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American Crystal Sugar Board Reorganizes



Kelly Erickson
Chairman of the Board

MOORHEAD, MINN. – December 10, 2021– Kelly Erickson was elected Chairman of the Board at American Crystal Sugar Company’s December 3 Board Reorganization meeting following the cooperative’s annual meeting. Erickson has previously served nine years on the board, two as the Board’s Vice Chairman. He was elected as a director representing the Drayton Factory District in 2012. Erickson is a fourth-generation farmer, growing sugarbeets for 43 years, and now farming with his son, Scott, in Kittson County, ND. He has served on the Drayton Factory Growers Board, Red River Valley Growers Board, American Sugarbeet Growers Association Board, Kittson Hospital Board, and Kennedy Cooperative Elevator Board.



Perry Skaurud
Vice Chairman
of the Board

At the same meeting, Perry Skaurud, was elected Vice Chairman of the Board. Skaurud is a fifth- generation farmer from Gary, MN. He and his wife, Kathleen, are partners in Skaurud Grain Farms, formed in 1977. The family farm has diversified crop production, growing sugarbeets, corn, silage corn, wheat, soybeans and edibles. Skaurud has served on the American Crystal board for eight years and has chaired the audit, operations, and finance committees. Skaurud also serves as a director on the American Sugarbeet Growers Association Board and the United Valley Bank Board.



Rod Olson
Board Director

Rod Olson was the newly elected director at the meeting. Olson is representing the Hillsboro District and has farmed near Halstad, MN for 39 years. Olson served 12 years on the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association Board, including a position on the Executive Committee for seven of these years. Olson also served on the American Sugarbeet Growers Association Board; Halstad Elevator Company Board, lastly as President; Valley United Cooperative Board; and Halstad Mutual Fire Board, where he also served 33 years on the Halstad Fire Department.

About American Crystal Sugar Company

American Crystal Sugar Company is an agricultural cooperative owned by 2,600 shareholder entities in the Red River Valley involved in the growing and processing of sugarbeets. American Crystal is the largest beet sugar producer in the United States. American Crystal operates sugar factories at East Grand Forks, Crookston and Moorhead, Minnesota; Drayton and Hillsboro, North Dakota; and Sidney, Montana. Its corporate headquarters and technical services center are located in Moorhead.