

# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the Parke County REMC Bylaws, you are hereby notified that two directors will be elected at this year's membership meeting. This year's candidates for director are: Board District 1 — Doug Brown; District 2 — Matt Mitchell and Kyle Blaydes.

Mark Evans  
Board President

Chadd Jenkins  
CEO

## **Director Candidates**

### **District 1**

**Incumbent Doug Brown** has served on the Parke County REMC board for 21 years and has received his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD) and Board Leadership Certificate (BLC); he is a past representative for Parke County REMC on the Wabash Valley Power Alliance Board.

Doug is a self-employed farmer, as well as an auctioneer. He attended Marian University and Indiana State University before starting his career as a grain and cattle farmer in Parke County. After receiving his Auctioneer's License in 1995, he became co-owner of Sellabration Auction Services, LLC – an auction company specializing in real estate and farm equipment.

Doug and his wife Lori have two adult children and live in Rockville. Doug has enjoyed serving the member-owners of District 1 and looks forward to serving them in the future.

### **District 2**

**Candidate (nominated by Nominating Committee) Matt Mitchell** graduated from Southmont High School and Lake Land College with a degree in agricultural production and mechanics before returning to manage the family farm. He has farmed in five counties throughout Indiana and Illinois. With his family now at a good age, he's able to contribute more time to serving the community.

His experience on the Montgomery County Drainage Board has broadened his understanding of working with agencies such as soil and water conservation, utilities, railroads, INDOT, and both urban and rural development. Through this involvement, he's learned the importance of good leadership and keeps that in mind in his farm operations and other experiences.

Matt recognizes Parke County REMC's commitment to supporting the counties it serves and helping other communities when needed. He hopes to bring additional insight to Parke County REMC— *who turned on the lights in the country for a better life to be.*

### **District 2**

**Candidate (nominated by petition) Kyle Blaydes** has been a proud member of Parke County REMC since 1997. Upon graduating from Purdue in the same year, he returned to the family farm and began working alongside his father. Since then, he has remained committed to agriculture and has been an active member of the community.

Kyle and his fiancée, Olivia Warren, have a combined total of five children who keep them busy. Chances are, you'll find Kyle at a sporting event or a livestock show. Recently, Kyle's oldest son joined him and his father on the farm, continuing the family legacy.

Kyle looks forward to the opportunity to serve alongside the members to make a positive impact on Parke County REMC.

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