

2025 Convention Candidates

District 2 Southwest Agent Director



Dustin Tackett

Dustin Tackett lives north of Fort Cobb on the farm Tackett's grandfather bought in 1913. He raises commercial Red Angus cattle and grows wheat, hay and pumpkins.

Tackett, 47, has served as an AFR/OFU insurance agent since 2004 when he purchased a business held by long time agent Dick Hodges. In 2022, he purchased an additional agency in Anadarko. He has been active in industry leadership roles, serving as the Caddo County AFR president since 2013. He also served on the National Farmers Union Policy Committee in 2018 and the AFR Policy Committee in 2007, and as the AFR Policy Committee Chair in 2011. He has served on the AFR Board of Directors since 2019.

Dustin has served on the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center Board of Education since 2004 and has been board president since 2009. He is also on the Oklahoma State School Boards Association Board of Directors and was association president in 2013. He was selected to the OSSBA All-State Board of Education in 2015.

Dustin is a two-time Oklahoma State University graduate where he holds an agricultural economics degree and an MBA. While in college, he served as an intern in the United State Senate. Dustin has obtained his Certified Insurance Counselor designation (CIC) from the National Alliance for Insurance. Tackett was also a member of Class 12 of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and is a member of Oney Christian Church.

Statewide Independent Director



Ron Ramming

Ronald Ramming was named the 17th president of Connors State College by the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents in April 2017 after serving as interim president for the 2016-2017 academic year. He began his career at Connors in August 1990 in the agriculture faculty. Before assuming his present responsibilities, he held several administrative positions in CSC Enrollment Management, Student Services and Academic Affairs. Ramming is 59 years old and was raised on a diversified farm in Hinton, Okla. His educational background includes an Associate of Science in agriculture from Connors State College, a Bachelor of Science in animal science from Oklahoma State University, a Master of Science in animal science from the University of Tennessee, and a doctorate in agricultural education from Oklahoma State University.

Ramming is highly active in the community, serving on various boards such as the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce, Saint Francis Hospital-Muskogee Community Advisory Board, Warner Public Schools Board of Education, and the Muskogee County Excise/Equalization Boards.

His involvement with American Farmers & Ranchers (AFR) includes AFR Day at the Capitol, AFR convention delegate, and AFR Policy Committee presenter. He also helped organize the first AFR/OFU livestock judging contest and worked with AFR Leadership to establish the J.P. Connors American Farmers & Ranchers Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Ramming has two adult children who are both Oklahoma State University graduates. Bobby is currently working at OSU as an academic advisor and Madison is in medical school at OSU's Center of Health Sciences in Tulsa.

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State District 3 Northeast Independent Director



Raymond Schiltz

Raymond Schiltz, 70, is a life-long farmer and rancher from Kay County. He currently runs a diverse cow-calf operation with sheep, hay and small grains.

Schiltz is a graduate of Ponca City High School. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University, where

he graduated with a Bachelor of Agriculture in mechanized agriculture.

Schiltz worked for Conoco in Ponca City as a research and development technician. He retired after 30 years in 2013.

Schiltz is a lifetime member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church. He has served his community in various ways, including as a director of the Farmers' Cooperative Association Board of Directors, the Ranch Drive Fire Department Board of Directors and the Northern Oklahoma College's Agricultural Advisory Board. He currently

serves as secretary for the Farmers' Cooperative Association.

As a life-long policyholder and member, Schiltz is deeply rooted in the AFR/OFU organization. His relatives, the Bellinghausen and Schiltz families, were instrumental in founding the Kay County OFU locals. Raymond's uncle, Mike Schiltz, and father, Ray Schiltz, served on the OFU Board of Directors, followed by his father serving as the OFU State Secretary. Schiltz has judged several district and county speech contests, served as a delegate to the AFR State Convention, and been a member of the filing committee. His involvement continues as he is currently serving as the vice president for Kay County Farmers Union.

Raymond currently resides on the family farm in Ponca City. He has one daughter, Ashley, and two grandchildren.



Jim Shelton

Jim Shelton, 74, and his wife, Sara, are lifelong residents of Craig County and live near Vinita, Okla. They operate a commercial cow-calf and stocker cattle operation. Their four children hold degrees from Oklahoma State University, Principia College, University of Tulsa Law School and Oklahoma State University

Institute of Technology. They have 12 grandchildren.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Science in animal science from Oklahoma State University and is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Both proved useful in his 35-year banking career with Oklahoma State Bank of Vinita. He left the bank in January 2010 to expand the cattle operation.

Jim's civic involvement includes serving on the Vinita Public Schools Board of Education and Vinita Public Schools Education Foundation. He is a member of Vinita Lions Club and the Ottawa/

Craig Counties Cattlemen's Association. In 2012, Jim received the Honorary State FFA Degree at the Oklahoma FFA State Convention. He is an elder of the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church. He is also a director for Holistic Management International, Albuquerque, N.M, and the Oklahoma Grazing Lands Coalition.

Jim participated in Class I of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and Class XIV of Leadership Oklahoma. He served on the Long-Range Capital Planning Commission for the State of Oklahoma, and was a director of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association and Leadership Council and the OSU Animal Science Alumni Association. Jim served on the AFR/OFU Board from 2013-2016 and is presently a director.

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Cooperative President



Scott Blubaugh

Scott Blubaugh, 59, serves as president of American Farmers & Ranchers (AFR) Cooperative, where he represents the organization's 61,000 farmers, ranchers and rural citizens. In addition to his position at AFR, Blubaugh operates a diversified 3,500-acre family farm and ranch.

As president of AFR Cooperative, Blubaugh leads the organization in all legislative efforts, including serving as president of the Oklahoma Certified Beef Association. Blubaugh was integral to the development of the program and continues to facilitate its growth. He also manages a full roster of rural education and agricultural programs and serves as a spokesman for rural issues. Blubaugh is the chairman of the AFR PAC and serves as the president for the OFU Foundation and OFU Enterprises for Profit

corporation.

In addition to his AFR involvement, he serves on the NFU Executive Board of Directors and chair of the NFU Education Committee. He has also testified before the U.S. House of Representatives. Blubaugh currently serves a vice president of the Royalty Owners Coalition of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and Leadership Oklahoma Class 35.

Blubaugh and his wife, Lisa, own two AFR Insurance agency and manage the family farming operation in northern Oklahoma. He and his family host an annual Angus production sale.

Blubaugh is a fifth-generation farmer and rancher and a lifelong resident of Kay County, Okla. He and Lisa have been married 38 years; they have two sons, Zach and Zane, and three granddaughters.

CONVENTION DOOR PRIZES

Friday Evening

AC 135 Portable Kerosene Heater
Valued at \$600!



Saturday A.M.

2500 Watt Inverter Generator
Valued at \$1,100!



Saturday P.M.

RB 200
Pressure Washer
Valued at \$650!



Banquet Grand Prize

John Deere S160 Lawn Tractor
48" Deck
Valued at \$3,000!



Sunday A.M.

HR 18R Propane Heater
Valued at \$250!

