

# BUSINESS SESSION







# AFRMIC & OFU BUSINESS MEETINGS

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# GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

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## Important Events

OFU Enterprises, Inc. Meeting.....	Friday, 8:00 a.m. ....	Northpark
OCBA Annual Meeting.....	Friday, 8:30 a.m. ....	University A
Agent Breakout Sessions.....	Friday, 9 a.m. ....	University B-C
Coffee with the Legislature.....	Friday, 9:45 a.m. ....	University A
Agents Association Meeting.....	Friday, 10:15 a.m. ....	University B-C
AFR Policy Committee Meeting.....	Friday, 11 a.m. ....	Noble
Agent Recognition Luncheon.....	Friday, 11:15 a.m. ....	Oklahoma G-J
AFRMIC/OFU Business Meeting.....	Friday, 1 p.m. ....	Oklahoma F
State Legislative Report.....	Friday, 3 p.m. ....	Oklahoma F
AFR Youth Program.....	Friday, 7 p.m. ....	Oklahoma F
Northwest Area Meeting.....	Friday, 9 p.m. ....	University A
Passing a Farm Bill .....	Saturday, 8:45 a.m. ....	Oklahoma F
County/Local Officer Luncheon.....	Saturday, 11:45 a.m. ....	University G-J
Youth Arts & Crafts .....	Saturday, 1:30 p.m. ....	University C
The Spirit of Cooperation .....	Saturday, 2:30 p.m. ....	Oklahoma F
Breakout Session.....	Saturday, 3:30 p.m. ....	Sooner
Banquet Reception.....	Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ....	University A-B
Banquet.....	Saturday, 7 p.m. ....	Oklahoma F-J
Worship Service.....	Sunday, 9 a.m. ....	Oklahoma F

## Important Hours of Operation

Registration.....	Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ....	Saturday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Ticket Sales/Pick Up.....	Friday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ....	Saturday: 8 a.m. to Noon
Trade Show.....	Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ....	Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Office/AFRPAC.....	Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ....	Saturday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Agent Resource Room.....	Friday: 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. ....	Closed Saturday

## Important Information

- The grand door prize ticket drop box is located in the trade show.
- Visit the AFR Cooperative booth to learn about this year's exciting AFR Ag & Historic trip to Hawaii.

## Important Locations

General Sessions.....	Oklahoma F
Registration.....	Oklahoma A
Auction Drop-Off, Ticket Sales.....	Boomer A
Trade Show.....	Oklahoma B-E
Agent Resource Room.....	Sooner
Meal Functions.....	Oklahoma G-J

# **CONVENTION NOTICES**

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## **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FARMERS & RANCHERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.**

In accordance with Article III, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the American Farmers & Ranchers Mutual Insurance Company, Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Policyholders of the American Farmers & Ranchers Mutual Insurance Company will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Norman – Hotel & Conference Center, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, Okla., February 13-14, 2026 in conjunction with the AFR Convention. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the meeting to convene at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026.

Presentations of financials, officer reports, director and officer candidate speeches, educational sessions and other necessary business will be conducted at this meeting.

Chad Yearwood, President & CEO

Paul Jackson, Secretary

## **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNION OF THE FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA, INC.**

In accordance with Article V, Section 5.3, of the Bylaws of the Oklahoma State Union of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Inc., the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting of the Oklahoma State Union of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Inc., will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Norman – Hotel & Conference Center, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, Okla., February 13-14, 2026 in conjunction with the AFR Convention. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the meeting to convene at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, 2026. Presentations of financials, officer reports, director and officer candidate speeches, consideration and adoption of policy resolutions, educational sessions and other necessary business will be conducted at this meeting.

Scott Blubaugh, President

Paul Jackson, State Secretary

# COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS

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## AFRMIC

### **Committees**

#### **Bylaws**

AFRMIC Board of Directors

#### **Filing**

David ZumMallen, Okarche  
Ryan Plemmons, Broken Bow  
D. Don Orrell, Carnegie  
John Firey, Sand Springs  
Barry Squires, Carnegie  
Gary Vinson, Ada

#### **Election**

Ryan Plemmons, Broken Bow  
Susan Gosa, Seminole  
Clay Pope, Loyal  
Barry Squires, Carnegie  
Debi Thompson, Carney  
Rodney Unruh, Elk City

### **Appointments**

#### **Parliamentarian**

Brandon Wilson, Edmond

#### **Doorman**

Doug Harryman, Newcastle

#### **Assistant Doorman**

Jim Pilkington, Sapulpa

## OFU

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# CONVENTION OFFICIALS

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## **Brandon Wilson, Parliamentarian**

Brandon Wilson is an attorney-at-law in Edmond with the Whitworth, Wilson & Evans, PLLC, law firm. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2002 and was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar Association in 2002.

Wilson is admitted to practice in all federal and state courts in Oklahoma, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Denver. He has also practiced, pro hac vice, in courts in Texas and Arkansas. His practice has focused on trial litigation and procedure, motion practice, and appellate briefing and argument for a diverse range of clients from small businesses and individuals to

large companies. Since forming Whitworth, Wilson & Evans with Clint Whitworth and Mike Evans, Wilson has also handled real property contracts, commercial transactions and business litigation.

Wilson has served as secretary for numerous corporate, civic and church organizations, as well as served as chief rules officer (parliamentarian). His board work for these organizations has included such things as drafting corporate policies, procedures, bylaws and resolutions, as well as advising the chairs of such meetings on matters of procedure. He has also served as a delegate to numerous conventions.

Wilson was raised in Yukon and graduated from Yukon High School in 1994. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1998. He is married to Meggan Wilson, the Executive Director of Academic Instruction for Shawnee Public Schools. He has three children, Emily, Olivia and Isaac. In his spare time, he enjoys target shooting and cycling.



## **Doug Harryman, Door Keeper**

Doug Harryman has served in the role of door keeper for 40 years. He assumed the role from his father, Vencil Harryman. Harryman and his assistants work at the door with drawing tickets, enforcing delegate badge requirements, counting hand votes, tabulating National Farmers Union delegate nomination votes, assisting with transportation and set-up of convention and other general convention needs.

Harryman's father, Vencil, was employed with Oklahoma Farmers Union, so the organization was very much part of his life as a youngster growing up on the farm. Harryman and his wife Kathy own an AFR agency in Newcastle; Harryman has been an AFR Agent for more than 30 years. He has been the McClain County AFR/OFU President for more than 30 years and serves on the Farmers Union Foundation Board of Directors.

Harryman's other civic contributions include numerous years of service on the Newcastle School Board, the McClain County Health Board, and the Newcastle Education Foundation. He has also served as a board member of the State FFA Foundation on behalf of Oklahoma Farmers Union and American Farmers & Ranchers. He is active in First Baptist Church, Newcastle, as a committee and choir member.

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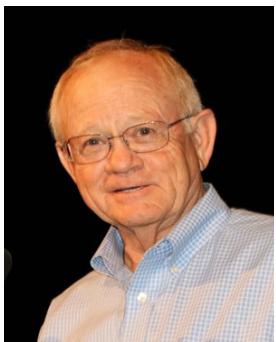


## Jim Pilkington, Assistant Door Keeper

Jim Pilkington has been the AFR Eastern Oklahoma Field Representative since 2014. A native Oklahoman, Pilkington is a graduate of Beggs High School and was a member of the Okmulgee County Spring Livestock Show Committee from 1975 to 2018, in which he also served as president the last 18 of those years. He received the Oklahoma State FFA Degree in 2001 and the Honorary American FFA Degree in 2011.

Pilkington is a member of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation, past member and president of the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Council 2012-2020, and Honorary Chapter FFA Degree recipient from Beggs, Sapulpa, and Adair FFA chapters. Since 2010, he has chaperoned the Oklahoma FFA Convention Chorus. He was awarded the Oklahoma FFA Association Region II Outstanding Cooperation Award for 2020-2021 and the AFR Cooperative Youth Champion Award in 2022.

Pilkington continues to serve his community as president of the Lone Star School Board, which is the largest dependent school district in the state. He and his wife, Carla, have three grown children and six grandchildren. He enjoys serving others and being involved with FFA activities at the local and state level. On the last day of Pilkington's senior year his ag teacher, Larry Harvey, told him to give back to the local FFA chapter wherever he made his home, because someone had done that for him. His goal is to lead by example and to inspire our youth so they will in turn give back to future generations.



## Eddie Whitworth, Chaplain

This is Eddie Whitworth's third year to officially serve as the AFR Convention Chaplain. He is not new to the position; he has filled in several years during the absence of a chaplain.

Whitworth worked as an Oklahoma Farmers Union/AFR Insurance agent for 37 years for the McManus/Whitworth Agency in Frederick. His father-in-law, James McManus, began the Frederick agency in 1957. Prior to that, his father-in-law's father wrote policies from his kitchen table as the local organization secretary.

Whitworth has been involved in lay ministry for many years, including hosting Sunday Morning Praise, a music-focused ministry program that has aired each Sunday for almost 25 years on the local radio station in Frederick.

Whitworth has served his country through the U.S. Army Reserve and his community through the local Rotary Club. He excelled in his work as mayor, councilman and chamber of commerce member, receiving honors for all three. In addition to his community involvement, Whitworth taught agriculture education in two southwestern Oklahoma schools. He also served AFR Insurance as the Southwest Area Agents Association president and continues his agricultural operation, growing cotton and cattle.

# 2026 CONVENTION RULES

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ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING OF THE AMERICAN  
FARMERS & RANCHERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

AND

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA  
STATE UNION OF THE FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND  
COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA, INC.

1. The agenda contained within the convention program shall be the order of business to be conducted at the convention. Any item not included on the agenda shall be out of order and shall not be recognized as an appropriate order of business at the convention.
2. The printed program represents only the sequence of convention activities. The times indicated are only approximations, and actual times may deviate from those shown in the program.
3. The OFU President will preside over all OFU convention activities but may delegate this responsibility at his discretion. The AFRMIC Chairman will preside over all AFRMIC convention activities but may delegate this responsibility at his discretion.
4. Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the convention in all cases in which they are applicable except where modified by these Convention Rules or Bylaws.
5. The board of directors has adopted rules prior to the convention and these rules will become the rules of the convention unless otherwise changed.
6. An Election Committee consisting of four member insureds (two agents and two independents) with no more than one appointed per district, non-election year Corporate Governance Committee members, and the AFRMIC/OFU Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, were appointed prior to the convention. The Secretary serves as Chair of the Election Committee governing the election process. The purpose of the Election Committee is to provide oversight to ensure that the election process functions fairly, honestly and according to the rules by providing on-site assistance to and observation of the election process conducted at the convention. The Committee responsibilities cease at the announcement of election results or a resolution of any election disputes, whichever is later.
7. A County or Local Charter cannot send delegates to state convention if they have not submitted their Annual Financial and Officer Reports to the (OFU) State Secretary by January 31 prior to convention. (Article 4.6 Coop Bylaws). The County President cannot appoint delegates from Local Charters that do not meet the January 31 deadline.
8. If the County Charter is not in compliance with reporting then the County is not only ineligible to send the County delegate but also to fill the delegate slots remaining to be filled for a Local Charter.
9. If a delegate ceases to be a member/policy holder after the official member/policy holder list is finalized (December 31st), then the delegate is not qualified to be a delegate at the convention.

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10. In the event a delegate's membership expires between December 31st and the credential submission deadline, the Local Secretary may submit a replacement before the credential deadline or; if this occurs after the credential deadline, the County President may pull from the alternates that were submitted before the deadline.

11. All credentials forms must be dated.

12. The County Vice President may act in the absence of the County President in replacing delegates at the State Convention if the County President is not present at the convention. In the absence of the Vice President the County Secretary may act to move alternates to delegate status.

13. The alternate delegate must appear on the President's Appointment to a Local Credential pink form to be able to move them from one Local within the county to another Local.

14. The County President, Vice President or Secretary must have a signed form that he or she has notified the delegate that they have been replaced by an alternate and they will not be able to register and vote if they come after the change has been made.

15. An Election Committee member must sign off on the change at the credentials station in the registration room. The Election Committee members scheduled to work at the time of the change would sign off for the change with credentials staff.

16. For identification, seating and voting, delegates and non-delegate policyholders eligible to vote (hereinafter "voting persons") shall be required to wear the name badge, issued by the Election Committee, upon registration, at all times.

17. Eligible non-delegate policyholders wishing to participate in an election or official business on the floor must be credentialed in the registration room and wear the badge issued by the Election Committee.

18. In order to comply with current mutual bylaws, all non-delegate policyholders may vote so long as they otherwise meet eligibility requirements detailed herein if there are policyholder items to vote on. Non-delegate policyholders are those policyholders who completed the In Person Voter Registration Form and returned it to the Secretary by December 31 of the year-end prior to the current convention.

19. All rulings by the Election Committee on qualification of delegates and policyholders are final.

20. Dues-only members are eligible to vote in OFU membership matters only. Policyholders may vote on both Mutual and OFU matters.

21. Your designation of your ballot value is what is determined at registration and that value will remain throughout the convention until business is concluded -- unless reduced by non-delegate policyholders or county delegate.

22. In order to be eligible to vote, all voting persons must be properly registered in the registration room, meet credentialing requirements detailed herein, and wear the appropriate issued badges. Only properly registered delegates and voting persons wearing the issued badge may vote in the election of Officers and Directors and the business session including consideration of proposed bylaws and articles, if any.

23. A government issued photo identification document (state, federal, tribal) such as a license is required at registration by delegates and voting persons. An electronic copy of an identification

# 2026 CONVENTION RULES, CONT.

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document is not valid.

24. Employees can participate as a delegate to the annual convention but not be involved in campaigning for or against a current seated officer or director or participate in any other candidates' race or advocate on policy, or advocate on by-laws or articles changes at the convention.

25. Before being issued a ballot (if any), delegates and non-delegate voting persons are first verified they are properly credentialed in the registration room.

26. Voting ballots (if any) are the responsibility of the vendor conducting the election process and will only be distributed at the time the delegate's or voting person's name badge is scanned and they are ready to enter the voting booth. A separate curtained area with private voting stations is within the area along with the ballot and voting machines. The Election Committee Chair(s) and Election Committee will verify that no ballots exist in the box and the voter counter is cleared, in the 15 minutes before voting begins. Candidates will be afforded the opportunity to view the boxes and the process in that 15-minute period. This rule is the only notification that will be made. It is each candidate's responsibility to be present for this inspection, if they so desire.

27. Voting for Officer and Director positions (if any) will be conducted utilizing voting machines. Delegates and voting persons may vote any time after registering up to closing of registration. Registration is open Friday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration reopens Saturday, Feb. 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delegates and voting persons are encouraged to vote after candidate speeches on Friday afternoon. Those in line on Saturday at the closing of registration will be allowed to register and vote.

28. Candidate speeches will begin mid-afternoon Friday. Each candidate will be allowed 3 minutes to address the delegation. Only candidates may speak in their own behalf. A one-time 30 second rebuttal will be allowed for each candidate after all candidates for that seat have given their speech, in the same order of the speeches. The rebuttal is for the purpose of a candidate clarifying anything that another candidate has said with respect to them. Candidates can choose to use the rebuttal time or pass.

29. The order in which the candidate names was placed on the ballot and order of candidate speeches were determined by drawing names at the candidate meeting in December. The order in which the candidate name was drawn is also the same speaking order of that candidate.

30. Delegates and voting persons when voting for Directors on the printed ballot are casting a vote for Directors for both the mutual insurance board as well as the cooperative board.

31. There will be no runoff. The candidate receiving the most votes will be the winner. In the event of a tie, determination of a winner will be by the flip of a coin. The board of the Mutual or Cooperative does not have a role in an appeal of an election but that rests with the electorate and the Election Committee.

32. No candidate or special interest campaign material, not limited to banners, buttons, brochures or flyers, may be distributed anywhere on the convention premises including the entire hotel property or grounds.

33. Verbal campaigning is permitted in the hotel lobby of the guest registration area and all other parts of the hotel and convention center that has not been determined elsewhere in the rules to be considered off-limits.

34. No campaigning may occur past the designated line in the convention facility clearly marked as "No Campaigning" outside the AFRMIC/OFU Cooperative registration and voting room.

# 2026 CONVENTION RULES, CONT.

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35. Casual conversation should not be conducted inside the registration and voting room, or in the designated "No Campaigning" zone.
36. Only the designated Election Committee members approved by the board, vendor election officials and security can be in the registration and voting room when election results are tabulated, reviewed and secured in the container for the two-week sequester of the materials.
37. Following the announcement of election results, the AFRMIC/OFU Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries will maintain control of the ballot box until such time the ballots are destroyed and may delegate such control to a neutral third party such as Legal Counsel or Parliamentarian.
38. The AFRMIC/OFU Secretary and Assistant Secretaries will open the ballot box and destroy (shred) or cause to be destroyed the ballots two weeks from the closing date of the election (provided an election(s) is not still in dispute) with observance by at least two of the following: President, Vice President, Corporate Governance Committee Member, Parliamentarian or Legal Counsel.
39. Actions related to pending litigation and associated issues involving the Cooperative, AFRMIC or affiliated entities shall not be in order for consideration at this annual meeting and convention. AFRMIC/OFU declines at this time to discuss any pending litigation or legal matters to fully exercise and protect privileges afforded to it during the course of any litigation, to fully protect the interests of AFRMIC at issue in any litigation, and to respect the privacy of any individuals or entities involved in pending litigation.
40. Only Policy Resolutions properly submitted through the Policy Committee will be considered. Resolutions not approved by the Committee may be brought forth for consideration by any delegate from the local or county organization originally offering the resolution during the resolution debate.
41. Only proposed Bylaw amendments that proper notice has been provided to delegates shall be considered.
42. The allotted time for consideration of the proposed bylaws and articles for each corporation shall be limited to 30 minutes with 10 minutes for the explanation of the proposal, 10 minutes allotted for those in support and 10 minutes allotted for those in opposition.
43. Approved Bylaw amendments and Articles become effective once the revised bylaws have been signed by the respective required signatures.
44. Every delegate or voting person desiring to speak shall rise and remain standing until recognized by the chair. When recognized, the delegate or voting person shall first state his or her name, and county.
45. No speaker shall speak on the same question longer than one minute. Speakers wishing to speak a second time must wait until all other delegates and voting persons desiring to speak have finished before speaking again.
46. Non-delegate registered members may debate policy resolutions or questions during the Cooperative business session only after all regular convention delegates are given the opportunity to speak.
47. Any individual ruled out of order in accordance with the convention rules and with demonstrated intent to interrupt the orderly proceedings of the convention shall be asked to excuse themselves or be removed by the doorman and security when the chair deems this to be a proper and appropriate action for the benefit of conducting business at the convention.





# AFRMIC

## *Business Meeting*

# AFRMIC BOARD & OFFICERS

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## Directors

Independent Director Dist. 1.....Roger Edenborough, Goodwell  
Agent Director District 1.....John Porter, Edmond  
Independent Director District 2.....Barry Squires, Carnegie  
Agent Director District 2.....Dustin Tackett, Fort Cobb  
Independent Director Dist. 3 .....Raymond Schiltz, Ponca City  
Agent Director District 3.....William Lane, Grove  
Independent Director District 4.....Loyd Steward, Shawnee  
Agent Director District 4.....Ryan Plemmons, Broken Bow  
Independent Statewide Director.....Ron Ramming, Warner

## Officers

Chief Executive Officer .....Chad Yearwood, Newcastle  
Chief Financial Officer.....Bernadette Autrey, Pauls Valley  
Secretary.....Paul Jackson, Ringling

# AFRMIC OFFICERS

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## **Chad Yearwood, President & CEO**

Chad Yearwood began his insurance career in 1997 with AFR Insurance. Over the course of nearly two decades, he has held various positions within the claims department, eventually rising to the role of AFR Director of Claims.

In 2016, Yearwood transitioned to a corporate risk management and claims position in the energy industry, and later filled the role of a claims specialty practice leader advocate in a brokerage setting. He was named president and CEO of AFR Insurance in 2024.

Yearwood's credentials include an MBA and a Master of Legal Studies degree, accompanied by several professional insurance designations. Growing up on a family farm in western Oklahoma has been an integral part of Yearwood's background. Chad and his wife, Lori, find joy in trying to keep up with their two active children during their leisure time.



## **Bernadette Autrey, CFO & Treasurer**

Bernadette Autrey was named chief financial officer and treasurer of AFR Insurance and its related entities in December 2019. Before being named CFO, Autrey was a member of the AFR Accounting Department where she had served as a senior accountant since 2014. Prior to joining the AFR family in 2013 when she started as a treasury accountant, Autrey was an insurance defense auditor for seven years with Farmers Insurance Group in Oklahoma City. Altogether, Autrey has more than 30 years of experience in insurance defense and the accounting industries.

As a native of Mustang, Autrey holds a Bachelor of Science in Business with a concentration in Accounting and a Master of Science in Accounting, graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of Phoenix. In addition to graduating with honors, Autrey earned a lifetime membership in Lambda Sigma Chapter of the International Business Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta. Autrey went on to earn her CPA Bridge certificate.

# AFRMIC OFFICERS, CONT.

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## **Paul Jackson, Secretary**

Paul Jackson was elected Secretary/Treasurer in February 2013 to fill an unexpired vacancy and since has been elected unopposed to four full three-year terms. As Farm & Cooperative Programs Director, he led cooperative activities, policy development, adult and youth leadership and legislative fly-ins to Washington, D.C. A 31-year AFR/OFU employee, he holds Property, Casualty, Health and Life insurance licenses. He served as the interim AFRMIC CEO. He continues as annual meeting/convention coordinator.

A fourth-generation farmer/rancher, Jackson has a diverse agricultural background, including cow-calf, stocker cattle, wheat, rye, peanuts, alfalfa and hogs.

Jackson served on the boards of Love County Farmers Union and Local 741 and Midwest Shows Scholarship Program and is past President of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. He is Vice Chairman, Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program Advisory Council and AFR representative to the Oklahoma Beef Council. He is a former volunteer fireman; current church assistant pastor/song leader/secretary-treasurer; member of Oklahoma Society of Association Executives; and secretary to the Farmers Union Foundation, AFRPAC, Oklahoma Certified Beef Association, OFU Enterprises and AFRMIC and AFRLIC.

Jackson chaired the National Farmers Union Policy Committee, coordinated NFU Convention delegations, and served on Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Planning. He previously worked on rural development and agriculture policy/appropriations for an Oklahoma congressman. Jackson was the National Rural Water Association Professional Programs Director, representing and providing technical assistance to small water utilities.

He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from OSU and has completed Leadership Love County and the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program. He and his wife, Kim, have two daughters.

# AFRMIC/OFU BOARD CANDIDATES

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## **Roger Edenborough, District 1 Northwest Independent Director**

Roger L. Edenborough was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, while his father was attending graduate school at Oklahoma State University. He was raised in the Oklahoma Panhandle, specifically Goodwell, where he attended school and graduated from Goodwell High School. He then attended college in Goodwell at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. While attending college, Edenborough was active in the student senate and held academic honors at the time of graduation. Edenborough attained his CPA in 1992 and joined his father as a partner in the accounting firm, Edenborough and Edenborough, CPA's.

In 1989 he married his wife Shelley, and together they raised three daughters, Cassidy, Shandy, and Kenly, who all graduated from Goodwell High School before completing university degrees. The Edenborough's were very involved in the activities of their children during their school years.

As a fifth generation Oklahoman, Roger has been enthusiastic about protecting the rural values and assets of Oklahoma. For 30 years he has served on the Board of Trustees for Panhandle Telephone Cooperative Inc. His time spent on the PTCI board has made him a firm believer in cooperative values. Cooperative beliefs led to his election to the AFR Board of Directors in 2023. He currently serves on the Goodwell Town Council. In addition, Roger spent 19 years as a board member of Goodwell Public Schools holding offices multiple years and on the Oklahoma State School Board Association for eleven years, serving as the OSSBA President in 2016-2017, where he advocated for rural schools across the state.



## **William Lane, District 3 Northwest Agent Director**

William Lane grew up in Northeast Oklahoma at Jay Oklahoma. He attended school at Jay and graduated in 1992. From there he attended NEO and was a member of the Livestock Judging Team. After NEO he attended Oklahoma State University and was on the livestock judging team there as well. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1996. He was a member of Class Ten of Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program.

William is a third generation AFR Insurance agent. His grandfather Claud Cagle started in the insurance business in 1974 when he purchased an AFR Agency. William owns an AFR Insurance agency in Gentry Arkansas and helps his mother with her AFR agency, Cagle Insurance in Langley, OK. He first began his career in the insurance industry in 1998, when he came to work for his grandfather in his agency. He also owns a small cattle operation where he raises purebred Shorthorn and Shorthorn plus cattle that are exhibited on local, state and national levels.

William and his wife Jennifer live in Grove, Oklahoma. He has two children, Ryan and Lexi and three step children Derek, Candace and Bri. When he is not at his insurance office, he can most likely be found in the barn or somewhere else on the farm. He helps coach his local 4-H and FFA judging teams, He can also be found at a lot of livestock shows across the country.

# AFRMIC/OFU BOARD CANDIDATES, CONT.

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## **Loyd Steward, District 4 Southeast Independent Director**

Loyd Steward values work ethic, which is the driving force of his life. He acquired this trait from his parents on the family farm near Dale, OK. Steward was active in sports, 4-H and FFA and earned a B.S. in Agriculture at Oklahoma State University. Loyd and Becky have celebrated 50 years of marriage, while residing in Bethel Acres. They raised two children, Jon and Jennifer, and now have 5 grandchildren. Steward operates a cow/calf operation.

The past 30 years, Steward has owned and operated Total Lawn Care and is known for his premier service to his clients.

Steward voluntarily maintains a community cemetery and helps raise funds for the local 4-H and FFA chapters. He spends many volunteer hours improving the turf on the local school's sports complexes. He recently completed a year long Leadership Square and Pavilion project at Bethel High School. Steward served on the Bethel School Board for eleven years.

Steward has been a longtime member of Oklahoma Farmers Union/AFR and has served as county president for over 20 years. He is currently serving as the AFR District 4 Independent Director and is on the Investment and Compensation committees. He served on the State Policy Committee, attended three Washington Fly-ins and attended three National Farmers Union Conventions.

Steward's hobbies include smoking meat for family, friend and church events. However, spoiling the grandkids is his favorite pastime.

Loyd Steward is passionate about serving others, which shows in his actions in the community where he lives.



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President.....Scott Blubaugh, Tonkawa  
Vice President .....Toby Wallace, Stonewall  
Secretary.....Paul Jackson, Ringling

No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation who is not a member of the Oklahoma State Union of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Inc. ("State Union"). The directors shall be elected from the members of the State Union by the Policyholders through a vote at the Annual Meeting. The Directors, who have been elected as Directors of American Farmers & Ranchers Mutual Insurance Company shall be the elected Directors of the State Union. Unless some other procedure is adopted by the Board of Directors, the approval of the seating of the Directors shall be by the slate.

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## Scott Blubaugh, President

Scott Blubaugh serves as president of American Farmers & Ranchers (AFR) Cooperative, where he represents the organization's 61,000 farmers, ranchers and rural citizens. Blubaugh is a fifth-generation farmer and rancher and a lifelong resident of Kay County. In addition to his position at AFR, he operates a diversified 3,500-acre family farm and ranch.

As president of AFR Cooperative, Blubaugh leads the organization in all legislative efforts, including serving as president of the Oklahoma Certified Beef Association. He also manages a full roster of rural education and agricultural programs and serves as a spokesman for rural issues. Blubaugh is the chairman of the AFRPAC and serves as president of the OFU Foundation and OFU Enterprises. In addition to his AFR

involvement, he serves on the NFU Executive Board of Directors and chairs the NFU Education Committee. He has also testified before the U.S. House of Representatives on concentration issues in agriculture.

Blubaugh is a graduate of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and Leadership Oklahoma. He and his wife, Lisa, own and operated two AFR Insurance agencies and manage the family farming operation in northern Oklahoma, which includes an annual Angus production sale. He and Lisa have been married 39 years; they have two sons, Zach and Zane, and three granddaughters.



## Toby Wallace, Vice President

Toby Wallace was raised in Connerville, Okla., and graduated from Tishomingo High School. He is the owner of Wallace Insurance in Wapanucka and holds property, casualty, and life insurance licenses. In addition to his work in the insurance industry, Wallace spent the early part of his career in agriculture. He managed several large cattle ranches over the course of 25 years and today runs a cow/calf operation with his family.

In addition to his work as the vice president of AFR Cooperative, Wallace has served on the National Farmers Union (NFU) Policy Committee and on the AFR Policy Committee. He has participated in the NFU Legislative Fly-in, AFR Day at the Capital, and helped judge AFR speech contests. He has also served as a delegate to the NFU

Convention, as president of the AFR Southeast District Agent Association, and as president of the AFR State Agents Association. He currently serves as secretary/treasurer for the Johnston County AFR board, and secretary/treasurer for the AFR Local #540 board. He is the vice president for the Stonewall Public School Board, where he has served for nine years.

Wallace believes that exceptional work ethic, integrity, honesty and dedication are key to being successful. He is passionate about the agriculture industry and is committed to supporting his fellow farmers and ranchers. Toby lives in Stonewall with his wife, Tamara, where their home serves as a meeting place for their three grown children, McKenzie Huitt and husband Mark, Taylor Wallace, and Cody Wallace. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and being outdoors.

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## **Paul Jackson, Secretary**

Paul Jackson was elected AFR Cooperative Secretary/Treasurer in February 2013 to fill an unexpired vacancy and since has been elected unopposed to four full three-year terms. As AFR Farm & Cooperative Programs Director, he led cooperative activities, policy development, adult and youth leadership and legislative fly-ins to Washington, D.C. A 31-year AFR/OFU employee, he holds Property, Casualty, Health and Life insurance licenses. He served as the interim AFRMIC CEO. He continues as annual meeting/convention coordinator.

A fourth-generation farmer/rancher, Jackson has a diverse agricultural background, including cow-calf, stocker cattle, wheat, rye, peanuts, alfalfa and hogs. He has served on the boards of Love County Farmers Union, AFR Local #741, and Midwest

Shows Scholarship Program. He is also past president of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. He is vice chairman of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program Advisory Council and AFR representative to the Oklahoma Beef Council. He is a former volunteer fireman; current church assistant pastor/song leader/secretary-treasurer; member of Oklahoma Society of Association Executives; and secretary to the Farmers Union Foundation, AFRPAC, Oklahoma Certified Beef Association, OFU Enterprises, AFRMIC and AFRLIC.

Jackson chaired the National Farmers Union Policy Committee, coordinated NFU Convention delegations, and served on Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Planning. He previously worked on rural development and agriculture policy/appropriations for an Oklahoma congressman. Jackson was the National Rural Water Association Professional Programs Director, representing and providing technical assistance to small water utilities.

He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from OSU and has completed Leadership Love County and the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program. He and his wife, Kim, have two daughters.

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## **PAUL JACKSON, OFU STATE SECRETARY CANDIDATE**

Paul Jackson currently serves as the elected OFU State Secretary and appointed AFRMIC Secretary.

Biographies for AFRMIC/OFU board of director candidates can be found on page 15.





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