



# »»» Marcia Moreland

Ozark Electric Member for 39 Years

**What has motivated you to run for the Board?**

*I've watched the last couple of year's events and discussions on how the cooperative operated and why. Members were frustrated but most began fruitful conversations to learn the "whys." It's continuing that education and answering those questions I feel are necessary for OEC and I want to be a part of that.*

**Describe your background, education, and experience.**

*Being an insurance agent for over 15 years and 20 plus years of farming background, I've dealt with miscommunication, correcting misinformation and dealing with clients and customers. I've been a problem solver and an active listener in every aspect of my professional life, and I look forward to bringing those skills to the board.*

**Are you aware of any conflicts of interest with serving on the Board (businesses, other boards, elected office, etc.)?**

*I serve on other local non-profit boards but none that present a conflict of interest.*

**What do you see as the greatest challenges facing the nation's grid, and how do you see these challenges impacting Ozark Electric?**

*Not only is our grid facing security risks and an aging infrastructure, but a growing need for power in every sector of the United States. It will take more than renewable energy which can be intermittent but a mix of the resources we have to meet our national needs along with our local OEC needs for power. Reliable generation and transmission will ensure dependable power for the US grid and our local OEC members.*

**What do you see as the primary work or role of the Board?**

*We are the caretakers of the electric cooperative. I see the board as an entity with each board member having talents we bring to the collective. Together we steward the cooperative to provide service to each member.*

**Explain the fiduciary responsibility of a Board Director.**

*I took an oath when I was sworn in as a board member for other non-profit organizations. It is one of duty, trust and to act in good faith for the organization. Confidence in each board member is important for our entire membership, and I will honor that trust.*

**How will you handle communicating with members on decisions that are best for the cooperative as a whole, but not for one individual member?**

*Education on the issue of what is best as a whole need to be conveyed to an individual member. This is what I consider my gift and contribution as a board member. I can have candid conversations, including when there are disagreements. I've been an advocate for many causes, and the Ozark Electric is one I hold dear.*

**Would you be able to support a Board decision of which you were in the minority?**

*Yes, the board of directors is a collective body; we will have disagreements but eventually have to agree on what direction is needed for the entire cooperative.*

**What makes you the ideal candidate?**

*I'm here to serve my district and the entire cooperative membership. I hold no grudges nor make any promises from outside influences. When gathering signatures for the nomination petition, I was met with enthusiasm as I explained why I had to have my constituents sign on my behalf. My friends and neighbors know I am a fair person. I have a servant's heart - learned by watching both my parents lead various community organizations. I bring experience navigating adversity, challenges and finding solutions.*

Early  
Voting

**JUNE 15 - JULY 29**  
**ONLINE OR MAIL-IN**

Members in District 1, 5 and 8 Eligible to Vote for Board of Director candidates. No bylaw proposal.