

2023 DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES



Jennifer Magnuson



I'm Jen Magnuson and I'd be honored to earn your vote for the Empire Electric Cooperative board of Directors. I served much of my career as a police officer, working to build community partnerships and protect our families. Today, I continue that service with local home energy system installations and as a board member for the Mancos Trails Group and the Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce, where I work to protect and improve our special home here. I also run my own small business. I understand community service and protecting the bottom line.

Empire Electric has long served its member-owners with reliable service and quality customer care. Unfortunately, we still pay some of the highest rates in the state. As energy creation and distribution changes, passive leadership risks leaving our members behind. Now is the time for proactive board members to protect our pocketbooks and get us on track for a more affordable energy future that honors our values.

Our board has opportunities right now for Empire to be a leader in innovation and energy creation. I'll proudly work with you on community-led solutions that lower our costs, protect our land, air, and water, and bring new energy jobs to our local families. We can control how and where our energy is created if we seize this opportunity.

Thank you for being a voting member of Empire Electric. I would be honored to earn your vote.

I'm a fourth generation Montezuma County resident. After graduating from MCHS in 1978, I went into the United States Army. After the Army, I attend college in Phoenix earning a Computer Science degree.

I've held positions with: Sitton Construction, City Market, Ute Mountain Tribe in the Finance department and Empire Electric as the Data Processing Manager. At Empire Electric I oversaw IT, the billing department, and collections. After leaving Empire Electric, I was elected to the EEA board in 1996.

In 1994, I took a position at Nielsons, Inc as the IT Manager. Skanska acquired Nielsons in 1997, my IT role shifted from managing local IT and project support to a national role of implementing financial and cost control systems. Along the way, I became VP of Administration. I participated with teams of senior management to develop and standardize Skanska processes across all US Civil companies as well as source ERP solutions for the group of companies and then assisted in the implementation of those solutions across the business. I worked for Nielsons/Skanska for 23 years.

In 2016, we purchased Aspen Wall Wood in Dolores. In 2017, we purchased Dewayne Findley Logging and the Western Excelsior assets in Mancos and rebuilt the excelsior plant and created S&S

Logging and Aspen Wood Products. In addition to these companies we started up Mesa Verde Pellets and are producing home heating and animal bedding wood pellets.

I've been married to Pam for 40 years. We have 7 children and several grandchildren.



David Sitton