

# 2026 Convention Candidates

## Cooperative State Secretary

### Paul Jackson



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 30-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 board of Love County Farmers Union, AFR Local 741, and the Midwest Shows Scholarship Program. He is Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program Advisory

Council Vice Chairman, and past president of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and 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; secretary to the Farmers Union Foundation, AFRPAC, OCBA, and OFU Enterprises; and appointed secretary of 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, Courtney and Sarah.

## District 1 Northwest Independent Director

### Roger Edenborough



Roger L. Edenborough was born in Stillwater, Okla., 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, CPAs.

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 Edenboroughs 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.



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## District 3 Northeast Agent Director



### William Lane

William Lane grew up in Northeast Oklahoma at Jay. 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, Ark., and helps his mother with her AFR agency, Cagle Insurance, in Langley, Okla. 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, Okla. He has two children, Ryan and Lexi, and three stepchildren, 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.

## District 4 Southeast Independent Director



### Loyd Steward

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, Okla. 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 five 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 11 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 AFR Policy Committee, attended three fly-ins to Washington, D.C., and attended three National Farmers Union conventions.

Steward's hobbies include smoking meat for family and friends 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.