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For Immediate Release:

Firelands Electric Co-op welcomes new leadership ***Rob Turk brings diverse skills and experience to the board***

NEW LONDON, January 5, 2018 — As announced in January, former trustee Dan McNaull resigned from Firelands Electric's board of trustees to be the cooperative's new general manager. Following the process of selecting a new trustee, the board recently filled the position by appointing Rob Turk to represent the members of district 7 that include Mohican, Montgomery, Perry, and Vermilion townships in Ashland County.



Turk brings a vast amount of business experience to Firelands Electric's board. He retired from The Coca-Cola Company in Georgia after 31 years, where he was their national account operations manager. Other leadership positions throughout his career include being the Trumbull County manager for Production Credit Association (known today as Farm Credit Services); a past board member of the Mohican Area Community Fund; and the current eucharistic minister and past member of the financial committee at St. Peter Church in Loudonville. He remains active in various civic organizations, including the Masonic Lodge in Ashland.

Following retirement and relocating back to Ohio, Turk and his wife, Kathy, moved to a small farm outside of Perrysville about eight years ago, where they began their post-retirement adventure of owning their own small business, Gaelic Glen Alpacas. Due to the growing demand, Gaelic Glen has evolved and the herd has grown to include 18 alpacas. The Turks' alpacas have visited craft shows, petting zoos, fairs, community events, and nursing homes. They've also participated in numerous parades, including Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Turk says his past employment skills combined with his small business owner knowledge and insights enable him to make sound financial decisions, while providing oversight and direction for Firelands Electric to achieve its intermediate and long-term goals.

He believes the increased cost of producing and maintaining the electrical system, along with necessary upgrades in a changing environment, are major issues facing electric cooperatives today. In his mind, continuing to deliver reliable electric power that is cost-effective, while meeting the future needs of Firelands Electric's membership, is very important. He looks forward to working with the other eight trustees on the Firelands Electric board, and is ready to serve the co-op's members.

Founded in 1936, Firelands Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Partner, is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility serving more than 9,130 homes and businesses in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain and Richland counties.

The cooperative ranks among the highest energy utilities in the country for customer satisfaction. For more information, visit www.firelandsec.com, or stay connected with the co-op through its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FirelandsElectric, and Twitter feed, <https://twitter.com/Firelands>.