economics

### BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Farm Credit Mid-America Advisory Committee, Circleville Office, 2010-2016
- Alpha Gamma Sigma Alumni Board, past president
- Alpha Gamma Sigma Foundation
- Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers, 2021 to present
  - Policy & Procedures Committee
  - Solar Strike Team

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Amanda-Clearcreek FFA Advisory Council
- Amanda-Clearcreek Schools Finance Advisory Committee
- Lancaster FFA Advisory Council
- Lancaster Young Farmers
- Mt. Carmel United Church of Christ, Deacon
- Pickaway County Farmers Club, past president

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Like many farm kids, I started my farming career on a carpet square with my bed as a barn for toy tractors. My love for agriculture grew as I went with my dad to the family farm at Grandpa Wheeler's house every available chance. Growing up in the 1980s and witnessing my family persist through a tough farm economy, I decided on college and getting a "town job." But my senior year at The Ohio State University, my heart told me to return home to farm. However, the family farm had just given up acres of farm ground, so I found another route into corporate agriculture learning the seed sales side of the industry. I ended up in home territory as a sales representative and cultivated many relationships with neighbors and friends building a strong business.

In 2006, my wife Rachel and I bought a small 35-acre farm. Our farming career restarted with 40 acres and the ability to help the family farm on the side. In 2009 we started a 10-year buyout of my father's machinery, and in 2018 we were able to buy the farm I was born and raised on from the landowners my parents had farmed for since 1970. Today I still farm and run a full-service seed business close to where it all started in 1973. We are hopefully preparing for the possibility of our two sons, Christian (13) and Grant (10), and daughter, Sylvie (8), to be fifth generation farmers.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

I believe your lender is one of the most important people in your business or farm operation. For me, Farm Credit Mid-America has always provided guidance and financing. Every team member I have worked with at Farm Credit Mid-America remain close advisors to me in business today. My goal as a director is to promote an environment that makes financial lenders want to be long term employees and viewed as reliable business partners by their customers. I have a vested interest to ensure the next generation of rural America has access to trusted financial resources. Lending is a business, but those who offer a personal touch are needed in rural areas due to the complexity and diversity of our needs. I want Farm Credit Mid-America to be a business partner who knows your farm and family, is an integral part of the community fabric, and celebrates with you when the deal is done.

## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2025 | 4-YEAR TERM OHIO

# RACHAEL VONDERHAAR



**CAMDEN, OHIO | OCCUPATION: FARMER**

AGE: 50

### FARMING OPERATION

Rachael with her family (Alan (Husband), Children: Adam, Ryan, Mary (Daughter-in-Law), Caroline, Malik (Son-in-law), and Leonard (Father-in-Law)) owns and operates Vonderhaar Farms Inc, a diversified farming operation in Southwest Ohio. The operation grows corn, soybeans and wheat. Additionally, it runs a small commercial cow/calf operation, selling freezer beef direct to consumers. The operation also custom installs systematic drainage tile and custom mix and bag bird feed.

### EDUCATION

Morehead State University

### BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Farm Credit Mid-America Board of Directors
  - Director, 2016 to present
  - Audit Committee, 2017-2019, 2020-2022, 2024-2025
  - Community Investment Committee, 2022-2025
  - Executive Committee, 2022-2024
  - Human Resources Committee, 2019-2020
  - PAC Committee, Chair, 2021-2022
- AgriBank District Farm Credit Council, Board Member, 2023 to present
- AgriBank District Farm Credit Council Alternate, 2018-2022
- AgriBank Nominating Committee, 2021-2022
- Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee, 2014-2015
- Farm Credit Mid-America Advisory Committee, Eaton Office, 2008-2016
- Miami Valley Regional Planning, Director & 3rd Vice President, 2023 to present
- Preble County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Board Member, 2021 to present
- Reid Health Foundation, Director, 2019 to present

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- American Agri-Women (AAW)
- Farm Service Agency County Committee Member Preble/Montgomery
- Preble County Farm Bureau
- Preble County Habitat for Humanity
- Preble County Rotary Club
- Preble County Special Olympics (Basketball, Softball)
- Ohio Agri-Women (OAW)
- Ohio Small Grains Marketing Program
- Wheat Foods Council

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Twenty-four years ago, my husband and father-in-law recruited me into the Vonderhaar Farms Inc. office, as the controller, utilizing Sage Accounting. I have served as Treasurer for several nonprofits, I enjoy sharing my skills in service with my community, an example I helped found the Friends of PC 4-H Inc to assist in solving financial shortfalls of the county 4-H program in 2010. I have used my ability to promote agriculture domestically with the Wheat Foods Council and internationally with U.S. Wheat meeting with millers and bakers throughout Latin and South America, promoting the quality, use and consumption of U.S. wheat. I recognize risk, enjoy problem solving, and like to find solutions that are winning strategies. Faith, Family, and Agriculture are my foundation.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

If blessed with the opportunity to continue representing our Farm Credit Mid-America cooperative members and the rural communities of our region, I will continue to use my strong compassionate voice to express the needs, desires, dedication, and work ethic of our members. Our Farm Credit Mid-America team has worked hard with our families, sharing knowledge and educational opportunities like the “Know to Grow” and “Succession Planning Basics” Workshops. I plan to make sure educational opportunities are continuing to be shared, along with protecting and strengthening the Farm Credit System to ensure access to capital for future generations of Rural America. I am grateful to be a member of our cooperative.

## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2025 | 4-YEAR TERM TENNESSEE

# MARK KLEPPER



## GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE | OCCUPATION: FARMER & OWNER OF WOODLAWN FARMS LLC

AGE: 44

### FARMING OPERATION

Mark owns and operates Woodlawn Farms LLC, where he raises corn, soybeans and hay. He is a contract grower for Koch Foods with eight broiler houses and has a farrow to finish hog operation and a registered Angus beef herd. Additionally, he has a freezer beef and pork operation selling retail cuts to customers directly from the farm as well as the Kingsport Farmers Market.

### EDUCATION

Walters State Community College, Associate's in Agriculture Business

### BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council, 2019 to present
- Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee, 2024
- Farm Credit Mid-America Advisory Committee, Greeneville Office
- Greene County Fair Board, Building Committee Chair, current
- Greene County Farm Bureau, President, 2023 to present
- Greene County Livestock Association, past Director
- North Greene Utilities, Board Member, 2024 to present
- Tennessee Farm Bureau, YF&R Chair, 2009
- Tennessee State Soil Conservation, Committee Member, 2013-2014

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- American Soybean Association, Leadership At Its Best Program, graduate
- Greene County Partnership, Leadership Graduate
- Greeneville Church of Christ, Deacon, Youth Education Leader
- Kids Day on the Farm, teacher
- North Greene High School FFA Alumni
- Tennessee Angus Association

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

My farming journey began while in college studying Agriculture Business. It was then that I built two broiler houses in 2001 with a loan from Farm Credit. After graduation, I married my wife, Cindy, and we expanded the operation by building two more broiler houses. We also began building a beef cattle herd and became involved with my father's farrow to finish hog operation. We continued to expand the cattle and hog operation which led to growing our own corn and soybeans for feed.

During this time, I became active in the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers program where I served as state chairman in 2009. I was blessed to be named the Tennessee Young Farmer of the Year in 2014 and represent our state at the national level winning first runner up. Our operation has steadily grown over the years with the addition of more broiler houses, acreage, and a freezer beef and pork business. Cindy and I have been married for 21 years and have two boys, Evan (13) and Luke (11).

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

Farm Credit Mid-America provided me with my first loan 24 years ago. I have had a great working relationship with them since that time. I have been involved in several aspects of Farm Credit Mid-America including the Advisory Committee, Advocate Council, and Nominating Committee. I hope to continue working with them as a Board member. With the ever-changing agriculture environment, it is essential that Farm Credit Mid-America is there to help the farmers meet the needs of their operations. If elected I will work with the other board members on ways to make Farm Credit Mid-America more efficient while serving their customers.

## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES 2025 | 4-YEAR TERM TENNESSEE

# BEN NEALE



## COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE | OCCUPATION: BEEF CATTLE & MEAT PROCESSING COMPANY, OWNER

AGE: 45

### FARMING OPERATION

Ben operates an integrated beef cattle business, managing 400 cows and collaborating with various cooperator herds. His beef line includes feeding cattle to finish and selling fats on the grid at Midwest plants and/or into the branded program. Additionally, Ben owns and operates a USDA-inspected processing company, doing all the fabrication for the line and providing custom processing services for other local producers. Since 2016, Ben's operation has been processing between 30-40 beef per week, along with slaughtering hogs, sheep and goats. In 2022, they opened a second retail butcher location focusing solely on end products.

### EDUCATION

University of Tennessee-Martin, B.S. in Agriculture, Pre-vet, M.S. Agricultural Operations & Management, MBA

### BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council, 2022 to present
- Farm Credit Mid-America Financial Officer, 2018-2021
- American Association of Meat Processors
- Tennessee Farm Bureau
- Tennessee State Grassland Council

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- GWP – Non-profit ministries
- Non-profit organization to offer a sober living center in Giles County
- Sponsor and host a special needs ball league
- Donate products for approximately 5,000 meals to individuals in special needs housing

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I was raised on a small farm in Lynnville, Tennessee. My involvement in the cattle industry has grown from a childhood job to a global cattle business by representing U.S. cattle producers on the Five Nations Beef Alliance and involvement in multiple national associations. This also includes my two decades of experience with purebred and commercial herd management, direct marketing of feeder and fat cattle, livestock feed sales, nutritional consulting, and now, owning Light Hill Meats. Light Hill Meats is a completely integrated beef business that consists of a cow herd that has been developed over a decade to make the best quality beef possible, a USDA-inspected processing facility in Lynnville, TN and the Light Hill Meats butcher shop in Spring Hill, TN.

I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee-Martin and later earned a Master's Degree in Agricultural Operations and Masters of Business Administration from UTM.

My wife, Lauren, and I have four children and reside in Columbia, Tennessee.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA BOARD?

I am passionate about joining the Board of Farm Credit Mid-America because I believe in giving back to the community, industry, and people who have supported me throughout my journey. Without Farm Credit Mid-America, our business would not exist. My experience as a first-generation beef cattle farmer, owner of Light Hill Meats, LLC, and former Farm Credit Mid-America team member has given me a unique understanding of the agricultural sector's challenges and opportunities. I have daily contact with customers not involved in agriculture. Our business model is different than those from generational farming operations. To be competitive, our business is integrated and customer-facing. I have witnessed firsthand the impact of financial support and strategic guidance on farmers and agricultural businesses. Serving on the Board would allow me to contribute from a different perspective while supporting those in agriculture that have been such a large part of my life.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## ARKANSAS/MISSOURI

### **CORBIN BROWN, WYNNE**

Brown owns and operates his farm, primarily raising rice and soybeans. He also has a rental property business. Brown serves as a Director of the Cross County Rural Water Board, Arkansas Rice, and USA Rice and President and a member of the Cross County Soil Conservation Board. He is a current member of the Master Masons. He previously served as a Deacon of the Wayne Presbyterian Church, Secretary and Treasurer of Delta Regional Airport, and as President of the Cross County Farm Bureau. Brown has served on both Farm Credit Midsouth's and Farm Credit Mid-America's Nominating Committees.

### **WILL CASHION, WEST HELENA**

Cashion is a full-time farmer, growing rice, corn and soybeans on 6,700 acres in Phillips County. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness Management from the University of Arkansas. Cashion served as Board President for the Helena Country Club from 2017-2018 and served on the Phillips County Chamber of Commerce Board from 2020-2023. Cashion is a current member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

### **MARK COLEMAN, CORNING**

Coleman owns and operates Mark Coleman Farms with his father. He has a row crop operation raising rice, corn and soybeans on 2,000 leased acres. He owns and operates Coleman Custom Spraying offering herbicide and pesticide applications. Mark is President and previously Vice President of the Clay County Farm Bureau. He also served as the Clay County Extension Chair for the Rice and Soybeans Committee. He has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

### **TODD EDWARDS, LEACHVILLE**

Edwards is a full-time farmer raising cotton on 3,180 acres and peanuts on 730 acres. He has been farming for 28 years. Edwards is a graduate of Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business.

### **TYLER HUCKABAY, LAFE**

Huckabay is a full-time farmer raising rice, soybeans and corn on 200 owned and 5,100 leased acres with his father and two brothers.

### **MATTHEW OWENS, WYNNE**

Owens is a full-time farmer and the owner/operator of Westview Farms Partnership, which is a 2,200-acre grain operation, growing rice, soybeans and corn. Owens holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business from Arkansas State University.

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

## **NATHAN PRIBBLE, WYNNE**

Pribble is the owner of Nathan Pribble Farms, LLC with his wife, Jordan, where he farms 1,600 acres of rice and soybeans. He is a 50% partner in Pribble Farm Partnership where he has 7,000 acres. He also is a partner in Pribble Truck and Equipment. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and has a Commercial Multi-Engine pilot's license. He is currently on the Board of Cross County Farm Bureau.

## **KYLE SCHLENKER, WYNNE**

Schlenker operates a rice, corn and soybean row crop farming operation. He previously worked in agricultural finance and has 18 years of experience in that field, gained while he was also actively involved in his family farming operation. Schlenker also has three years' experience in grain merchandising and seed sales. He is currently a delegate for MFA Oil, a member of the Farmers Supply Association nominating committee, and a director for the Arkansas Soybean Association.

## **TRAVIS SENTER II, OSCEOLA**

Senter manages and operates multiple family farm operations, specializing in the production of cotton, rice, corn and soybeans. Senter is involved in all parts of the operation including, but not limited to, financial planning, management, market trend analysis, logistics and technology applications. He is currently on the Arkansas State Plant Board and is a member of the South Mississippi County Intermodal Authority. Senter previously served on the Farm Credit Midsouth Nominating Committee and is currently a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

## **THOMAS TURNER, MARVELL**

Turner has been a full-time farmer for 30 years in Phillips County and has owned the fuel distributor, Turner Oil Company, Inc., for the past 35 years. He grows soybeans and corn on 2,400 acres. Turner holds a Business Finance degree from Memphis State University.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## INDIANA

### **DAN ARNHOLT, COLUMBUS**

Arnholt is part-owner of Sudan Farms Inc. raising corn and soybeans on 1,500 acres, custom farms 600 acres, and conducts soil testing, lime and gypsum application in several counties. He served as CEO or interim CEO for several Rural Electric Membership Corporations and on the boards of CAPCO, AgrilInstitute, Columbus Economic Development Board, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Indiana 4-H Tractor Committee, and Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County. Arnholt has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. He currently is Captain of Elder Team for St. Peters Lutheran Church, leader of Bartholomew County 4-H Tractor Program, coordinator of AgrilInstitute's Community Foundation program and Chairman of Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission.

### **JOE BLANDFORD, HEBRON**

Blandford owns and operates TriCreek Home Improvement and farms a grain operation part-time on 311 acres. He has owned TriCreek Home Improvement for 30 years and has experience in all aspects of the job including human resources, financial plans and commodities sales/purchases. He has been on the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council for several years and is currently a member of the Orgill Dealer Advisory Council.

### **A. J. BOOHER, WEST LAFAYETTE**

A.J. and his wife, Amy, own 740 acres and lease an additional 3,200 acres on which they raise corn, soybeans, cattle and hogs. He is the sixth generation on the family farm, which has been in business for 154 years. A.J. assumed management of the farm in 1993; since that time, the farm has grown from 1,400 acres to 3,900 acres. Along with his wife, he also started a vacation condo rental business in Florida. Booher is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council and has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee for 10 years. He is an Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni and serves on the AGR Corporation Board.

### **KATHARINE BURGER, CEDAR GROVE**

Burger is a Financial Advisor. She has a row crop operation raising corn, beans, wheat and feeder steers on 82 acres. She assists with her mother and father-in-law's dairy farm part-time. Burger is a graduate of Purdue University with a Master of Science in Agricultural Systems Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. Burger was previously employed with Farm Credit Mid-America for four years. She has almost 8 years of experience in financial services and advising in her role as a broker.

### **LUKE DOUGHERTY, BOGGSTOWN**

Dougherty farms approximately 3,500 acres, growing a diverse array of value-added specialty crops including waxy corn, white corn, seed corn, seed beans, popcorn, non-gmo beans, seed wheat, cucumbers, and organic production. He also co-owns an aerial application drone business, spraying over 20,000 acres. Dougherty holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Economics from Purdue University with a concentration in Farm Management. He serves on the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council, is a member of the Premier Ag Insight Group, and is a parishioner at Rocklane Christian Church.



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## **DAVID HARDIN, AVON**

Hardin is a full-time farmer raising corn, soybeans, and wheat using both conventional and no-till practices on 375 owned and 1,975 leased acres. Additionally, he manages his family's swine operation. Hardin currently serves on the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council and has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. He is a director on the Indiana Soybean Alliance Board, a member of Indiana Pork Producers, Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture Advisory Council, Hendricks County Farm Bureau, Hendricks County Health Board, Indiana Board of Animal Health, and the AgrlInstitute class 12.

## **SCOTT MAPLE, KOKOMO**

Maple is a third-generation partner in a multi-family commercial grain operation raising corn, soybeans and wheat on 403 owned and 6,100 leased acres. Maple teaches agriculture as an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College. He is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council. He is Policy Chairman for Howard County Farm Bureau, serves on the Board of Directors of Kokomo Rescue Mission, on the Advisory Group for the Purdue Center for Commercial Ag, and is a member of Crossroads Community Church. He has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

## **JACOB SMOKER, WANATAH**

Smoker is a full-time farmer raising corn, seed corn, soybeans, wheat, barley and cattle. He is a graduate of Purdue University. He worked for five years as a District Manager for a large grocery retailer. Smoker previously served as Vice President of LaPorte County Farm Bureau and as Chairman and Member of Indiana Farm Bureau's Young Farmers State Committee. He currently serves on Indiana Farm Bureau's Production Policy Advisory Board and Oversight Committee District 1. He is also a current member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

## **TERRY STRUEH, LAFAYETTE**

Strueh is a part-time farmer running a corn, soybeans, and alfalfa operation. After forty years, he retired from maintaining a flock of registered Suffolk Ewes last fall. Strueh holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Purdue University, where he was employed in various roles for 39 years, the latest being Vice President of Government Relations. He previously served on the Purdue Ag Alumni Board, including as President of the organization. Strueh is currently a member of the Indiana State Fair Board of Directors, the State Fair Commission, and the Indiana Farm Bureau. He has also served in various roles at the Immanuel United Church of Christ Church.

## **BRIAN WISE, CARMEL**

Wise runs a cash grain operation on 784 acres. He has 24 years of commercial banking experience, primarily in agribusiness, 8 years of general management of an integrated swine operation, and 14 years in institutional farmland acquisition and management. He is currently on the board of the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## KENTUCKY

### **STEVEN BACH, MOUNT STERLING**

Bach farms on 900 owned and 1,400 leased acres, where he raises 300 beef cows, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, peach trees, and asparagus. He currently serves on the Bath County Farm Bureau and Kentucky Corn Growers Association Boards of Directors and is a member of the Owingsville First Church of God. Bach previously served on the University of Kentucky Ag Alumni Association. He has an Animal Science Degree from the University of Kentucky and is a graduate of the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program. He has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

### **ERIC HOWARD, CALHOUN**

Howard serves as the farm manager/co-operator at Vandiver Farms, a 2,400-acre corn and soybean farm operation in McLean County, KY. He runs the day-to-day operations which includes buying equipment, planting and harvesting, repair and maintenance, input to marketing and overseeing the daily tasks. He is a member of the Calhoun Baptist Church and an alumni of McLean County FFA.

### **BRUCE D. LANGLEY, SHELBYVILLE**

Langley is a fourth-generation full-time farmer. He farms on 18,960 acres, where he raises cattle, hay, straw, corn, soybeans, tobacco, watermelon, and rye. He oversees the daily operations of Langley Farms LLC, including supervising 60 full-time employees and seasonal workers. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. Langley is a former member of the Extension Ag & Horticulture Board and currently serves on the Shelby County Fair Board. He is a parishioner at Southeast Christian Church.

### **CHRIS MITCHELL, FLEMINGSBURG**

Mitchell is a full-time farmer who operates a 300 cow/calf operation, hay and finished beef sales and row crops on 325 owned and 500 leased acres. He also runs a lime spreading business. He previously served on his local Farm Credit Advisory Committee and the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. Mitchell serves on the Board of Directors for the Fleming County Farm Bureau, Fleming County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. and A Better Community Foundation. He is also Vice President of the Lions Club.

### **KEVIN MOBLEY, ELIZABETHTOWN**

Mobley is a fourth-generation full-time farmer raising corn and soybean row crops on approximately 1,600 acres. He has previously served on Farm Credit Mid-America's Advocate Council. Mobley currently serves as a member of the Hardin County Farm Bureau Board, is a Deacon at the Severns Valley Baptist Church and is the Chair of the FSA Committee.

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

## **ALICE MAZE PORTER, HILLSBORO**

Porter owns 650 acres and leases an additional 300 acres. Her operation includes cow/calf pairs, backgrounding feeder calves, and she retains heifers from her herd to breed and sell. She previously served on her local Farm Credit Advisory Committee and has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

## **TYSON SANDERFUR, HARTFORD**

Sanderfur farms in Ohio County, Kentucky with his wife, father, 3 sons and a daughter. He started farming in 1992 at the age of 13. Sanderfur operates 2,500 acres. He grows corn, soybeans, wheat, canola, and tobacco. He also raises beef cattle and turkeys. Along with farming, he has 20 years of experience in the agriculture insurance field. He is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council. He is secretary of the Lions Club, chairman of the No Creek Community Church and Director of Kentucky Corn Growers. He served as Director of the Chamber of Commerce from 2010-2016.

## **AARON TUCKER, CALHOUN**

Tucker runs a farming operation on 140 acres of owned and leased land where he raises beef cattle and hay and has a welding shop. Tucker, an agriculture teacher at Apollo High School, previously served as the Regional Chair and State Treasurer of the Kentucky Association of Ag Educators and as the Vice President of Daviess County Cattlemen. He has served as moderator at Buck Creek Baptist Church and has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. He lives in McLean County with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children.

## **MATT WATSON, FLEMINGSBURG**

Watson is a fifth-generation cattle farmer in Northeastern Kentucky. He currently runs a purebred and commercial cattle operation on 100 acres. Watson has previously served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. He is involved in the Fleming County Farm Bureau, the Fleming County FAA Alumni Association, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, the Hereford Youth Foundation of America, and the Kentucky Hereford Association. Watson holds director roles with the Fleming County Cattleman's Board of Directors, the Fleming County Livestock Improvement Board of Directors, and serves as an Advisor to the Kentucky Junior Hereford Association.

## **GREG WILSON, OLMSTEAD**

Wilson farms grain/corn, wheat, and beans on 3,288 acres. After obtaining his Agriculture Business Bachelor of Science degree, Wilson worked in agricultural retail and then transitioned into other roles, ultimately landing at Channel Seed where he has spent the last 20 years focused on sales, customer engagement, and marketplace expansion. Wilson has been an active member of Dripping Spring Baptist Church since 2003 and was selected as a Deacon in 2016. Since 2023, he has served that church as Chairman of the Deacons. Wilson is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## OHIO

### **LUKE DURBIN, COSHOCTON**

Durbin is a full-time grain farmer, in partnership with his father at Durbin Farms LLC, in Tuscarawas County. They produce 2,400 acres of wheat, corn, and soybeans annually. In addition, Luke and his wife, Kayla, operate Durbin Land & Cattle where they raise 50 Simmental cow/calf pairs and forage hay. Luke and Kayla have served as past chairs of the Young Ag Professionals Committee for Ohio Farm Bureau. He is on the Advisory Committee for the Indian Valley FFA, as well as an active member of the Coshocton County Farm Bureau. Luke holds an Associate's Degree from Ohio State in crop production management. In addition, he has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

### **CHARLIE ELLINGTON, LOUISVILLE**

Ellington has a beef, grain, hay, and dairy operation, farming 302 acres. His operations also include selling hogs, broilers, eggs, and beef direct to consumers. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University and, in addition to his farming operations, works as the Senior Nutritionist for Heritage Cooperative. He is a member of Farm Bureau, the Stark County Cattlemen's Association, Ohio Cattlemen's Association, National Cattlemen's Association, and the Soybean Association. Ellington has previously served as a member of Farm Credit Mid-America's Nominating Committee.

### **BETH ELLIS, SABINA**

Ellis is a partner of the family operation that owns 1,600 acres, leases 5,900 acres, and has farmed full-time since 1996, primarily producing corn and soybeans but including wheat and sorghum for cover. Ellis also owns/operates a 640-acre pheasant hunting preserve licensed by the ODNR. Ellis is the preserve's full-time manager, responsible for duties including HR/payroll, accounting, employee safety compliance, licensing and property management. She is also Vice Chair of the Clinton County Port Authority and President of Operation Cherrybend. Ellis was previously President of the Clinton County Farm Bureau and served as a board member on the Clinton County Visitors Bureau. Beth currently serves on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

### **LUKE HARBAGE, SOUTH CHARLESTON**

Harbage runs a seventh-generation farming operation with his brother, growing corn, soybeans, seed beans, and wheat on 2,000 acres. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and Applied Economics from The Ohio State University and a MBA from Ohio University. Harbage has approximately 16 years' experience in agricultural finance and experience as the owner/manager of an equipment dealership. He served as the Clark County Ag Society Treasurer from 2014-2022 and as a board member of the Farm Credit Employee Credit Union from 2008-2011.

### **JOHN HUMMEL, CARROLL**

Hummel is a full-time farmer and co-manager of his family farm raising corn and soybeans on 3,400 acres for the past 15 years. He holds an Associate's Degree in business from Ohio University. He is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council and has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. Hummel serves as President of the Franklin County Farm Bureau and is Chair of the Young Ag Professionals Committee for the Ohio Farm Bureau.

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

## **ELLEN JOSLIN, CONOVER**

Joslin has farmed for over 40 years. She grows corn and soybeans on 660 owned acres. She is a current member, and a former President, of the Shelby County Farm Bureau. Joslin has 9 years' experience serving on the Ohio Soybean Council, 14 years served on the Ohio Farm Bureau State Board and 3 years served on the Ag Trade Advisory Committee for the USDA. She was also a former Advisory Committee member for Farm Credit Mid-America. Joslin has served for one year on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee and attended the Advocate Council Meeting and Insights Conference.

## **LISA PETERSON, SABINA**

Peterson is a partner in Peterson Farms, a 3,000-acre row-crop family farm where they raise corn, soybeans, and wheat. Additionally, Peterson owns and operates a paint & craft party business, SageTree Studio, and an online Etsy storefront, Grassy Branch Farm. She is a member of the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board, Fayette County Farm Bureau Board, Fayette County Republican Women's Club, Life Pregnancy Board member and Treasurer of Peterson for Good Government Campaign Committee. Peterson has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee and Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

## **TOM STECK, BROOKVILLE**

Steck currently farms 640 acres growing corn, soybeans, wheat and barley. Tom and his son, David, are 2nd and 3rd-generation farmers. He has over 20 years of management experience in a building supply company and served as the transportation and grounds supervisor for a local school district. Steck is a current board member for the Montgomery County Educational Service Center and the Brookville Kiwanis Organization. He is Chairman of the FSA serving Montgomery and Preble counties, has been a member of the Ohio and Montgomery County Farm Bureau since 2018 and recently became a member of the Ohio Corn and Wheat Association. Steck has participated as a Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council member since 2018.

## **MIKE WOLFE, BALTIMORE**

Wolfe has operated the family grain farm since graduating from The Ohio State University in 1989. He farms 1,500 acres where he grows corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. In conjunction with his row crop operation, he has run a farrow to finish hog operation and an excavating and farm drainage business. He is a trustee for the Thurston Methodist Church, a member of the Fairfield County Regional Planning Committee and on the Board of the Fairfield County Farm Bureau. He has previously held several offices with the Walnut TWP Zoning Board and the Fairfield County SWCD Board. He is currently a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee and Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council and was on the Association's Advisory Committee until 2018.

## **JEFF WUEBKER, VERSAILLES**

Wuebker has been a full-time farmer for more than 20 years with an operation that consists of 1,000 acres of row crops, Holstein and dairy beef cross steers, as well as hog production and finishing. Before he started full-time farming, he worked as an independent crop consultant for clients in Western Ohio and Eastern Indiana. He currently serves on the Holy Family Catholic Church Parish Council and has previously served in numerous agricultural leadership roles, including President and Chairman of the Ohio Soybean Association. Wuebker is a past Board member of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and an inaugural member of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## TENNESSEE

### **ANDY DAVIS, SPARTA**

Davis raises corn, wheat, soybeans, and sweet corn on over 3,000 acres of land and operates a trucking and custom farming business alongside his father and brothers at Davis Farms. He and his wife, Terra, also raise cattle and sweet corn and operate a small agritourism operation on their home farm. Andy and Terra have two children, Colson and Attie. After graduating from UT-Knoxville with a Master of Science in Ag Economics, Davis went on to obtain an MBA from UT-Martin. He also worked as a Loan Officer for Farm Credit Mid-America and as a Farm Management Specialist with UT Extension. Davis currently holds leadership positions with the White County Soil Conservation Board, White County Farm Bureau Board, White County Ag Committee, River Sparta Church and is a member of the Tennessee Corn Growers Association, and Tennessee Cattlemen's Association.

### **PAUL DAVIS, LASCASSAS**

Davis owns 101 acres where he raises registered Angus bulls, farm to table beef and pork, and hay. Davis holds a Ph.D. in livestock nutrition and has 29 years' experience in the livestock feed industry. He currently serves as a Board member for the White County Farmers Co-op. Davis's prior experience includes serving as a member of the Murfreesboro Farm Credit Advisory Committee and on the boards of Cooperative Research Farms, the American Feed Industry Association, and the Tennessee Feed and Grain Association. He has also served multiple times on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee.

### **ROBERT ELLIOTT, CEDAR HILL**

Elliott works full-time as the District Sales Leader for Corteva Agriscience with the Pioneer and PhytoGen Seed brands managing 11 employees, all budgets, a large agriculture retail network of dealers, farmer success and sales numbers for Corn, Soybeans, Canola, and PhytoGen Cotton lines covering Middle, East, and Northwest Tennessee and all of Kentucky. He is a seventh-generation farmer who raises registered Angus cattle, dark fired and air cured tobacco, grass and bermuda hay, and greenhouse tobacco transplants with his family on 600 acres, of which he owns 35. He and his wife, Lindsay, and two daughters live on the farm today. Elliott is a Certified Crop Adviser and works in that capacity for his family farming operation and consults with large farming operations across Tennessee and Kentucky. He has been an active agriculture advocate through the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, 4-H programs, UTIA, and Alpha Gamma Rho. Elliott has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee and is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

### **HEATHER HARDY, BROWNSVILLE**

Hardy farms diversified grain and cotton with her family. She previously worked off-farm for eight years interacting with growers in West Tennessee in small grain seed production and precision agriculture capacities. Hardy has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee, is a member of the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council, and previously served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Young, Beginning, and Small Farmer Advisory Board. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Halls First Methodist Church and is a part of the Haywood County Leadership Board of Directors where she chairs the Youth Leadership Committee.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

## **WILLIS JEPSON, ORLINDA**

Jepson is a seventh-generation farmer in his family farming business. He began a partnership with his parents after graduating from UT-Knoxville in 1999 and they currently operate 10,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, watermelon, pumpkins, and dark tobacco. Jepson also holds many leadership positions and participates in organizations such as the Corn Growers Association, Small Grain Association, Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council, Robertson County Farm Bureau Board, National Watermelon Association, Soybean Growers Association, KY Ag Leadership Program, KY Corn Core Program, Top Tier Peer Group, Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program Board, Governor Bill Haslam Rural Challenge Committee, the Robertson County Economic Development Board, and the University of Tennessee Institute of Ag Advancement Board.

## **TOM MCDOW, COVINGTON**

McDow is a farmer with a family operation consisting of 3,500 acres of row crops, including corn, cotton, soybeans, wheat, and canola. He has farmed with his family and worked in the agricultural industry for Corteva for approximately 11 years. McDow has a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness from Mississippi State University with a minor in economics and agronomy. His leadership positions include serving as the District Cotton Supply Lead for Corteva, the Vice Chairman of First Baptist Church Finance Committee and Vice Chairman of the Tipton County Young Farmers. McDow currently serves on the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council.

## **BEN SANDERS, COLUMBIA**

Sanders is the Executive Director of Government Affairs for Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee. He also runs a 150-head commercial Angus cow/calf operation and raises wheat and millet hay on 600 owned and 150 leased acres. He serves on the Farm Credit Mid-America Advocate Council and has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. He has had leadership roles with the Tennessee 4-H Foundation, Tennessee 4-H Alumni, University of Tennessee Alumni Association, University of Tennessee AGR Alumni Association, and is a member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Association.

## **BRETT SIVERT, WHITESBURG**

Sivert and his family run a 200 head cow/calf operation and grows hay alongside his wife in Whitesburg. He is the co-owner of Quest Enterprise Inc. which is located in Rogersville, TN and services mainly the southeastern part of the U.S., specializing in trucking, excavating, new construction, concrete and millwright. He attended Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN with a major in business. Sivert is currently a member of his local Farm Bureau and previously served two years on the state board of the Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers.

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

## **DAN STRASSER, CHAPEL HILL**

Strasser is Director of Special Programs for Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, a role in which he focuses on helping farmers through education and leadership development. Born and raised in a dairy farming family, Strasser and his wife are raising their family on the same farm. He partners with neighboring farmers who produce row crops, hay and livestock on portions of his land. Strasser obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He currently serves as Vice President on the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives Board, Chairman of the Board for Chesterton Academy of the Incarnation, and the State Coordinator for Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers.

## **BRANDON WHITT, MURFREESBORO**

Whitt is an eighth-generation farmer on his family farm comprised of row crops and specialty crops on 400 owned and 1,900 leased acres. His farm operation includes “you pick” strawberries, hay and custom milling and bagging of grains grown on the farm. Whitt previously served on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, including serving as Young Farmer President. He received the American Farm Bureau’s National Young Farmer of the Year award and served as Chairman of the Rutherford County Ag Committee. He has served on the Farm Credit Mid-America Nominating Committee. Whitt also owns and operates Volunteer Mission grain, which is an initiative to promote and connect, primarily century and multi-century farms, with direct-to-market end users in the Volunteer State.



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# ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION STATEMENT

## NOTICE AND PURPOSE

The 2025 Annual Meeting of Farm Credit Mid-America, ACA, convenes on April 24, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting location is at Farm Credit Mid-America, 12501 Lakefront Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40299. All Equityholders of Farm Credit Mid-America are invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting on April 24, 2025, is to review any appropriate issues regarding the financial and operational areas of Farm Credit Mid-America. In addition, floor nominations can be made for the four Director positions up for election and for 2026 Nominating Committee positions.

The 2024 Annual Report to Equityholders is incorporated herein by reference.

### DIRECTORS \*

Name	State	Age	Term of Office	Period Served	Type of Agriculture Engaged In
Dane Coomer**	AR	57	2025	04/2023 to Present	Grain/Cotton
Dustin Henson	AR	38	2028	07/2024 to Present	Grain
Franklin A. Fogleman, Jr.	AR	49	2026	04/2023 to Present	Grain
Dwain (Doc) Cottingham	IN	71	2027	10/2015 to Present	Grain
Dale Koester	IN	54	2028	11/2021 to Present	Grain/Dairy
Stephanie Hopper	IN	35	2026	06/2021 to Present	Grain/Livestock
John Kuegel Jr., Vice Chair	KY	58	2028	10/2012 to Present	Grain/Livestock
David Bates, III**	KY	77	2025	01/1988 to Present	Grain/Livestock
Todd Clark, Chair	KY	55	2026	06/2019 to Present	Tobacco/Livestock/Poultry/Hay
Rachael Vonderhaar, Secretary**	OH	49	2025	10/2017 to Present	Grain/Livestock
Lowell Hill	OH	77	2026	10/2014 to Present	Grain
Allen Armstrong	OH	60	2027	04/2024 to Present	Grain
Jason Moore	TN	44	2028	06/2020 to Present	Grain/Livestock/Hay
Dale (Bud) Tucker**	TN	69	2025	10/2013 to Present	Hay/Timber/Livestock
Steve Bush ***	--	75	2029	04/2017 to Present	N/A – Outside Director
Laura Knoth ***	--	57	2027	04/2019 to Present	N/A – Outside Director

\* FCA Regulations require a disclosure of any Director who attended fewer than 75 percent of the total board meetings and any board committee meetings on which the Director served during the last fiscal year.

\*\* Terms expire in July upon the certification of the 2025 election results.

\*\*\* FCA Regulations require the Board to have no fewer than two Outside Director positions. The Outside Director positions cannot be held by a Director, officer, employee or stockholder of a System institution. The Board currently has two Outside Directors.

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# **ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION STATEMENT**

## **DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**

Directors are nominated by positions to be filled on a state-by-state basis. The 2025 director elections require Members to elect directors to fill four positions. Directors whose terms are expiring are: Director Dane Coomer (Arkansas), Director David Bates, III (Kentucky), Director Rachael Vonderhaar (Ohio) and Director Dale (Bud) Tucker (Tennessee). The positions up for election are four-year terms. Voting Members may vote on all of the positions to be filled.

A listing and biographical information of the director candidates nominated by the 2025 Nominating Committee is provided herein and incorporated by reference to this Notice of Annual Meeting and Information Statement. The information includes each candidate's name, city and state of residence, business address if applicable, age, business experience and principal occupation and employment during the past five years. There were no events which occurred during the past five years that are material to evaluating the ability or integrity of any of the candidates. All candidates' loans were made in the ordinary course of business, on the same terms, including interest rates, amortization schedules and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons and none involved more than the normal risk of collectability. All candidates have made the disclosures required by Part 612 of the FCA Regulations pertaining to the identification of family members who may have loans with Farm Credit Mid-America. Candidates having immediate family members who are borrowers of Farm Credit Mid-America include David Carwell, Dane Coomer, Amanda Gajdzik, Mark Klepper, Brenda Paul, Sean Rittinger, and Rachael Vonderhaar.

Nominations for all open Member-elected positions can be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Nominees must be eligible and qualified candidates who transact business in the state to which the director position they are being nominated is assigned and must complete and submit a Director Nominee Disclosure and Acceptance of Nomination form within one business day of the nomination. A floor nominee must receive a first and second nomination from qualified Members. Floor nominees should contact Farm Credit Mid-America's Election Officer ([elections@fcma.com](mailto:elections@fcma.com) or (502) 276-8421) prior to April 24, 2025, to verify eligibility, determine if any conflicts exist, or if floor nominee's loan(s) will require disclosures. Such forms will be available at the Annual Meeting and are also available from the Farm Credit Mid-America's Louisville Office, 12501 Lakefront Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40299.

Director elections are determined by a simple majority of the votes cast for each position.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

A Nominating Committee consisting of five state subcommittees (Arkansas/Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee) is elected by Voting Members from across the Association's territory. Each state's elected subcommittee consists of five members and five alternates. Nominations for the 2026 Nominating Committee have been made by this year's Nominating Committee. A listing of candidates and biography of each candidate is provided herein and incorporated by reference to this Notice of Annual Meeting and Information Statement.

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Nominations from the floor can be made at the Annual Meeting. Nominations can be made by any Equityholders of the Association. Nominees must be eligible and qualified candidates who transact business in the state to which the Nominating Committee position they are being nominated is assigned and must be accompanied by a Nominating Committee Acceptance Statement. Such forms will be available at the Annual Meeting and are also available from Farm Credit Mid-America's Louisville Office, 12501 Lakefront Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40299.

The five candidates from each state receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Nominating Committee.

## **CASTING BALLOTS**

Voting for Director and Nominating Committee positions will take place by mail balloting following Farm Credit Mid-America's 2025 Annual Meeting. In accordance with the Bylaws, mail balloting provides Voting Members with the option of casting their ballot by paper or electronic means. Within 20 business days following the Annual Meeting, voting materials (including a ballot, voting instructions and candidate information) will be mailed to Voting Members. The election polls will open with the mailing of the ballots and shall close no earlier than the end of the 15th business day following the date on which the voting materials are mailed. Once a Voting Member has cast his or her ballot, it will be considered final and cannot be rescinded.

An independent third party has been retained by Farm Credit Mid-America to validate and tabulate the ballots cast. Upon the certification of the results of the elections by the independent third party, the results will be reported to the Election Officer. The Election Officer will announce the results of the elections to the candidates and to equityholders.

## **NUMBER OF VOTING STOCKHOLDERS**

The record date for establishment of eligible Voting Members was determined by the Board in accordance with Farm Credit Mid-America's Bylaws. March 10, 2025 shall be the record date. Members holding voting stock as of this date will be entitled to vote. The total number of eligible voting stockholders is 80,224. The total number of voting stockholders eligible by states is as follows: Arkansas/Missouri 1,237, Indiana 16,867, Kentucky 13,585, Ohio 20,641, and Tennessee 18,252. In addition, there are 9,642 out-of-territory voting stockholders who reside outside of Farm Credit Mid-America's territory. Among the total number of eligible Voting Members, there are 15,433,472 shares of Class D Common Stock.

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## **NUMBER OF VOTES ENTITLED TO STOCKHOLDERS**

Each Voting Member shall be entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of single or joint loans the Equityholder may have with Farm Credit Mid-America. In the case of a joint loan, the vote may be cast by only one of the joint Equityholders duly authorized in writing by the other joint Equityholders. The vote of the Voting Member that is a legal entity shall be cast by an individual duly authorized in writing filed with Farm Credit Mid-America. In no event may a Voting Member vote more than once.

## **RESOLUTION OF TIES**


If no person is elected to a director position because of a tie vote, the tie shall be broken by the simple “flip-of-a-coin”.

The undersigned certify that the attached Annual Meeting Information Statement has been reviewed, prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory and/or regulatory requirements, and that the information contained therein is true, accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Dated: April 10, 2025



TODD CLARK  
Chair, Board of Directors



DANIEL WAGNER  
President & Chief Executive Officer



STEVE ZAGAR  
Chief Financial Officer

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