

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative

2025 DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR PROFILE

3 YEAR TERM



Ken Warner

Profile: I am married to my high school classmate, Vicki, and we live on Long Lake with our two golden doodles, Elsa and Gracie. Between us, we have seven grown children and 13 grandchildren. Living on the lake provides a wonderful setting for our family to gather and create lasting memories.

I dedicated 33 years as President of the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, where I led over 500 member businesses across Kandiyohi County. Under my leadership, the Chamber grew into a prominent force in regional and state affairs. My tenure was defined by innovation, impactful initiatives, and an unwavering commitment to the Kandiyohi Area community's progress and prosperity.

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time on the pontoon, maintaining our lawn, and attending my grandchildren's sporting and extracurricular events. Additionally, I find fulfillment in volunteering for initiatives where I can make a meaningful impact.

Primary goals as a director: Community development has been a lifelong passion, evident in my involvement with numerous transformative initiatives and organizations. I played a founding role in the Willmar Lakes Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Willmar Area Development Corporation, Vision 2020 and 2040 Steering Committees, Community Marketing Coalition, Main Street Willmar, Willmar Design Center, and Willmar Area Community Foundation.

As a director, I believe the Board's primary role is to establish sound policies and procedures while ensuring their effective implementation for the benefit of the cooperative and its members. I aim to bring fresh perspectives, promote collaboration, and work toward innovative solutions to meet the evolving energy needs of our members and community.

What do you see in the future for Kandiyohi Power Cooperative? My vision is to support the cooperative in staying at the forefront of the ever-changing energy landscape. I advocate for forward-thinking strategies that encourage creativity and innovation, emphasizing the importance of seeking solutions rather than focusing solely on problems. Together, we can navigate challenges and build a resilient future for our members.

Comments: I hold the utmost respect for the current District 2 Board member, Stan Wubben, and appreciate his years of dedicated service. My decision to run is not out of opposition but to offer my 33 years of experience in nonprofit leadership as an additional choice for members. Upon retiring in October 2023, I made a commitment to remain actively engaged in the community, seeking new opportunities where I can make a difference. Leadership has always been my strength, and I am eager to bring my skills to this role, contributing to the continued success of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative.