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Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Newsletter

From the CEO....

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In our recent Annual Meeting, there were a few changes to our Board of Directors. FMI had a very active Nomination Committee this past year. We had one Director to replace due to a retirement from the Board, and we have also added some seats to our Board for future known needs.

Our former Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, Ron Rugan, asked that we move another into that role as he is planning his future retirement from the Board. Ron will continue in an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Role at this time. Replacing him as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board will be Mindy Cure. Mindy has served on our Board as a Director for the past two years and plans to continue in service.

Retiring from the Board at the Annual Meeting was Ed Schloctermeier. Ed began his service to our Board in February 2004 and served consistently till his final meeting February 2022, totaling 18 years of service to the company on behalf of the policyholders. Ed is a successful farmer in our community and has been an asset to accomplishing our mission to "Provide Kansans with insurance protection that is reliable and personal." He assisted in leading our company through some of the most pivotal times of our history. We greatly appreciate his assistance and service throughout the years. In recognition of that dedication, we have made a gracious donation to an entity of his choosing, St. Joseph Catholic School here in Ellinwood. Two Directors renewed their terms that were expiring, these were Ruth Teichman and Mark Rondeau. We look forward to their continued service along with the other Directors who remain. We will have a "Director Spotlight" issue of our newsletter including all Directors coming out later this year. Watch for that issue.

Those newly elected Directors joining our Board of Directors are Cari Ringwald, Curtis Wolf, and Troy Moore. FMI looks forward to the experience and expertise these three bring from their own professions and organizational involvement. Their addition brings a greater diversity of knowledge and background to our Board. This diversity will broaden our discussion and perspectives, which is beneficial to all stakeholders of our Mutual company.

Here's a bit more about each of the new Officers and Directors:

Mindy Cure, Secretary/Treasurer: Mindy is the Manager and one of two insurance agents for the Hanston Insurance Agency, Inc, of Hanston KS. Mindy started in the agency in 2005, obtained her "Certified Insurance Counselor" designation in 2010 as well as her "Certified Insurance Service Representative" designation. Mindy writes property and casualty, and dabbles in crop and life insurance as well! Mindy received a BS in agriculture degree from Kansas State and is originally from Ellinwood KS. She now lives with her husband and family in rural Hodgeman County, helping her husband manage a backgrounding feed yard, farm, and ranch. Mindy is "overly active" in the community, while trying to keep up with her "overly active" 14 yr. old daughter. Mindy served a one yr. term as "jr high cheer sponsor", she is the treasurer of the St Anthony Catholic church, Vice-Pres. of the Hanston City library, secretary of the Hodgeman County Lions club, and sits on the board of the local "Healthy Eating Organization". Mindy also has 2 grown step-children and 1 very cute step-granddaughter to entertain her. In her free time Mindy enjoys reading, bible studies, KSU football, rodeos and going to the lake.

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Cari Ringwald, Director: Cari hails from Marysville, KS and attended Kansas State University earning a B.S. in Marketing and International Business, minoring in Economics. She later completed a M.L.S in Leadership Studies from Fort Hays State University. She met her husband, Chris, while at Kansas State and they returned to central Kansas after graduation to join the family farm. Cari worked as Director of Marketing for Barton Community College and Learning Coordinator for Adams Brown CPAs, before making a change to full time motherhood and part time work in the family businesses; TriAg, RMACs Truck and Equipment, and Moeder Oil. Cari is Mom to Cole (16), Grey (13), and Eden (10) and stays busy as a checklist maker, chauffeur, and spectator for their various activities. She is chairperson of the Ellinwood Recreation Commission board and treasurer of the Ellinwood Grade School Parent Advisory Committee. She serves on the USD 355 Site Councils for both Grade School and High School and participates in various other community and church organizations. In her spare time, Cari enjoys a good book, podcasts, cooking, and shopping. Manhattan is a frequent favorite destination for KSU gamedays and family time. She has a special interest in fitness and leads classes in Ellinwood and Great Bend as a certified group fitness instructor.

Curtis Wolf, Director: Curtis is the director at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC) at Cheyenne Bottoms, 7 miles northwest of Ellinwood. Curtis joined KWEC in July 2009 after teaching Biology at Barton Community College for four years. The Center is operated as a branch of Fort Hays State University and offers a museum to visitors and hundreds of environmental education programs. Curtis received a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and a M.S. in Biology at FHSU, studying freshwater mussels. Curtis sees his KWEC job as a wonderful opportunity to combine his passions of nature and education, combatting "nature deficit disorder". Curtis is active in several community and church organizations, including local Chambers of Commerce, Ducks Unlimited, St. Joseph's Church, Knights of Columbus, and ACTS Retreats. Curtis loves anything outdoors, including hunting, fishing, bird watching, hiking, camping, gardening, and even yard work. He also enjoys cooking, processing and smoking meats, and being an uncle to his nine nieces and nephews.

Troy Moore, Director: Troy is a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Ellinwood District Hospital. He joined EDH in 2021 after practicing in, developing, and operating private practices in Great Bend and Wichita, KS.

Troy has been a Physical Therapist since 2006. Prior to practicing as a PT, he was a Certified Athletic Trainer and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, specializing in Sports Injuries and Rehabilitation. Troy is a 1996 Graduate of Belle Plaine High School and then earned a Bachelor of Science at Emporia State University while also playing basketball. He obtained a Masters of Physical Therapy from Wichita State University in 2006 and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Regis University in 2008. Troy married Elissa Eggers in 2002 and has been graced with 4 children; Mason, Kyndal, Blayre, and Henry. He continues to be an avid sports fan and has remained active in the community through coaching, different Board responsibilities, and trying to keep up with all 4 of his children's activities.



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