

Mt. Wheeler Power Board of Directors Candidates

DISTRICT 2: *East Ely and South Great Basin Blvd.*

Mary Kerner

I am seeking re-election to the District 2 seat on the Mt. Wheeler Power Board. I have served in this capacity for the past three years. It has been a very rewarding experience. I recently earned my Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate after successfully completing the program offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



As a rural Nevadan, born and raised, I have always had a great sense of community pride and know the importance of volunteerism. I reside in Ely with my husband, Curtis. We raised our five children here. We love this community and the people in it. I'm currently the CEO for the Rural Nevada Development Corp. and have been with them for 17 years.

I am a member of the Ely Rotary Club and the Ely Elks Lodge. I serve in leadership roles with the White Pine Middle School PTO, local Girl Scouts, and I'm also involved with the White Pine Chamber and the Community Social Services Grants board. I chair the Red Ribbon Week initiative in our community each year. While I serve and have served on many boards, including the White Pine County School District for five years, I also report to a board at RNDC, giving me a well-rounded perspective on both sides of the board table.

I hold a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in HR management from Colorado Technical University. I have earned my Certified Public Officials certificate through UNR extended studies. I am certified by the National Development Council as an economic development finance professional.

The Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada honored me with the Community Service Award at their "Celebrating Women in Leadership Awards Dinner" last November. I was also awarded the 2018 Nevada Entrepreneurial Spirit award by the Small Business Administration. I was named as Nevada's School Board Member of the Year in 2015.

I want to help continue the exemplary service our board and staff provides by continuing to serve as your District 2 representative. I would appreciate your vote!

Bruce Hunt

I am running for the District 2 seat on the Mt. Wheeler Power Board of Directors.

I was born in Beaver, Utah, and attended public school in both Beaver and Provo, Utah.

In the fall of 1968 I moved my wife and family to Ely and went to work for Kennecott

Copper Mines. I was employed with them until the mine closed in 1978. I saw this as an opportunity to further my education and attended the Trade Technical Institute in Provo, Utah, studying Electrical Automation. The trade school later became a community college. I worked for various mines in both Nevada and Arizona.

Due to the depressed metal market at that time, these mines were either sold or shut down. In 2000, not wanting to move away from Ely, I opened my own business, Hunt Electric, and went to work as an electrical contractor.

I am now semi-retired and feel that I have sufficient time and knowledge to be an asset to Mt. Wheeler's Board of Directors. I would appreciate your support in the District 2 election.

If anyone has questions or would like to talk, please feel free to call 775-289-3255.



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DISTRICT 9: *East Ely North of Avenue F*

Ron Niman

I am a lifelong resident of White Pine County. I have had the opportunity in our community to be employed by small businesses such as Al's Shell Station, Northern Nevada Distributing, Peraldo Distributing and Kennecott Copper Corp. as a diesel mechanic, White Pine County Sheriff's department and for the 7th Judicial Juvenile Department.



I further had the privilege of serving as Justice of the Peace for White Pine County for 27 years. I have been involved with submitting or making budgets although not large, however important to the people. I have been involved with different committees in making decisions and listening and working on making decisions that are in the best interest of the people.

My education includes completion of high school, an 8000-hour apprenticeship with Kennecott Copper Corporation with employment for 11 years; six years of service with the Nevada National Guard 72nd Military Police Company; and numerous hours of courses in the justice field.

I have seen our power company grow from Ely Light and Power to our present Mt. Wheeler Power Cooperative. I have enjoyed serving on the board for the past three years and would appreciate your vote to retain my District 9 seat.

Sean Pitts

Ely has been home to me and my family for 30 years. It has been the place we chose to live and participate in our community, and we have always had its best interest at heart. It has been an honor for me to be the area's historian for three decades.



I have served on the faculty of Great Basin College, assisting in the education of the youth of White Pine County for 29 years. I have substantial budget and board experience and look forward to assisting the members of our cooperative in achieving the best possible future.