



# Garrison Diversion Board of Directors Elects Executive Committee

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The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) was first formed in 1955, with 22 member counties attending the first meeting. Throughout the years, additional counties petitioned to be included in the district, and today, total 28.

Over time, the board developed specific initiatives as part of Garrison Diversion's commitment to North Dakota's future. Committed to the mission of building, planning, and implementing water projects across the state, Garrison Diversion has focused on areas such as irrigation, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project, recreation, and municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies.

Today, it strives to provide a reliable, high quality, and affordable water supply to benefit the people of North Dakota. Behind that mission are 28 directors, one elected official from each member county, who serve four-year terms as members of Garrison Diversion's board of directors. Each county in the district supports the operations of Garrison Diversion by issuing a one-mill levy.

The Garrison Diversion board has seven standing committees, and each director serves on at least one of them. The committees are: Executive, Red River Valley, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Public Relations, Recreation, Engineering and Operations, and Missouri

River. The committees provide oversight to the goals and initiatives of the organization.

Officers of the board – a chairman, first-vice chairman, and second-vice chairman – are each elected to serve two, two-year terms as officers of the board. The officers also head the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee monitors the financials, federal matters, and overall operations of Garrison Diversion. The committee consists of 10 members, each serving a two-year term, and is headed by the chairman of the board, which is currently Ken Vein, the director from Grand Forks County. Directors may serve two, two-year terms on the Executive Committee. Elections are held each year to determine Executive Committee positions.

At the most recent quarterly board meeting, Garrison Diversion board members held elections for the Executive Committee. Three positions were open, as two former Executive Committee members had reached their term limits, and one member was eligible for re-election.

Kelly Klosterman of Richland County was re-elected to serve an additional term on the committee, while directors Dr. Bill Krivarchka of Traill County and Dave Anderson of Pierce County, were elected for two-year terms on the committee.



## Kelly Klosterman, Richland County

Klosterman was re-elected to serve an additional term on the Executive Committee. He has been a representative of Richland County since 2007. As chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee, Klosterman has played an instrumental role in the Oakes Irrigation Research Site expansion plan. “Being a part of the Executive Committee is challenging, yet rewarding,” says Klosterman. “It’s an interesting and important part of Garrison Diversion’s board, because it helps manage all of Garrison Diversion’s focus areas.”

Klosterman is an active member of the Richland County Soil Conservation District and North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee. He farms near Mooreton. He and his wife, Mickey, have two children.



## Dr. Bill Krivarchka, Traill County

Krivarchka was newly elected to the Executive Committee and will also chair the Recreation Committee. Krivarchka is a long-time member of the board, serving as Traill County’s representative since 2003. “The Executive Committee is a vitally important part of Garrison Diversion’s board,” Krivarchka says. “As Garrison Diversion’s Traill County director, I am completely vested in working on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project and other water issues that help the state move in a positive direction.”

Krivarchka is a retired dentist and is active in his community, working with the Mayville Improvement Association, Mayville-Portland-Clifford-Galesburg Dollars for Scholars, and Eastern North Dakota Area Health Education Center. He and his wife, Heidi, have four daughters and live in Mayville.



## Dave Anderson, Pierce County

Anderson was also elected to serve a two-year term on the Executive Committee. Anderson has been on the Garrison Diversion board representing Pierce County since 2011. In addition to his role on the Executive Committee, Anderson will chair the Engineering and Operations Committee.

“As a fifth-year board member, I’m thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee,” says Anderson. “I’m looking forward to being more involved and learning more about Garrison Diversion’s operations.”

Anderson was born and raised in Rugby. He recently retired from his position as an agricultural banker at Bremer Bank in Rugby, and fills some of his spare time as a cattle and grain farmer. He is also a dedicated public servant, having previously served on the Rugby School Board and through his participation in several other community and church organizations. Anderson resides in Rugby with his wife, Pam. They have three grown children.

# Matching Recreation Grant Deadline Soon Approaching

The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) wants to help its member communities offset recreation project costs with its Matching Recreation Grant Program. Communities that have an upcoming project are encouraged to apply for a matching recreation grant.

Garrison Diversion is proud to assist its member counties with funding for recreational development and enhancement. With the help of the Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program, park development projects such as purchasing playground equipment and benches and enhancing campground facilities, just to name a few, can be completed. To date, nearly \$4.5 million has been awarded for recreation projects.

Political subdivisions within the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District are eligible to apply for a matching recreation grant for new recreation facilities or the enhancement or expansion of existing facilities. Don't miss the opportunity to apply! The next deadline to apply for a grant is April 1. Visit [www.garrisondiversion.org](http://www.garrisondiversion.org) for more information and to download an application.