



DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATE

Bill Mollenkopf

I am honored to once again run for the **Empire Electric Board of Directors**. As a retired family Optometrist and, resident of our community (which matches Empire's service territory!) for years, I hope you may '**see**' me as the proven choice to serve on the Empire Electric Board.

I founded the **Cortez Vision Clinic** 40+ years ago and have cared for our communities' members. I was honored to be appointed by **Governor Roy Romer** to serve on the **Colorado State Board of Optometric Examiners**.

I have enjoyed many community leadership experiences, including:

- Being on the **Cortez City Council** and serving as the **Mayor of Cortez**.
- Proudly served on the **Empire Electric Board**.
- Awarded the **Director's Gold Credential** from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association for my commitment to continuing my electric co-op education.
- Represented Empire Electric on the **Tri State G&T Board**, serving on several committees, including the Executive Committee.

I would be sincerely grateful for the opportunity to once again learn from Empire Electric's most valuable asset, our EEA **employees**. If elected, I pledge to you to support my three electric core values of **Reliability, Affordability & Responsibility** (to our environment, community and safety). These principles will guide my decision-making as a board member. I will thoughtfully consider the varied points-of-view my **fellow board members** offer in discussing policy issues. And finally, I will use my experience and in-depth understanding of our communities to make responsible decisions that preserve Empire's dynamic present and future. **Thank-you** for considering my candidacy.