

Carroll Electric Cooperative, Inc.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES



**Diane Tarka**  
**incumbent**

Franklin Township  
Columbiana County

## DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE

*Representing all of Columbiana County along with East Township in Carroll County and Brush Creek Township in Jefferson County*

Diane Tarka owns and operates Franklin View Farms LLC, a 575 acre hay and grain farm with a small beef operation. She has extensive experience in the agricultural industry and computer services, including being self-employed as a computerized accounting consultant since 1992. Tarka was co-owner of Midwest Communication Towers, LLC, and owner-operator of Double R Dairy with her late husband, Roy Brown. Tarka rounds out her professional experience in education, teaching high school math and computer science at Carrollton Exempted Village Schools from 1984 to 1993.

Tarka is a member of St. John the Evangelist Church and the Columbiana County Dairy Boosters. She also volunteers for the Columbiana County 4-H and Carrollton Track.

Tarka has been a Carroll Electric member since 1984 and a cooperative trustee since 2014. She has been working toward her Certified Cooperative Director\* (CCD) designation, hoping to complete the program in 2018.

Tarka believes her role as a trustee is to oversee the business activities of the cooperative, such that its financial condition shall be sound and secure to provide economical and reliable electric services for many years to come. She believes the biggest challenge facing Carroll Electric is ensuring our generation and transmission costs remain steady and we continue our diligence with our right-of-way clearing plan and new technology work plan.



**William "Todd" Brown**

Fairfield Township  
Tuscarawas County

## DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATE

*Representing all of Tuscarawas County*

Todd Brown, 54, has been a self-employed dairy farmer for 36 years. He and his wife, Jennifer, own and operate Jenn's Custom Meat Processing LLC on Johnstown Road, Mineral City.

Brown has been an active lifelong member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Philadelphia, serving as chair and co-chair of the personnel committee and also serves on the Endowment Committee there. He has been a member of the Schoenbrunn Valley Barbershop Chorus for the last 39 years and has been a member of the Fairfield Grange for 40 years. In addition, Brown is a Life Member of the National Rifle Association.

Brown has been a Carroll Electric member since 1989. His father, Kenneth, has served on the Carroll Electric Board of Trustees for 36 years.

Brown believes the role of a trustee is to do what is right for the co-op as a whole. Brown believes that the biggest challenge for Carroll Electric is to keep electricity affordable while maintaining and updating the electric grid.

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Will Handrich is a semi-retired farmer and insurance consultant. He served as president for Handrich Insurance and Handrich Investment Services, Inc. until recently selling each business. Handrich retired as a Major from the US Air Force after 27 years of service. Will has experience with flight test evaluation, engineering research, and industrial management, as well as grant writing.

Handrich received a Master of Arts degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. He also received a bachelor's degree and two associates degrees from Kent State University.

Handrich currently serves as president of the Bisel UM Church council and is a legislative affairs officer with the Military Officers Association. He has served as a board member for the Buckeye Career Center and Dover City School board. In addition, he served as a member of the Tuscarawas Valley Strategic Planning Team and Finance Committee and Harrison/Carroll/Tuscarawas County Family and Children First Council.

Handrich has been a member of Carroll Electric since 1989. He believes the role of a trustee is to represent the best interests of Carroll Electric members, become knowledgeable of problem areas relating to the distribution of electric services, and monitor the fiscal health of the cooperative. Handrich believes the biggest challenge for Carroll Electric is efficient use of coal and natural gas resources pending the evaluation, development, and phasing in of future resources (wind, solar, bio-fuels, etc.) resulting in a multi-source redundant power supply system.

### William "Will" Handrich

Fairfield Township  
Tuscarawas County



## DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATE

*Representing all of Augusta Township in Carroll County along with sections 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Brown Township in Carroll County and all of Lake Mohawk*

Bill Casper, a full-time farmer, owns a 200-acre farm where he raises dairy heifers and beef. He also rents 700 acres where he harvests corn, soybeans, hay, and wheat. He belongs to the St. Francis Xavier Church near Malvern and is a member of the Carroll County Farm Bureau.

Casper has been a member of Carroll Electric since 1986 and has been a cooperative trustee since 2008. He completed his certification as a Credentialed Cooperative Director\* (CCD) in 2011 and has started his board leadership certificate\*.

Casper believes his role as a trustee is to bring new ideas to the table, expand communication with members, and find ways to reduce operating costs, while providing affordable and reliable electric service. He believes the biggest challenge facing the electric industry is the uncertainty of regulations like the Clean Power Plan, which could lead to higher electric bills for Carroll Electric members.

Casper has been married to Roxanne for 31 years. Together they have two sons, Clint and Codi, and recently welcomed a grandson, Easton.

### William "Bill" Casper **incumbent**

Brown Township  
Carroll County

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**Eric Howland**  
Brown Township  
Carroll County

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Eric Howland retired from Thomas Steel after serving five years as manager of environmental affairs. Prior to his work for Thomas Steel, Howland served as manager of environmental affairs and manager of power and utilities for Republic Steel. He also has experience as a general foreman for electrical construction, including high-voltage and substation work.

Howland has an associate degree in electrical engineering technology and a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology. He is a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War era. He served aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway CVA-41 as a first-class electronics technician. Howland has also served as a board member for Lake Mohawk from 2010 to 2011.

Howland has been a member of Carroll Electric since 2008. He believes the role of a trustee is to represent members' best interests in cooperative issues. Howland believes the biggest challenge facing the electric industry is environmental regulatory requirements for air, water, and solid waste.



**Robert "Brad" Luckey**  
Brown Township  
Carroll County

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Brad Luckey, who is retired, worked for the Imperial Irrigation District in Imperial, California, for 12 years and has extensive experience in government, regulatory, and public affairs. He was also a self-employed farmer for 22 years with Luckey Farms in Brawley, California. The 1,655-acre farm produced alfalfa, wheat, onions, carrots, and other crops.

Luckey attended California Polytechnic State University and studied agricultural business management. He is a past member of the Imperial County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and has been an active member of the Association of California Water Agencies, serving as vice-chairman and chairman for Region 9. In addition, Luckey has been a member of the Imperial Grain Growers, Inc., Planters Ginning Company, and has served on a number of advisory boards for the University of California. He is currently a Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor and serves as treasurer for the Carroll County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He continues his service with the Navy League of the U.S. Imperial Valley.

Luckey has been a member of Carroll Electric since 2013. He believes the role of a trustee is to develop policy, guide its implementation, and support co-op employees by ensuring they have the proper tools and funding to complete their jobs with the greatest efficiency. He believes the biggest challenges facing the electric industry are the continued federal and state government regulations, lack of land use policy to guide development to the best areas based on services that are available, and continue to modernize the system without raising rates too high or too fast.