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**NOTICE OF ELECTIONS**  
**"INFORMATION STATEMENT"**  
April 8, 2020

All member stock is held in Premier Farm Credit, ACA and, as such, this notice is being sent to all voting stockholders per Association Bylaws Section 350.1.

The Farm Credit Administration, which is the regulator for the Farm Credit System, requires that each Association prepare and distribute to its stockholders an "Information Statement" at least ten (10) business days prior to an election of directors. This statement includes the following attachments:

Voting Instructions  
2020 Nominating Committee Minutes  
Biographical Sketches of Director Candidates  
Director Election Ballot

Nominating Committee Ballot  
Ballot Envelope  
Regional Map of Territory

During the conference call held for the March 26, 2020 Stockholder Annual Meeting, David Guenzi, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported on the actions of the 2020 Nominating Committee. (See enclosed 2020 Nominating Committee Minutes.) Board Chairman, Wayne Midcap asked for director nominations from the stockholders participating in the conference call. There being no nominations from the virtual floor, the nominees, as presented, will be the Board of Director candidates for 2020. The enclosed green ballot identifies the candidates standing for election to Premier Farm Credit's Board of Directors. The term of the directorship will be for three years. Association stockholders are asked to vote for **one** candidate in each region. The map enclosed is provided as a reference to describe the regions.

In addition, Nominating Committee Chairman, David Guenzi placed on the ballot a list of fifteen stockholders which includes three alternates who may serve if someone in that region is unable to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. Board Chairman, Wayne Midcap asked for Nominating Committee nominations from the stockholders participating in the conference call. There being no nominations from the virtual floor, the nominating committee ballot will be prepared as presented. The enclosed salmon colored ballot identifies the candidates and alternates for the 2021 Nominating Committee. FCA regulations require that stockholders have the opportunity to vote on each Nominating Committee candidate individually. Please exercise your right to approve or not approve of each candidate and alternate for the 2021 Nominating Committee.

**Please place your ballots in the ballot envelope. The *individual authorized to vote* must print and sign his/her name on the ballot envelope. Ballot envelopes must be returned to the independent teller by April 29, 2020.**

The independent teller will open the ballots on April 30, 2020. A letter notifying the stockholders of the results of the elections will be mailed by May 13, 2020.

**Voting Stockholders:** There are a total of 788 holders of ACA voting stock determined as of March 4, 2020 entitled to vote upon any matter properly brought before the membership. [The numbers of eligible voting stockholders in each region are as follows: Northeast Region-265; Northwest Region-267; Southern Region-256.]

**Additional Disclosures: Current Directors**

Name	Age	Current 3-Year Term	First Elected or Appointed	Types of Farming Director is Engaged In
Michael J. Brownell [appointed]	59	2019-2022	May 2016	Diversified dryland farming operation that raises wheat, millet, and sunflowers. Retired Ag Business Management and Agronomy Professor.
Lyndsey D. Graves [appointed]	33	2018-2021	Oct. 2012	Designated as the Financial Expert. CPA and owner of Just Numbers, LLC and Graves Consulting, LLC, providing tax and consulting services to clients in Northeast Colorado. Lyndsey and her husband operated a dryland farming operation, 926 Farms, LLC and own a retail truck parts business, Decked Out Truck Parts, LLC.
Ryan W. Godsey	46	2018-2021	Oct. 2015	Diversified farming operation that raises corn, beans, wheat and cattle.
Allen R. Hutt	46	2019-2022	2016	Diversified farming operation that raises irrigated corn, wheat, hay, and millet and runs a cow/calf operation.
Randall W. Kirkwood	43	2017-2020	2017	Dryland farming operation that raises wheat and runs a cow/calf operation.
Bruce W. Kokes	61	2019-2022	2009	Dryland farming operation that raises wheat, millet, and hay and runs a cow/calf operation.
Rebecca "Becky" K.W. Lenz	55	2019-2022	Dec. 2010	Diversified farm raising corn, potatoes, dry edible beans and wheat as well as a cow/calf operation, background calves and raise a registered Charolais herd.
* Wayne A. Midcap	69	2017-2020	2005	Diversified dryland farming operation that raises certified seed wheat and millet.
Mark A. Oestman	39	2017-2020	2017	Diversified irrigated farming and ranching operation that raises corn, soybeans, white wheat, canola, and cattle.
Lisa E. Shinn	57	2018-2021	2015	Partner in family farming operation that is leased to a local farmer. Retired Ag Business Management Professor who provides private accounting and consulting to area farmers and ranchers.
Leo J. Stieb, Jr.	58	2019-2022	2019	Diversified irrigated farming operation that produces corn, alfalfa, soybeans, sorghum, and wheat as well as a cow/calf operation and feedlot.
*Retiring Director				

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### Current Director Biographies:

**Wayne A. Midcap, Chairman** - Mr. Midcap represents the Northwest Region – Seat 1, serving a three-year term which expires in 2020. Business Experience: Farming and selling certified seed wheat. Mr. Midcap is a shareholder in four family farm operations, Midcap Seed & Grain, LLC; Midcap Farms; Longview Farms, LLC; and Rock Creek Farms, Inc. which are diversified dryland farming operations that raise certified seed wheat and millet. He serves as a Director and Chairman of the Colorado Seed Growers Association. He has been a member of the Farm Credit System for 31 years. Mr. Midcap serves on the Compensation Committee and represents the Association as a member of the District Farm Credit Council Board.

**Bruce W. Kokes, Vice Chairman** - Mr. Kokes represents the Northeast Region – Seat 2, serving a three-year term which expires in 2021. Business Experience: Farming and ranching. Mr. Kokes operates Bruce Kokes Farm and is a partner in the MMB Partnership. He raises wheat, millet, and hay and runs a cow/calf operation. He previously served on the Board of the Crook Fire Protection District. Mr. Kokes is a member of the Northeastern Junior College Young Farmers. Mr. Kokes has been a member of the Farm Credit System for 23 years.

**Michael J. Brownell, Outside Appointed Director** – Mr. Brownell is from Fleming, Colorado, serving a three-year term which expires in 2022. Business Experience: Mr. Brownell has farmed since 1986, raising dryland wheat, millet, and sunflowers. In 2014, Mr. Brownell retired as a Professor at Northeastern Junior College (NJC) after teaching Agriculture Business Management and agronomy for over 22 years. Mr. Brownell received numerous awards including NJC Faculty Member of the Year in 1998 and in 2008. Mr. Brownell serves as Vice Chair of the FSA County Committee and is a member of the Fleming Rural Fire District Board. He also serves as a member of the NJC Ag Business Advisory Committee and is on the Logan County Farm Bureau Board where he holds the position of Secretary. Mr. Brownell and his wife, Laural, own the Sterling Trophy Shop. In addition, Mr. Brownell serves as Trustee for the Leslie L. Smith Grandchildren and Smith Family Trusts and is a partner in N.C.S. Management Systems. Mr. Brownell serves on the Compensation Committee and Policy Review Committee.

**Ryan W. Godsey, Director** – Mr. Godsey was appointed in October 2015 to fill the vacant position in the South Region – Seat 2, with his term expiring in 2021. Business Experience: Farming and ranching. Mr. Godsey operates R & S Godsey Farms, Inc. with his wife, Susan, and raises corn, beans, wheat and cattle in a family operation with his parents. Mr. Godsey serves on the Board of Directors of CHS/M&M Cooperative and attends New Life Christian Center. His wife, Susan, owns and operates HC Insurance in Wray, CO. He has been a member of the Farm Credit System since 2006. Mr. Godsey serves on the Compensation Committee and is Chairman of the Policy Review Committee.

**Lyndsey D. Graves, Outside Appointed Director and Financial Expert** – Mrs. Graves is originally from Wray, CO and recently relocated to Kearney, NE– serving a 3-year term expiring in 2021, having served since 2012. Business experience: Corporate accounting, banking, and auditing. Mrs. Graves is a CPA providing tax and consulting services to clients in Northeast Colorado. In addition to owning her own firms, Just Numbers, LLC and Graves Consulting, LLC, she and her husband operated 926 Farms, LLC, a dryland farming operation. Mrs. Graves and her husband also own Decked Out Truck Parts, LLC, a retail truck parts business. Mrs. Graves is also a certified Annie's Project Trainer. Mrs. Graves graduated Summa Cum Laude from UNC/Monfort College of Business in Greeley and received her Master's in Taxation from DU/Sturm College of Law. She serves on the Compensation Committee and is Chair of the Audit Committee.

**Allen Hutt, Director** – Mr. Hutt represents the Northwest Region – Seat 3, serving a three-year term which expires in 2022. Business Experience: Mr. Hutt is a fourth generation diversified farmer producing irrigated corn, wheat, hay, and millet. He also has a custom hay business and cow/calf operation. Mr. Hutt serves as a Leader for Lucky Clover 4-H Club and raises show pigs. He and his wife, Melinda, own Country Creations, an embroidery and screen printing business. Mr. Hutt has been a member of Premier Farm Credit for 15 years. He serves on the Compensation Committee and Policy Review Committee.

**Randall W. Kirkwood, Director** – Mr. Kirkwood represents the Northeast Region, Seat 1, serving a three-year term which expires in 2020. Business Experience: Farming and ranching. Mr. Kirkwood raises dryland wheat and operates a cow/calf operation, with help from his wife, Jolene. He currently serves as President of the Fleming School Board and is the Fleming Jr. High and High School Girls' Basketball Coach. Mr. Kirkwood has been a member of Premier Farm Credit for 9 years. He serves on the Compensation Committee and Audit Committee.

**Rebecca K.W. Lenz, Director** – Mrs. Lenz represents the South Region – Seat 3, serving a three-year term which expires in 2022. Business Experience: Farming and controller for several family companies. Mrs. Lenz has been involved in farming with her husband, George, and their family partnerships, Six by Two Land Company, LLP; Six by Two Livestock, LLC; Eagle Acres, LLC; and Wildcat Ag, LLC. She is also involved in Lenz Farms GP; Lenz Family Farms, LLC; LFE, LLC; Sand Creek Charolais, LLC; Five Aces, LLC; Royal Flush Farms, LLC; ProGrain Farms; Ag Legacy, LLC; Full House, LLLP; Wy Hold'em, LLC; Barkwell, LLC; KmN Enterprises, LLC; and Alvin Acres, LLC. They produce corn, potatoes, dry edible beans and wheat as well as operate a cow/calf operation, background calves and raise a registered Charolais herd. Mrs. Lenz serves on the Wray Community District Hospital Board of Directors, is a Leader for Wauneta 4-H Club in Yuma County, member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. She is also a certified Annie's Project trainer. Mrs. Lenz has been a member of the Farm Credit System for 31 years. She serves on the Audit Committee and is Chair of the Compensation Committee.

**Mark A. Oestman, Director** – Mr. Oestman represents the South Region – Seat 1, serving a three-year term which expires in 2020. Business Experience: Farming and ranching. Mr. Oestman farms and ranches with his father, Terry Oestman, and is the Managing Partner of Oestman Farms, LLC which operates a diversified irrigated farm with a crop rotation of corn, soybeans, white wheat, and canola. His other affiliated entities include: Boo Farms, LLC; Lazy J-3 Limited; James P. Brophy Homeplace, LLLP. Mr. Oestman enjoys carrying on the family tradition of growing watermelons. He currently serves as Secretary on the Kitzmiller Grazing Association Board and is the Financial Secretary for the Yuma

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Knights of Columbus. Mr. Oestman is a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and serves on the Pastoral Council. He previously served as President of the Colorado Corn Administrative Committee and Yuma Conservation District. Mr. Oestman has been a member of Premier Farm Credit for 16 years. He serves as Vice Chair of the Compensation Committee and is Secretary of the Policy Review Committee.

**Lisa E. Shinn, Director** – Mrs. Shinn represents the Northwest Region – Seat 2, serving a three-year term which expires in 2021. Business Experience: Mrs. Shinn is a partner in CTL Farm & Ranch, LLC, a family farming operation with her sisters that is leased to a local farmer. She is also involved in Eckley Land & Oil, LLC and Lyle & Viola Myers Trust. Mrs. Shinn is a retired Professor at Northeastern Junior College (NJC) where she taught Agriculture Business Management for 25 years to local farmers and ranchers. In addition, Mrs. Shinn provides private accounting consulting for a few producers in northeast Colorado. She serves as a member of the NJC Ag Business Management Advisory Committee and the Buffalo School Foundation Board. She previously served as a Rural Rascals 4-H Club Leader and Co-Sponsor for NJC Aggies Club. She has been a member of the Farm Credit System for 28 years. She serves on the Compensation Committee and Audit Committee.

**Leo Stieb, Jr., Director** – Mr. Stieb represents the Northeast Region – Seat 3, serving a three-year term which expires in 2022. Business Experience: Farming and ranching. Mr. Stieb is a partner in Stieb Bros., Inc., Stieb Land Company, LLP, and 4-S Land Co., LLP, producing corn, alfalfa, soybeans, sorghum, and wheat, as well as a cow/calf operation and a feedlot. He has been a member of the Farm Credit System for 34 years. Mr. Stieb currently serves as President of the Bravo Irrigation District, Vice President of the Iliff Platte Valley Irrigation District, and is a member of the Chimney Canyon Grazing Association and Northeast Colorado Cattlemen's Association. He serves on the Compensation Committee and Policy Review Committee.

**Procedures in the Event of a Tie Vote:** As per Section 410.6 of the Association's bylaws below, the following procedure shall be followed to break the tie vote and/or to determine director terms in the event of a tie: The candidates have all agreed that in the event of a tie vote, the director shall be chosen by flip of the coin by the Independent Auditor in the presence of those candidates receiving the tie votes.

*410.6 If no person is elected to a position because of a tie vote, a runoff election between those tying shall be held. The ballots shall be cast and counted and the results shall be reported to the members in the same manner as in the original election. However, if the tie is between only two candidates and if the candidates agree, the tie may be broken by any other method approved in advance and announced in the Notice of Election.*

There were ten Board Meetings, five Compensation Committee Meetings, four Audit Committee Meetings, and two Policy Review Committee Meetings held in 2019. **Director Attendance Reporting:** Director Graves attended three of the five Compensation Committee Meetings, or 60%.

**Director candidate disclosures:**

Director Candidates	Age	Candidate's farm business entities or other affiliated entities	Family members with loans at Premier and other Farm Credit Institutions	Business experience during past 5 years:
Andrew E. Gerken	51		Spouse; Brother-in-Laws	Farming, primarily producing corn and alfalfa and has a cow/calf operation.
Randall W. Kirkwood	43		Spouse; Father-in-law & Mother-in-law	Farming and ranching, raising dryland wheat and has a cow/calf operation.
Rick L. Lett	67		Spouse	Farming and ranching, raising wheat and millet and has a cow/calf operation and custom cattle care business.
Mark A. Oestman	39	Oestman Farms, LLC; Boo Farms, LLC; Lazy J-3 Limited; James P. Brophy Homeplace	Spouse; Father; Several Aunts & Uncles; Cousin, who is also an employee.	Diversified farming and ranching operation. Produces rotation of corn, soybeans, white wheat, and canola. Runs steers.

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Director candidate disclosures continued:

Director Candidates	Age	Candidate's farm business entities or other affiliated entities	Family members with loans at Premier and other Farm Credit Institutions	Business experience during past 5 years:
Darrell L. Smith	64		Spouse; Brother and Sister-in-Law	Ranching and auctioneering. Has commercial cows and feeder cattle operation.
Alex R. Swank	39	Swank Farms, LLC	Brother; Alex and his parents have loans at American AgCredit.	Farming: Owner / Operator of Swank Farms, LLC, producing wheat, milo, millet and grass hay.

We hereby certify that all loans made by Premier Farm Credit, ACA to the above candidates, their family members, or to any organization affiliated with such person were made in the ordinary course of business; and were made on the same terms, including interest rate, amortization schedule, and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons. No loans made by Premier Farm Credit, ACA to the candidates or to any immediate family member who resides in the same household as such person or in whose loan or business operation such person has a material financial or legal interest, involved more than the normal risk of collectability.

The above director candidates certify that they are not involved in certain legal proceedings requiring disclosure per FCA Regs. 611, 612, or 620.

The 2019 Annual Stockholder's Report is available on our website and printed copies were distributed by March 31, 2020. The Annual Report contains disclosure information for all other matters as required by regulation.

If you have any questions concerning the election process, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Grauberger or Phyllis Luft at (970) 522-5295 or (877) 650-8240.

The undersigned have reviewed this Notice of Elections Information Statement and certify that has been prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements and that the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.



Michael Grauberger, President & CEO  
Premier Farm Credit, ACA

3/26/2020

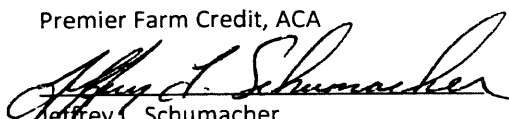
Date



Wayne A. Midcap, Board Chairman  
Premier Farm Credit, ACA

3/26/2020

Date



Jeffrey L. Schumacher  
Chief Financial Officer  
Premier Farm Credit, ACA

3/26/2020

Date



## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

You are being asked to vote on two issues:

1. The 2020 Director Election. Vote for three stockholders to be Directors of Premier Farm Credit for a term of three years.
2. The election of the 2021 Nominating Committee.

### **2020 Director Election Instructions**

- a. The enclosed green ballot consists of six (6) director candidates.
- b. The six director candidates are divided into three regions with two candidates in each region.
- c. Stockholders are asked to vote for **one candidate** in each region.
- d. ***A ballot with more than one vote in a region will be invalid.***

### **2021 Nominating Committee Election Instructions**

- a. The enclosed salmon colored ballot consists of twelve (12) Nominating Committee candidates and three (3) alternates.
- b. FCA Regulations require stockholders to have the opportunity to vote on each Nominating Committee candidate individually. Candidates and alternates receiving more yes votes than no votes will serve as members and alternates of the 2021 Nominating Committee. Note: An alternate would only serve if a Nominating Committee candidate in that region is unable to serve. *You are not limited on the number of candidates you can select.*

### **Seal both ballots inside the ballot envelope.**

- a. Do not sign the ballots. This will protect the confidentiality of your vote.
- b. The stockholder ***designated to vote*** must sign and print his/her name on the lines provided on the envelope.
- c. Seal and mail the envelope with the enclosed ballots.

Your vote can only be counted if it is received at the office of Johnson & Associates, CPAs, the independent teller, by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.**

Notification of the results of the 2020 Director Election and election of the 2021 Nominating Committee will be mailed by May 13, 2020.



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**2020**  
**OFFICIAL DIRECTOR BALLOT**

**Seat 1**  
**Northeast Region**  
*Vote for one*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Randall W. Kirkwood
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick L. Lett

**Seat 1**  
**Northwest Region**  
*Vote for one*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew E. Gerken
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex R. Swank

**Seat 1**  
**Southern Region**  
*Vote for one*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark A. Oestman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Darrell L. Smith





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**2021**

## OFFICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT

Northeast Region		Northwest Region		Southern Region	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Brandon Barton	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	David Guenzi	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Kala Doane
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Casey Goddard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Heather Kalous	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tom Jackson
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Donald Larson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Charles Lauck	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Craig Quick
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ryan Parry	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	J. Cole Mertens	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Dain Wise
<b>Alternates</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	James Korrey	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lori Gapter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Annette Kahrs

FCA regulations require stockholders to have the opportunity to vote on each member of the Nominating Committee individually. In order for your vote to count, you must mark either yes or no.



This envelope will only be opened by Johnson & Associates, CPAs

1. Mark your Ballots, place them in this envelope and seal it.
2. Sign and print your name below.
3. Mail to the Independent Auditor

**YOU MUST COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Voting Stockholder Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name



Johnson & Associates, CPAs  
Attn: MD  
PO Box 1723  
Sterling, CO 80751

**OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE**

## **NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**Randall W. Kirkwood**, 43, of 35463 County Road 14, Fleming, CO, whose business address is the same, has been living on the family farm his entire life and became the full-time operator in 1997. Randy raises dryland wheat and operates a cow/calf operation with help from his wife, Jolene. Randy and Jolene have been married 20 years and have 3 children, Kendyl, Kally, and Treyson.

Randy currently serves as President of the Fleming School Board and is the Jr. High and High School Girl's Basketball coach for Fleming. Randy and Jolene are members of the United Church of Crook. Randy graduated from Northeastern Junior College in 1997 with an Associate's Degree in Business Management. Randy has been a member of Premier Farm Credit for nine years and serves on the Compensation and Audit Committees.

**Rick L. Lett**, 67 of 15502 CR 56, Yuma, Colorado whose business address is the same, has been farming and ranching in Northeast Colorado for 48 years. Rick has a dryland farm operation which includes wheat, millet and CRP. He also has a cow/calf operation and a custom cattle care business.

Rick graduated from Holyoke High School and attended NJC for 1 year before coming back to the farm due to his fathers' health issues at that time.

Rick was a founding member of the Wages Fire Department and a past director of the Paoli Cooperative. The Lett Ranch was honored to receive a Centennial Farms award in 2013. Rick has been a member of the Farm Credit system for 48 years.

Rick has been married to Jennie for 47 years and they have 2 sons, Justin and Sean and 3 granddaughters who they enjoy attending their activities as often as possible.

## **NORTHWEST REGION DIRECTOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**Andrew E. Gerken**, 51, of 20433 Road W, Fort Morgan, CO whose business address is the same, has been farming for 31 years. Andy, and his wife Dawn, built their home near the farm where he was raised. He currently farms north of Fort Morgan and Snyder. His farming operation consists of 1400 acres, of which, 1300 are irrigated. Andy raises corn and alfalfa as the main crops. Andy and Dawn also have a cow calf operation consisting of 60 cows. Dawn has been a nurse for 25 years and has her Masters in Nursing. She is employed at East Morgan County Hospital.

Andy and Dawn have been married for 29 years and have three sons. Jacob is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines and is currently attending grad school at CSU. Drew is attending the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and is working towards a Bachelors of Science degree in nursing. Cody is a junior at Fort Morgan High School. He is involved in FFA, golf, and baseball.

Mr. Gerken is a member of the Lutheran Church of our Redeemer. He is a board member of the Riverside Irrigation District. He is also currently vice-president of the Riverside Reservoir and Land Company. He attended NJC in the late 80's but left before graduation because of the opportunity to start his own farming operation. He has attended Morgan Community College ABM programs. He has a certificate in Ag Business Management and a certificate in Ag Financial Analysis. Mr. Gerken has been a member of Premier Farm Credit for 31 years.

**Alex R. Swank**, 39, of 3581 CR 51, Keenesburg, CO, whose business address is the same, has farmed since 1997. Alex farms with his brother Paul and they produce wheat, milo, millet and alfalfa grass hay. Their operation is in Adams, Morgan, Washington and Weld Counties. Prior to farming full time beginning in 2009 he worked in accounting and database administration. He also ranched with his father in a cow/ calf operation until 2016.

Alex graduated from University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration. He serves as a member on the board of directors for Roggen Farmers Elevator. He has also been involved with the Southeast Weld County Young Farmers Association. Alex has been a member of the Farm Credit System for 13 years.



## **SOUTHERN REGION DIRECTOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**Mark A. Oestman**, 39, of 45802 County Road S, Eckley, Colorado, whose business address is the same, is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation farmer on both sides of the family. He grew up on his family's farm north of Eckley and has been farming and ranching with his father, Terry Oestman, for the last 17 years. Mark is the Managing Partner of Oestman Farms LLC, which operates a diversified irrigated farm with a crop rotation of corn, soybeans, white wheat, and canola. Other affiliated entities include: Boo Farms, LLC; Lazy J-3 Limited; and James P. Brophy Homeplace. To supplement their farming program, they run steers that they buy in January and sell in August. Mark also enjoys carrying on the family tradition of growing watermelons.

Mark and his wife Dessany have been married for 14 years. They have 4 children, Ellie-12, Isabel-9, Gabriel-6, and Joshua-4. He has been a member of Premier Farm Credit for 17 years.

Mark received an Associate's Degree from Northeastern Junior College and then graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor's degree in Soil and Crop Sciences and Agricultural Business. Mr. Oestman currently serves as Secretary on the Kitzmiller Grazing Association Board and is the Financial Secretary for the Yuma Knights of Columbus. Mark is a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Yuma and serves on the Pastoral Council. Mark previously served as the President of the Colorado Corn Administrative Committee and President of the Yuma Conservation District. Mr. Oestman serves as Vice Chairman of Premier's Compensation Committee and Secretary of the Policy Review Committee.

**Darrell L. Smith**, 64, of 17766 County Road K, Joes, CO, whose business address is the same, has been involved in agriculture his whole life, and living on the family farm since 2002 when he became the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to operate the original homestead. We run 200 head of commercial cows bred to Angus bulls on 5000 acres of grassland, and also have feeder cattle.

Darrell and his wife, Arlene have been married for 37 years and have been a members of Premier Farm Credit for 16 years.

Darrell graduated with an Associates Degree in Ag Business from Northeastern Junior College, and a Bachelors Degree in Ag Business Management from Colorado State University. He has attended many programs in recent years on Rotational Grazing and Range Management.

Darrell has made improvement of the property a focus since the 2012 drought, beginning with rotating through larger parcels on the home ranch, and continuing to cross fence into smaller parcels. He now moves stock through 50 different cells during the summer. He has been rewarded with seeing improvement of various grasses and range conditions.

## **PREMIER FARM CREDIT, ACA 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A meeting of the Premier Farm Credit, ACA Nominating Committee was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at the Sterling Administrative Office, 202 Poplar Street, Sterling, Colorado.

1. Members Present:

Kala Doane	Casey Goddard	David Guenzi
Tom Jackson	Vern Koester	Donald Larson
Charlie Lauck	Cole Mertens	Ryan Parry
Craig Quick	Dain Wise	

Member available by phone:  
Lori Gapter

2. The following positions for the committee were filled:

Chairman: David Guenzi

Co-Secretary: Kala Doane Co-Secretary: Vern Koester

3. The Committee acknowledged receiving copies of the following information prior to the meeting: Introduction, including responsibilities of the Nominating Committee; Association Bylaws Sections 340.1-340.5; 400.1-400.8.5; Nominating Committee Procedures; Director Candidate Selection; Board of Directors Election Policy; Director Independence Criteria Policy; FCA's brochure titled "The Role of The Nominating Committee"; and Director Standards of Conduct Policy.
4. The Committee acknowledged that training was provided on January 9, 2020 via teleconference and webinar provided by Phyllis Luft, VP-Administration and CEO Mike Grauberger. Members attending this training in person were: Lori Gapter, Casey Goddard, David Guenzi, and Vern Koester. Members attending the conference call/webinar were: Kala Doane, Donald Larson, Ryan Parry, Tom Jackson, Charles Lauck, Cole Mertens, Craig Quick, and Dain Wise. This training outlined the responsibilities of the Committee and reviewed director eligibility requirements. CEO Grauberger and VP Luft answered several questions at the end of the presentation.
5. Ms. Luft informed the Committee of its responsibilities in maintaining the confidentiality of the information to be made available for access on our secure site. Luft reviewed the Confidentiality Agreement which required the Committee to keep the information in strict confidence and to return all copies of this information at the end of the February meeting. The Confidentiality Agreement was signed by all Committee members present and will be signed by all members at the February 4, 2020 meeting.
6. The Committee acknowledged that the following materials were made available on January 9, 2020 via the SharePoint site or encrypted email, or were available to be picked up in person: 1) January 9, 2020 PowerPoint training from webinar; and 2) preliminary stockholder lists.

7. CEO Grauberger and Phyllis Luft reviewed the responsibilities of the Committee and offered to answer any questions. Updated stockholder lists, the revised brochure from FCA, 'The Role of Farm Credit System Nominating Committees' and the Summary of the Board's Self Evaluation were provided to the Committee. The Confidentiality Agreement was signed by all Committee members present.
8. CEO Mike Grauberger and VP Phyllis Luft excused themselves from the meeting and informed the Committee that they would be available to answer any questions. They emphasized that management would need to review the list of potential candidates to ensure eligibility prior to the Nominating Committee contacting candidates.
9. The Committee reviewed the list of stockholders of the Association.
10. The Committee agreed that individuals in each region would share the responsibility of contacting the nominees.

The committee agreed that if a sufficient number of candidates were not obtained for any position, a telephone conference call and/or meeting of the Nominating Committee would be held to select additional nominees.

In executive session and after receiving confirmation regarding eligibility, the Nominating Committee selected the following individuals for the positions on the Association Board of Directors and nominated them as candidates.

**Seat #1  
Northeast Region**

1. Nominee: Randall Kirkwood  
City, State: Fleming, CO
2. Nominee: Rick Lett  
City, State: Yuma, CO

**Seat #1  
Northwest Region**

1. Nominee: Andrew Gerken  
City, State: Fort Morgan, CO
2. Nominee: Alex Swank  
City, State: Keenesburg, CO

**Seat #1  
Southern Region**

1. Nominee: Mark Oestman  
City, State: Eckley, CO
2. Nominee: Darrell Smith  
City, State: Joes, CO

**Premier Farm Credit, ACA  
2021 Nominating Committee Candidates**

A determination of eligibility of individuals to serve on the Association Nominating Committee was made and the following individuals were determined eligible and were nominated in an executive session of the Nominating Committee:

**Northeast Region**

1.     Nominee:     Brandon Barton  
       City, State:     Sterling, CO
2.     Nominee:     Ryan Parry  
       City, State:     Iliff, CO
3.     Nominee:     Donald Larson  
       City, State:     Sterling, CO
4.     Nominee:     Casey Goddard  
       City, State:     Haxtun, CO

Alternate: Nominee:     James Korrey  
             City, State:     Iliff, CO

**Northwest Region**

5.     Nominee:     David Guenzi  
       City, State:     Sterling, CO
6.     Nominee:     Charles Lauck  
       City, State:     Fort Morgan, CO
7.     Nominee:     J. Cole Mertens  
       City, State:     New Raymer, CO
8.     Nominee:     Heather Kalous  
       City, State:     Fort Morgan, CO

Alternate: Nominee:     Lori Gapter  
             City, State:     Snyder, CO



**Southern Region**

9. Nominee: Tom Jackson  
City, State: Joes, CO
10. Nominee: Dain Wise  
City, State: Kirk, CO
11. Nominee: Craig Quick  
City, State: Woodrow, CO
12. Nominee: Kala Doane  
City, State: Anton, CO

Alternate: Nominee: Annette Kahrs  
City, State: Otis, CO

As there was no further business to come before the Nominating Committee, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Premier Farm Credit 2020 Nominating Committee

Chairman:   
David Guenzi

Co-Secretary:   
Kala Doane

Co-Secretary:   
Vern Koester

# Map of Premier Farm Credit Territory

