

Director Candidates: Region 1 - Minn. (4-year term), Candidate 1 of 2



Larry Fischer (Incumbent)
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Farm Credit Member Since: 2006

Family: My wife Debra and I have four adult children and six grandchildren with a seventh due soon. Son David and

his wife Jennifer and their three kids farm with Deb and I. Deb is also a realtor. Daughter Julia is an HR director for Bongards Creameries in Bongards, Minn. She lives in Jordan, Minn. with her husband Alan and their three kids. Daughter Alissa is a lawyer in our hometown of Sleepy Eye and lives there with her husband Cody. They are expecting their first child. Son Jacob and his wife Kaylee live in Middleton, Wis. where he works for Sierra Space, an aeronautics company in Madison, Wis.

Brief Description of Agricultural Operation and Employment/

Business experience for past five years: I am President and Treasurer of Fischer Dairy, a family corporation where we raise corn and soybeans along with up to 700 head of cattle in a beef finishing operation. I am also president of Fischer Ridge, a company dedicated to the preservation of sensitive farmland and enhancement of wildlife in the area.

Boards or Committees in the past 5 years (and principal

business): It has been a pleasure to serve on the Compeer board and prior Farm Credit board for the past nine years. I have also served on the Audit and Finance Committee during my tenure.

Community Involvement/Government Service:

I am a member of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Minnesota Soybean Association, Cattleman's Association and the Minnesota Farm Bureau. I am also a member of the Sleepy Eye Sportsmen's Club, Sleepy Eye St. Mary's Church and Caecilian Choir, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. I also sing with a country music band for local fundraisers and charity events. (Somebody has to sing "Sweet Caroline").

Education:

After graduating from Sleepy Eye St. Mary's High School in 1976, I started farming with my parents, eventually purchasing the farm and raising our family on the dairy that has been in our family for 60 years.

What is your vision for the future of agriculture?

The consumer will continue to dictate the future of their food sources, and agriculture will continue to evolve to satisfy the demands of the consumer. All of agriculture can and will evolve to align ourselves with consumer demands.

What do you believe are the primary issues facing agriculture and Compeer Financial? Continued consolidation of the agriculture industry will continue to be an issue for the future. Fortunately, Compeer is well prepared for whatever the future holds.

Why I want to serve on the Board of Directors of Compeer

Financial? With a "keep what we must, return the rest" attitude from the board and leadership from this great cooperative, Compeer has become a company we as shareholders can be very proud of, with record profits and record patronage. This board gets along great with a nice blend of young members and those with a lot of institutional knowledge, and it's been a pleasure to get to know and understand this group committed to the future of agriculture and the Farm Credit system. It would be an honor to serve on the board for a final four years.