



DISTRICT 9

RICK SCHULTZ

CANDIDATE BIO



Rick Schultz of St. Joseph seeks election in District 9. Schultz retired from the software industry in 2023, but currently serves as the Mayor of St. Joseph. He has been a member of the Cooperative for 38 years.

He participates in the Cooperative's EnergyWise® Cycled Air Conditioning program and contributes to the Operation Round Up® program.

Schultz has been very active in the local community, serving as Mayor for the past 14 years. He is also the current president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, a position he has held since 2022. Schultz has volunteered for many things over the years, including the St. Joseph Lions and the ISD 742 Strategic Planning Committee.

If elected, Schultz believes the long-term goals of the Cooperative should be providing affordable and reliable energy, investing in new technologies such as renewable energy and storage options, and maintaining long-term financial stability. Other focuses for the Board could include succession planning for the utility workforce and tracking the accelerated push toward renewable energy and its impact on power grid infrastructure.

"Electric cooperatives are community and area focused. They provide needed infrastructure to rural areas while large commercial utility companies are more interested in larger areas and profit. As a current public servant, I understand the complexities behind public, private and local control."