

Jim Stebbins (Incumbent)

Jim Stebbins, of Clarksville, is a former independent dairy farmer. He has also worked for the National Farmers Organization as state livestock coordinator, as a lab technician at Hastings Manufacturing Company, and as a line and shipment inspector for Bradford White Corporation. Jim has a bachelor's degree in history from Grand Valley State University. He has five children and five grandchildren.

Jim has been a HomeWorks member since 1974. He was appointed to the board in early 2017 to fill the District 2 seat left open by the passing of longtime director Wayne Swiler, and was elected to his first full term later that year. He serves on the board's policy committee, and he has successfully completed board training to earn the Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership, and Director Gold certificates through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. In addition to serving on the HomeWorks board, he has also represented the Co-op on the board of directors of the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA).

Outside of the Co-op, Jim has served his community as a former longtime member of the Campbell Township Board of Review, a past three-term president of the Woodland Fraternal Order of Eagles, and as a former member of the parish building committee at his church, St. Edwards, in Lake Odessa.

"As a member, I have always enjoyed the quality of service and competitive rates at HomeWorks that are far superior to investor-owned utilities," he says. "As a board member for the past nine years, I have become even more impressed with the Cooperative. I continue to be excited about the future changes and challenges the Co-op is facing, and I hope for the opportunity to be able to continue contributing my own experiences as a member of the board, representing District 2."