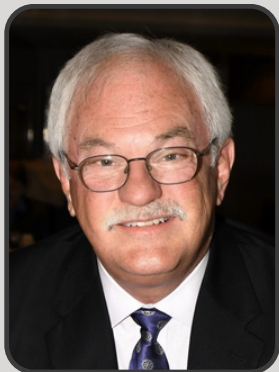




Board Candidate Biography



MARK BROWN

District 9

Ozark Electric Member for Over 30 Years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF OZARK ELECTRIC?

Over 30 Years.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OR IS THERE A PARTICULAR ISSUE THAT MOTIVATES YOU?

I hope to use my 42 years of management experience in the rural electric cooperative industry to offer the Board and Management of the Cooperative alternative perspectives on issues related to governance, management, operations, finance, and rate making.

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU POSSESS THAT YOU BELIEVE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have over 42 years of management experience in the rural electric cooperative industry. Most of the experience was as the CEO of cooperatives located in three different states.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE PRIMARY WORK OR ROLE OF THE BOARD?

There are five primary functions of the Board:

1. Hire, equip, and manage the CEO.
2. Work with management to establish the strategic direction of the Cooperative.
3. Work with management to develop annual work plans and budgets to support that work.
4. Work with management to develop and implement policies and procedures designed to help the Cooperative achieve its goals.
5. Exercise sufficient oversight to ensure adherence to the functions listed above.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OR TOP PRIORITY AT THE TIME FOR OZARK ELECTRIC?

Regain the trust and confidence of the membership.

ARE YOU COMFORTABLE INTERACTING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND RECEIVING FEEDBACK/INPUT FROM MEMBERS?

Yes, I am.

HOW WILL YOU HANDLE PUSHBACK FROM MEMBERS ON DIVISIVE ISSUES OR DECISIONS?

I find that by first educating members on issues related to a possible decision followed by carefully listening to member feedback helps to avoid significant pushback.

IN ONE OR TWO SENTENCES, EXPLAIN THE PROPER ROLE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Asked and answered above.

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ULTIMATELY SUPPORT A BOARD DECISION OF WHICH YOU WERE NOT IN FAVOR?

The Board's decision is final unless it is revisited at a subsequent Board meeting.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THE BOARD?

I find that a thorough review of pertinent data and other information followed by active debate helps to resolve differences of opinion. Keeping an open mind and maintaining mutual respect for one another is also critical.

DO YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO DEVOTE TO THIS POSITION?

Yes, I do.

ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

I have no conflicts of interest related to serving on the Board.

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT WITH OZARK ELECTRIC.

I have been a member of the Cooperative for over 30 years.

IN ONE OR TWO SENTENCES, DESCRIBE YOUR VISION FOR OZARK ELECTRIC.

I hope to see the Cooperative once again be considered the provider of choice for electric service in this region. This should be possible if OEC can successfully regain the trust and confidence of its members by addressing their concerns. This is especially true of resolving their concerns related to the residential demand component of the Cooperative's rates.