



**Wright-Hennepin**

Cooperative Electric Association

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## News Release

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### WHELAN ELECTED DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT 8 FOR WRIGHT-HENNEPIN

**Rockford, Minn. (April 25, 2016)** — Casey Whelan, of Maple Grove, was elected as director of District 8 on Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) Board of Directors at the cooperative's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Whelan and his wife Mary live in Maple Grove and have been WH members for 18 years. He is the vice president of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Market Development in the Americas for World Fuel Services where he is responsible for development, implementation and execution of LNG fuel services in the Americas.

With 21 years of experience on various boards and 30 years in the energy industry, Whelan said he feels well-positioned to take on the responsibilities as director of District 8. He holds a master's degree in economics from the University of North Dakota, and attained his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Minnesota.

"I have over 30 years of experience in the energy industry, much of which is at the executive level," Whelan said. "I am at a point in my life where I can commit the time and use my experience to provide organizational and strategic direction to WH."

WH Board Chair Erick Heinz lauded Whelan's experience in the energy industry, and said he should be a valuable asset to the cooperative.

"He has a very good energy background which will help steer the board through the demands of the cooperative," Heinz said. "I know he's dealt with commercial customers to help find them better rates, which should help us keep our rates competitive."

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, non-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves almost 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, MN.



**Casey Whelan was elected to represent District 8 at WH's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. A Maple Grove resident, Whelan touts 30 years of experience in the energy industry, with 21 years served on various boards.**

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