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DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES



Norman L. Butler Jr.

In 1955, Norman Butler Jr. was born in Cortez, CO to Norman and Lorna Butler. He grew up on the family farm on Summit Ridge with his two sisters, in the house he still resides in. His father farmed and worked for several of the local sawmills. Norman Jr. attended schools in Cortez and Dolores, graduating from Dolores High. When not at school, he was working on the farm.

From 1974 to 1992, Norman Jr. worked for Ponderosa Timber, as saw filer and millwright. During that time, he married and started a family with three children. In 1993, he started up his own business, Lone Cone Lumber, manufacturing house log kits. Farming was still a huge part of his life and hours not spent working with lumber, were spent working the farm. Because of the recession and the decline, Norman Jr. took the position of millwright at Aspen Wallwood, in 2004. Currently, he holds position as foreman, millwright, and mechanic for Aspen Wallwood, as well as Aspen Wood Products.

Norman Jr. is a member of the Cortez SDA church and has been the school board chairman for Cortez Adventist Christian School for over 20 years. He has been on the Summit Reservoir and Irrigation Company board for more than 24 years and more than ten years now, he's served as president.

Norman Jr. is running for the Empire Electric Association board because as a lifelong resident, he cares about the needs of his community and their future.



Marianne Mate

We're proud to call this special place our home because we value our rural freedom and self-determination. But right now, these values are lacking in our energy system. As your representative to the Empire Electric Association Board of Directors, I will work for lower bills and greater energy independence.

Right now, our families depend on some of the most expensive energy in Colorado. We're being held back from major opportunities to generate our own local power and jobs; or purchase cheaper, cleaner power; by a restrictive contract that lasts through 2050. The good news is that we'll soon have a unique opportunity to change our energy future for the benefit of our families, businesses, and ag community—but we must be prepared to seize it.

As the former Mayor of Dolores and an active community volunteer, I've worked to bring local people together to create solutions for our communities, serving on many local boards and non-profits over my 24 years in Dolores. I've brought fiscal discipline to local government projects and grown economic opportunity with new programs including a local farmers' market, the Dolores River Festival, new trails, sports investments, and local infrastructure upgrades.

Empire Electric Association has a hard-working and professional staff and a proud history of providing reliable energy and keeping the lights on. With your vote, I'll work to carry that tradition forward by advocating for more affordable energy solutions, new local jobs, and smart investments in our energy independence.

Let's build our own bright energy future!



John J. Hernandez

My wife, and I moved to Dolores in 2007, leaving Southern California behind for a more relaxed life in the 4 Corners area. Unfortunately, leaving So-Cal also meant leaving children and grandkids. Hopefully one day all will make the move to our little place in the sun.

I operate a small business in Colorado to provide help to local businesses and private entities with obtaining and Interpreting easements. I am an active member of the local Elks Lodge and have also served on the Board of the Galloping Goose Historical Society for a 4-year term.

My background in California was in land development as a surveyor for 20 years and a land manager for San Diego Gas & Electric for an additional 20 years. My company, Dolores River Valley Consultants Inc., remains a paid consultant to the utility industry.

I understand the complexity of the utility business and am seeking a position on the Board of Empire Electric from district 4. My goal is to use my extensive knowledge of the utility industry in both states, while addressing future needs of this region and maintaining our rural culture. With 'alternative energy' on the minds of residents in the area, I will seek to maximize the efforts of Empire Electric in this arena as well as maintain the low electric rates of our coop. My promise to all of you who trust me with your vote is to do my absolute best to serve both the utility and my fellow coop-members.

DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATE



Larry Archibeque

I, Larry Archibeque, have been a lifelong resident of Montezuma County. In addition, both paternal and maternal familial lines have been residents of Montezuma County for generations. I grew up in the sawmill camps of Fish Creek, Red Cloud, once located north of Dolores. My elementary education was in the Dolores School District and I attended high school in Mancos, graduating from Mancos High School. Once graduated I received a Bachelor's Degree from Fort Lewis College, a Master's Degree from Adams State College, and a Post Graduate Endorsement in Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

I am retired after thirty-four years of service to the Educational community in Montezuma County. Previously I have served on the Pinon Project Board, The Montezuma County Habitat for Humanity Board, assisted and coordinated commodity distributions in Dolores for several years.

Currently I am running as a candidate for the District Seven Position of the Empire Electric Board of Directors. Service to the community and giving back to the community has always been a lifetime goal as many have given back to my family and myself throughout our lifetime.

My goal as a candidate for the Empire Electric Board of Directors is to assist in any manner possible to enhance the organization for its entire constituency. I pledge to all that I will be committed, value oriented, transparent, accessible, and hard working for all members of Empire Electric while maintaining a focus on fiscal responsibility and service to the community at large.