

## Director Candidates: Region 2 – Wis. (4-year term), Candidate 1 of 2



**Tim Evert** (Incumbent)  
59 years old  
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Farm Credit member since: 1988

**Family:** Wife: Lisa. Children: daughter Annie, married to Tony Wipperfurth, son Jeff and daughter Kimberly, married to Travis Schwarz, grandchildren Logan, Kenley and Graham Wipperfurth.

**Brief description of agricultural operation and employment/business experience for the past five years:** I am an owner/partner in United Dreams Dairy LLC a multigenerational, multifamily operation. The dairy is owned by Rick and Ronda Lehman, their nephew Michael Niemann, our son Jeff, my wife Lisa and myself. The dairy consists of 700 milking cows and 550 head of young stock. I am also the Owner/President of Evert Farms Inc. which consists of 465 acres of owned and rented work land. In addition, Evert Farms Inc. custom raises heifers and feed for United Dreams. I am currently employed at United Dreams Dairy LLC where I help with co-managing of the dairy, overseeing herdsman duties and assisting wherever needed. Within our family farm corporation, I also assist in managing the day-to-day operations and crops. I have been a member of the Board of Directors for Compeer since its inception and previously served on the Board of Badgerland Financial since 2010.

**Boards or committees in the past five years (and principal business):** Currently I serve on the Compeer Board of Directors, previously having served on the Badgerland Financial Board; was Vice Chairman of the Board in 2015 until the time of merger. Served on the Merger Steering Committee. I have been a member of the Compensation and Governance Committee, serving as Chairman in 2015. Currently I serve on the Business Enterprise Risk Committee and on the Compeer Young Beginning Small Farmer Committee. In 2022 and 2023 I was elected to the AgriBank Nominating Committee by the entire district.

**Community involvement/government service:** Member of Sauk County, Honey Creek Township Plan Commission. Lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Leland, serving on the council (1990-1996 and 2005-2011) and as president (1992-1996 and 2007-2011). Served on Sauk County Dairy Promotion board (1996-2002), and as chairman (2000-2002). Served as a Sauk County Junior Dairy Leader (2003-2012). I am a member of Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni, serving as board director from 2007-2013 also a member of Sauk Prairie School District Ag Advisory committee. Farm Bureau member, member/sponsor of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

**Education:** 1982 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School and a 1984 graduate of University of Wisconsin Farm & Industry Short Course program with a Dairy Farm Management Degree. Certified director through Farm Credit Services Premier Governance Series training program.

**What is your vision for the future of agriculture?** In all segments of agriculture change is happening at a fast pace. New technologies and robotics are being utilized to improve efficiencies, these changes will undoubtedly accelerate as new technologies become available. Farms and other related businesses will continue to consolidate. I am truly optimistic that the “Good Times” in agriculture will be more common than the tougher times. Compeer serves some of the most productive land in the country and it is owned and managed by some of the very best farmers and ranchers.

**What do you believe are the primary issues facing agriculture and Compeer Financial?** Volatile commodity prices, weather, higher interest rates and uncertainty in both the financial environment and the commodity export arena. The rise in interest rates has softened the demand for credit, many balance sheets in the core market segment are showing great strength from coming off a period of time with strong prices in many agriculture segments. Compeer Financial’s diversification within its portfolio and sound business management will continue to be important assets going forward through difficult cycles. Compeer and agriculture are affected by government regulations and political gridlock creating uncertainty in shaping the future of agriculture.

**Why I want to serve on the Board of Directors of Compeer Financial?** I am passionate about giving back, whether it’s my local community and school district or the Compeer Board. I enjoy being part of the journey through challenges and change. In my time on the Badgerland Board, and now Compeer’s Board, I have seen some challenges and much change and I take very seriously the responsibility of representing all member-owners. I was fortunate to be selected as a member of the Merger Steering Committee, because of this, I am very proud to witness the success that Compeer has had in the first six years and that it has performed at a level allowing the Board and management to return one billion dollars in patronage back to Compeer clients. The Fund for Rural America has delivered meaningful funding in rural communities as well including strong support for FFA and 4-H programs.

I would be extremely honored to share my experience on the Compeer board and to have your support.