

# Garrison Diversion Director Profiles

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The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) board of directors consists of an elected official from each member county of the 28-member district. Directors are elected to serve their county for a four-year term.

The full board meets quarterly, with additional committees meeting at various points throughout each year. A large variety of interests and backgrounds provide a diverse group of individuals, but collectively, they all have the same purpose in mind. The members work to fulfill Garrison Diversion's mission to provide a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply to benefit the people of North Dakota.

As we continue profiling the directors who comprise the board, we introduce to you Nikki Boote, Griggs County, and Brandon Krueger, Steele County.



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### NIKKI BOOTE, GRIGGS COUNTY

Nikki Boote was appointed by the Griggs County Commission, and later elected in 2016, to serve as the Griggs County director, where she is a member of the Public Relations Committee. Boote is a Dickinson State University graduate. She currently works as the business manager for the Midkota School District and is a member of the ND School Business Manager's Association.

Nikki is an engaged community member and, in addition to her position on Garrison Diversion's board, she is active in the Economic Development Corporation, American Legion Auxiliary, and a member of the ND Stockman's Association, as well as a past board member for the Cooperstown Medical Center Foundation, Trinity Lutheran Church and the ND High School Rodeo Association.

Nikki lives in Binford with her husband, Alan, and three children, Jade, Jory, and Jace. When not tied up with board meetings or work, Nikki enjoys playing the piano, watching her kids participate in activities, rodeoing, and golfing.

"Garrison Diversion positively impacts its member communities, and I consider myself fortunate to be a part of the Garrison Diversion team, supporting the vision and projects that benefit a large part of North Dakota," says Nikki. "It's a big job filling the shoes of my predecessor, John Leininger, who was well-known and respected in the water industry, but it's a challenge I have enjoyed so far!"



### BRANDON KRUEGER - STEELE COUNTY

Steele County's current Garrison Diversion board member is Brandon Krueger of rural Hope. He was appointed to Garrison Diversion's Board of Directors by the Steele County Commission and began his service in 2015. Brandon currently serves on the Engineering & Operations Committee. "I am proud to say I belong to a board with a large group of people who really care about their communities and water issues in North Dakota," says Brandon.

Brandon is also an active member of the Steele County Park Board and would like to remind readers of the benefits of Garrison Diversion's Matching Recreation Grant Program. "Garrison Diversion assists with water projects across the state, but recreation is also a big initiative for the board. In Steele County, we have very nice community recreation projects that were constructed with the help of Garrison Diversion," he says. "The Matching Recreation Grant Program sponsored by Garrison Diversion is hugely beneficial if you are considering recreation improvements in your area."

Brandon attended NDSU and NDSCS, where he obtained degrees in agriculture, criminal justice and psychology. He was formerly a Deputy Sheriff in Walsh County, but now owns and operates Innovation Ag, LLC, a seed and crop protection sales business. Brandon and his wife, Tasha, have one son.

