



Neerlandia Co-operative Assn. Ltd.

2024 Annual General Meeting

Board of Director Nominees

The members of the Neerlandia Co-op voted during the January 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to change our bylaws as they related to the way we nominate and elect directors. A call for nominations was made in November 2023; we invite you to consider the following five candidates for the three vacant positions. Outgoing directors are Ron Hamoen, Julius Wierenga, and Keith Wiart (completed his first three-year term and is eligible for re-election). A vote will be held during our next AGM which is scheduled for January 13, 2024; if you are unable to attend this meeting contact the administration of the Neerlandia Co-op for instructions on how you could still participate by voting.

Adam Wierenga feels honored to have been asked to let his name stand for nomination of director of the Neerlandia Co-op and looks forward to the opportunity to learn more about how the Co-op builds the communities it serves. He grew up helping on his parents' family farm in Neerlandia and has become financially involved in the farm for the past five years. Adam and his wife Natasha have four children and have owned and operated Trak Trucking for 13 years. Other interests include construction, participating in family activities, and he dabbles in hunting and other outdoor activities.



Bruce Van Dijk and his wife Meredith farmed with and eventually took over Meredith's parent's farm, now mixed grain and sheep, in Neerlandia for the past 22 years. He has a university degree in animal science and business management and in his spare time reads about agriculture. Bruce feels the opportunity to serve as a director is a good way to use his skills to contribute to our community. He feels his understanding of financial statements and accounting and his preference to work behind the scenes would be an asset to the Neerlandia Co-op Board of Directors.



Curtis Miedema is a proud member of the Neerlandia Co-op; he has enjoyed watching it grow over the years and is excited for the opportunity to serve as a director on the board. Curtis graduated from high school in Barrhead and grew up working on the honey farm that he, his wife Melissa, and their three children now own and operate. He has held other jobs in his offseason, such as logging, construction, custom farm work, and truck driving (including as tender truck driver for the Neerlandia Co-op for a couple seasons). Curtis has worked with bees in New Zealand, Australia, California, and Hawaii, is the current chair of the Alberta Beekeepers Commission, and has held a seat on the Canadian Honey Council for three years.



Keith Wiart has just completed his first three-year term as director of the Neerlandia Co-op and is eligible to be elected for another term. He has found learning about the business of the Co-op from the perspective of director interesting and looks forward to the opportunity to continue and help see through some projects to completion. Keith started his career in welding right out of high school, eventually apprenticing, becoming a journeyman welder with a B pressure ticket, and owning his own company for a while. In 2007, he and his wife Lindy started mixed cattle and grain farming in the Neerlandia area; they have four children and continue to operate a grain farm today. Other board experience includes six years (two as chair) on the Gateway Research Organization board and serving as deacon in his church.



Zach Olthuis has been a member of the Neerlandia Co-op for 24 years and has always had an interest in business; he feels the opportunity to sit as a director on the board would be rewarding and a great learning experience. Zach graduated from Olds College with an Agricultural Equipment Technician Diploma in 2002, after which he worked as an Agricultural Equipment Technician for Cervus Equipment in Ponoka, AB until 2007. In 2007 he and his wife Mary moved back to Neerlandia where they currently farm and raise their four children. He also partnered in forming and operating O3 Equipment Hauling Ltd. and O3 Mulching Ltd. from 2008 to 2020. His personal interests include sports, hunting, and camping.

