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My name is Michael Furtak, I am a candidate for the Bayfield Electric Co-op Board of Directors for the District 2 seat. My wife Wendy and I have lived on Iron Lake for the past 30 years. We raised 3 children on Iron Lake. I am a 1981 graduate of Northland College. I was a Supervisor on the Hughes Town Board eventually taking over as Town Board Chairman. I was also on the State Executive Board for the AFSCME (Public Employees) Union. I am very experienced working in a group setting and lobbying lawmakers. Currently I am a Realtor with North Star Realtors in Iron River and I operate a Real Estate/Zoning Consulting business.

Bayfield Electric Co-op members have the highest electric rates in the area. I am running for the board to create more transparency on how the members money is being spent. Bayfield Electric does not generate electricity. They buy their electricity from Dairyland Power. Many of the operating expenses are fixed. The board must be judicious with their discretionary spending.

I strongly support the Bayfield Electric Co-op employees. Since Bayfield Electric does not generate electricity (a small amount comes from solar) they basically function as a service provider. These services are provided by the employees. The employees are the backbone of the company.

I am committed to providing transparency and being available to discuss any matters with all members of District 2.

Thank you!

Michael Furtak