



July 3, 2020

**Official Notice: Annual Stockholders Meeting Information Statement**

To the Owners of Stock in Capital Farm Credit, ACA:

The Annual Stockholders Meeting of Capital Farm Credit, ACA ("CFC") will be held at 12:30 p.m., July 29, 2020, at the Hilton Garden Inn in College Station, Texas. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. At the meeting, CFC stockholders will consider the following:

- Approval of the 2019 Annual Stockholders Meeting minutes.
- Review of 2019 corporate and financial operations.
- Report of Nominating Committee and opening of floor nominations for three board of director positions: a regional director position from Region 9 – Coastal Bend, and two at-large positions (positions 1 and 7).
- Receive nominations from the floor, if any, and consider approval of a final slate of candidates. The procedures for making nominations from the floor are contained in this statement.
- Election of the 2021 Nominating Committee.
- Appointment of independent party to tabulate voting results.
- Other business.

**For us to prepare appropriate seating, please call (877) 322-3018 by July 22, 2020, if you will attend the meeting.** CFC follows state and local guidance for social distancing and maintains the safety of our employees and stockholders as a priority.

By signing below, we certify we have reviewed the annual meeting information statement, determined that it is accurate and not misleading, that it has been prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and is true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Very truly yours,

John Malazzo, Board Chairman

Ben Novosad, Chief Executive Officer

Don VandeVanter, Chief Financial Officer

The following information is included as part of the Annual Stockholders Meeting Information Statement in compliance with Farm Credit Administration regulations. CFC's Annual Report for the year, ended December 31, 2019, was mailed to all stockholders on March 30, 2020. Please reference the audited statements within the Annual Report for financial information about CFC.

- Within ten (10) business days following the Annual Stockholders Meeting, director election ballots containing the names of all candidates as approved by voters in attendance at the meeting will be mailed to all CFC stockholders eligible to vote as of May 31, 2020. The board has chosen to hold the election by mail or internet ballot. Voting stockholders will receive a ballot and voting materials by mail and may cast ballots by return mail or through a secure internet site. Instructions for casting ballots will be provided in the voting materials. The ballots will be received, tabulated, and reported by an independent third-party tabulator, to be appointed during this meeting.
- All valid and legible ballots submitted or returned by the date specified on the ballot (fifteen business days from the date mailed) will be counted and reported to the Chief Executive Officer of CFC. The results of the election will be announced to all stockholders by mail and posted on CapitalFarmCredit.com. This meeting notice has also been posted to the website.
- As of May 31, 2020, there were 19,428 holders of Class B stock entitled to vote. Any matter brought to a vote at the Annual Stockholders Meeting will be decided by a simple majority vote. The bylaws require that in all meetings of the stockholders, for the transaction of business, a quorum shall be required consisting of at least 3% of the number of stockholders entitled to vote, whether present in person or represented by proxy. Mail or internet ballots (discussed further on page 3) shall be counted toward the quorum requirement.
- All directors attended at least 75% of the seven board meetings. There was a total of 23 committee meetings in 2019. One director (Danny Parker) attended less than 75% of the eight Compensation Committee Meetings. No directors attended less than 75% of the seven Governance Committee meetings, the seven Audit Committee meetings, or the one Risk Committee Meeting. In 2019, each board member served on a committee or held a board officer position. Board officer positions include chairman, vice chairman, Stockholder Advisory Committee Representative, and Farm Credit Council Representative.
- No directors resigned or declined to stand for re-election since the last annual meeting because of a policy disagreement with the board of directors.
- There have been no transactions of the type required to be disclosed, outside the normal course of business, between CFC and its senior officers or directors.
- In accordance with the bylaws, the voting stockholders of CFC shall elect one or more directors, as may be required, to fill any stockholder-elected director vacancy on the board of directors. Voting stockholders may vote when prompted by the board of directors by mail or internet following the Annual Stockholders Meeting.
- The bylaws require the board of directors to include at least ten regional stockholder-elected director positions and no more than eight<sup>1</sup> at-large stockholder-elected positions, plus at least two non-stockholder directors, and permit other directors to be appointed by the elected directors under certain circumstances. To ensure equitable geographical representation among the board of directors, the bylaws require that regional stockholder-elected director candidates reside in the

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<sup>1</sup> Although bylaws allow for not more than eight at-large stockholder-elected positions, in 2019, the board took action to remove an at-large position once it became vacant. The association currently has seven at-large stockholder elected positions.

region to which the position relates. There are no territorial or geographical restrictions for stockholder-elected at-large director candidates.

- The following table identifies the regions by number and name designation, the counties within each region, and the number of stockholder-elected regional and at-large director positions associated with the region. The regions serve only to ensure geographic representation through the nomination process. All CFC voting stockholders are eligible to vote for director candidates in each region.

<b>Description of Regions</b>	<b>Regional Stockholder-Elected Director Positions</b>	<b>At-Large Stockholder-Elected Directors in Region</b>	<b>Number of Voters in Each Region</b>
<b><u>Region 1 - High Plains</u></b>	1	1	815
Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hartley, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Parmer, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler;			
<b><u>Region 2 - Rolling Plains</u></b>	1	1	1,615
Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Cottle, Fisher, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Jones, King, Knox, Montague, Motley, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stonewall, Stephens, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Wichita, and Young;			
<b><u>Region 3 - South Plains</u></b>	1	0	1,271
Andrews, Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell, Scurry, Terry, and Yoakum;			
<b><u>Region 4 - West Texas</u></b>	1	0	599
Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Glasscock, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Loving, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler;			
<b><u>Region 5 - Hill Country</u></b>	1	2	1,678
Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Real, Runnels, San Saba, and Uvalde;			
<b><u>Region 6 - Winter Garden</u></b>	1	0	1,801
Atascosa, Bexar, Dimmit, Frio, Karnes, La Salle, Maverick, Medina, McMullen, Wilson, and Zavala;			
<b><u>Region 7 - South Texas</u></b>	1	0	1,192
Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Kenedy, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata;			
<b><u>Region 8 - Central Texas</u></b>	1	1	3,668
Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Caldwell, Comal, Coryell, Falls, Guadalupe, Hays, Lee, McLennan, Milam, Travis, and Williamson;			
<b><u>Region 9 - Coastal Bend</u></b>	1	0	2,350
Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria, Waller, and Wharton;			
<b><u>Region 10 - East Texas</u></b>	1	2	4,439
Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, and Washington.			

**Current Director Information:**

Region	Director Name	Age	Term Expires	Years Served	Agriculture or Aquaculture Enterprise
1	Kelly Gaskins	67	2022	19	cotton
2	Terry McAlister	65	2022	11	wheat, cattle, cotton, milo
3	Lance Morris	70	2023	32	cotton and milo
4	Lowell Woodward	64	2022	15	cattle, sheep, goats, horses
5	Danny Parker	69	2021	22	cattle, corn, cotton, vegetables
6	Paul E. Aelvoet	60	2023	20	cotton, corn, cattle
7	Gary Palousek	68	2023	17	cotton, milo, sugar cane
8	Phillip Munden	76	2021	30	cattle, ranching
9	Carl Sample	69	2020	32	cattle, poultry
10	John Malazzo	64	2023	13	corn, cotton, cattle
<b>At-large Positions</b>					
1	Ronnie Riddle	63	2020	8	cotton, wheat, cattle
2	Dale Crenwelge	61	2021	12	cattle, ranching
3	Joe David Yates	64	2022	10	cattle, ranching
4	Dale Hoelscher	53	2023	11	cotton, corn, wheat
5	Kenton Kimball	67	2023	20	stocker cattle, ranching
6	Roy Schmidt	71	2021	32	cow/calf, ranching
8	Larry Boleman	74	2020	8	cattle
<b>Board-Appointed Non-Stockholders</b>					
	Jerred Hurst	41	2022	2	none
	Steve Stevens	80	2021	7	horses, cattle
	Sharleen Walkoviak	66	2022	2	none

**Board Structure and Composition**

The bylaws call for ten director election regions. The regional boundaries are established along county lines. Counties within each region have commonalities that are recognized by most citizens in the state. The regions vary considerably by square miles, number of stockholders, and loan volume within each, but the farming and ranching practices, seasons, crops, and livestock grown are common within any respective region.

The bylaws further require each region to be represented by a stockholder-elected director residing within the region. This requirement ensures that each region is represented by a board member familiar with the agricultural environment, economic characteristics, and general interests of the stockholders within the region. The bylaws permit up to, but no more than, eight stockholder-elected, at-large directors. Physical location of residence is not a factor in determining eligibility for an at-large director. The at-large concept permits the Nominating Committee and the voting stockholders to choose nominees from an area, an industry, or a background to suit the current needs of the stockholders. The board believes the combination of regional and at-large directors is the best approach to ensure stockholder representation for each region while affording stockholders the ability to elect a board of directors reflective of the stockholders' demographics, culture, and agricultural operations.

Each stockholder-elected director position carries a four-year term. A vacancy would be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual stockholders meeting or special meeting of the members called for that



purpose. Alternatively, the Board could take action to fill a vacancy by electing an already-serving at-large director to a vacant regional position. The terms of the positions are staggered to prevent significant turnover of directors during a single calendar year. There are three stockholder-elected director positions to be filled this year.

### **Nominees for Director Positions**

The Nominating Committee has nominated six eligible candidates for director positions (biographical information beginning on page 8). There are two candidates for each of the three positions. In the event that nominations are made from the floor and more than two candidates are in a race, the election will be by plurality with all candidates running against the other candidate(s) in the respective race and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes being declared the winner. Winning candidates will serve a four-year term.

Nominations for all positions will be opened to the floor at the Annual Stockholders Meeting. Nominees from the floor must provide required disclosures, in writing, no later than five business days following the Annual Stockholders Meeting. Any nominee that does not provide the disclosures required by the regulations and within the timeframe specified may not stand as nominee for a director position. Section 4.01 of the bylaws requires that a stockholder-elected director be a bona fide farmer, rancher, producer, or harvester of aquatic products, be a holder of voting stock in CFC or be an individual designated to vote the stock of a corporation or partnership so long as that individual holds stock in the corporation or is a member of the partnership and meets all other requirements for serving as CFC director. No person may serve as a director if he or she is in violation of the Farm Credit Act or its implementing regulations. For a regional position, the director must reside in the region to which the seat relates. There are no territorial or geographical restrictions for at-large candidates' residency but nominees for at-large positions must meet the same other requirements listed herein. Also, the bylaws prohibit a person to be elected to the CFC board if he or she owns or serves on the board of a business primarily engaged in the extension of credit.

Directors are eligible for loans under the same terms and conditions available to any person. Loans outstanding to the nominees listed herein were made in the ordinary course of business and on the same terms—including interest rate, amortization schedule, and collateral—as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons, and do not involve more than the normal risk of collection. Under Section §620.6(e) and (f) of the Farm Credit Administration Regulations, the nominees have no occurrence that would require disclosure. None of the nominees have had any non-loan transactions with CFC.

All candidates listed in this statement submitted biographical information for themselves. In addition, as required by FCA Regulation §611.330(a)(3), for any nominee disclosing that a family member transacts business with Capital Farm Credit, CFC's Standard of Conduct Official reviewed the nominee's disclosure and determined that the candidate(s) met the eligibility requirements and that there was no actual or potential conflict of interests that could not be avoided with CFC's internal control processes.

After the Nominating Committee's list of nominees is presented, the floor will be open for additional nominations. The procedures for making a floor nomination are detailed in the following section.

### **Floor Nominations for Director Positions**

Each floor nominee must be eligible for the director position for which the person has been nominated. Voting stockholders can make floor nominations for every open stockholder-elected director position.

Voting stockholders may make nominations from the floor by voice or by written submission to the board chairman during the Annual Stockholders Meeting when it is announced that the floor is open for nominations. The floor for nominations may not be opened until after the Nominating Committee has formally presented its list of nominees.

Floor nominations will be eligible to be placed on the ballot of nominees after the following:

- The nomination from the floor is seconded by a voting stockholder who did not make the initial nomination.
- The nominee from the floor is physically in attendance at the meeting when nominated and indicates a willingness to accept the nomination.
- Each floor nominee must, at a minimum, make the following disclosures:
  - The nominee's name, city and state of residence, business address (if any), age, and business experience during the last five years, including the nominee's principal occupation and employment during the same period.
  - List of all business interests on whose board of directors the nominee serves or is otherwise employed in a position of authority and a statement of the principal business in which the business interest is engaged.
  - Identification of any family relationship of the nominee that would be reportable under FCA Regulation, Part 612, if elected to the board.
  - Floor nominees who are not incumbent directors must provide in writing the information listed in FCA Regulation §620.6(e) and (f) regarding transactions with CFC other than loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings.
- All information required in this section must be provided in either paper or electronic form within five business days of the nomination and be provided to CFC's CEO or other officer appointed to facilitate the nomination process.
- No person may be a nominee for director who does not make the disclosures required by this section.

For the purposes of eligibility requirements, it is incumbent upon the nominee to provide verifiable evidence to establish eligibility if questioned. Evidence must be provided to either CFC's Nominating Committee or Standard of Conduct Officer in a reasonable form and within a reasonable time to verify the information submitted.

Nominees, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or nominated from the floor, shall be entitled to any compensation for travel, lodging, and subsistence on an equal basis as determined by the board's compensation plan.

### **2021 Nominating Committee**

During the Stockholders Annual Meeting, there will be an election of stockholders to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. The 2020 Nominating Committee nominated stockholders to serve on the 2021 committee. Anyone elected to serve on the Nominating Committee will serve a one-year term. Thus, for 2021 there are 20 positions open (two in each region), plus an alternate position for each region. The chairman conducting the meeting will accept nominations from the floor for any of the positions. Nominating Committee members must be voting stockholders and must be eligible to represent the region for which they are nominated. Solely for determining whether a stockholder is eligible to represent

a region on the Nominating Committee, stockholders are assigned to a region based on the following priorities: First, the voting stockholders address location shown in CFC's loan accounting records; Second, if the stockholder does not have an address within CFC's chartered territory, the county that the stockholder conducts an agricultural operation; Third, if the stockholder does not meet the first or second priority, the CFC office where the stockholder conducts business.

The 2020 Nominating Committee's nominees for the 2021 Nominating Committee are:

<b>Region #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Region #</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	Rodney Hunter	6	Derry Gardner
1	Dale Wilhelm	6	Hank Kotzur
1	Steven Schilling (alternate)	6	Scott Yanta (alternate)
2	Larry Miller	7	Mike Vickers
2	Hugh King	7	Ronnie Smith
2	Allen Huegatter (alternate)	7	Primo Walker (alternate)
3	Ricky Bearden	8	James Sell
3	Dahlen Hancock	8	Aaron Martinka
3	Mike Patschke (alternate)	8	James Kamas (alternate)
4	Terry Schenkel	9	Charles Graham
4	Jon Witte	9	Mark Anderson
4	Eric Seidenberger (alternate)	9	Mike Watz (alternate)
5	Robert Millican	10	Jerry Broxson
5	Glenn Hoffman	10	Otho Turner
5	Allen Arfsten (alternate)	10	Jerry Armstrong (alternate)

Floor nominations will be accepted for the Nominating Committee positions. If there are no nominations from the floor, a voting stockholder may make a motion or the chairman can ask for a motion to elect the slate of candidates submitted by the 2020 Nominating Committee. If there is such a motion, and the motion is seconded and approved, then the stockholders in attendance at the Annual Stockholders Meeting will vote on the slate of candidates.

When floor nominations are made, each floor nomination for a member or an alternate of the Nominating Committee must receive a second and the nominated stockholder must be present and indicate their willingness to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. Seconds for a nomination may not be made by the person making the nomination. Nominations and seconds may be made only by stockholders eligible to vote. Any voting stockholder making a nomination must indicate the position for which the nomination is made.

After the chairman accepts floor nominations and appropriately confirms a nominee's willingness and eligibility to serve, the chairman may ask for a show of hands (or other acceptable indication of voting) in support of each nominee. The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes at the Annual Stockholders Meeting will be declared the winner for each position. The Nominating Committee election will not be conducted by mail.

## **Director Nominee Biographical Information**

The next several pages contain biographical information for those stockholders who have been nominated for a stockholder-elected position by the Nominating Committee prior to the CFC Stockholders Meeting. The director nominee information was prepared and submitted by the nominee (except for staff personnel making syntactical corrections to nominees' material and eliminating any statement that may be considered campaign or voter solicitation material). The biographical information is for educational purposes only and should be used to evaluate the qualifications of candidates in the election. CFC has not verified any of the information presented.

By regulation CFC must remain impartial and can neither endorse nor oppose any nominee. However, current members of the CFC board of directors may voice their individual opinions about any nominee, but any opinions stated are those of the director and not of CFC. The Association may not campaign or assist in the campaign of any nominee but may provide a list of stockholders' names and addresses if requested by the nominee for the purpose of contacting other stockholders about their nomination or the election. This same information will be provided to voting stockholders again, along with similar information, for any floor nominees, when the ballot and voting materials are distributed subsequent to the Annual Stockholders Meeting.

### **Region 9**

#### **Thomas Lester**

1493 CR 194, Gonzales, Texas 78629

Tom Lester Jr., age 51, of Gonzales County has been a farmer and rancher his whole life. For the past 28 years, Tom Jr. has been a member of the board of directors at the Lester family company, Holmes Foods Inc. and currently serves as the Vice President. Holmes Foods Inc. began in 1925 and is now one of the largest poultry integrators in Texas. Tom Jr. is one of the largest growers for Holmes Foods, producing approximately 6,000,000 chickens annually. In addition to his extensive poultry businesses, Tom Jr. manages a cattle operation throughout his ranches in Gonzales County.

Alongside cattle and poultry farming, Tom Jr. operates in several business partnerships focused in catering to the agricultural industry, from row crops to a trucking business that serves ranching communities throughout Texas. Tom Jr. was a board member of the Gonzales Independent School District for 12 years, a board member of the Gonzales County Farm Bureau for 6 years and served on the Texas Farm and Ranch Committee for the Farm Bureau. Tom Jr. attended Blinn College in Brenham and has been married to his wife Tammy for 29 years, and they have 3 children: Trey (24), Tori (22), and Tara (14).

#### **Shane Sklar**

5633 US Hwy 59 South, Edna, TX 77957

Shane Sklar, age 44, is a fourth-generation farmer and rancher from Edna, Texas. He is the owner of El Toro Farms, which specializes in cotton and corn production. Mr. Sklar and his father, Darrell, own Sklar & Son Cattle, a cow/calf operation with cattle in Jackson and Bee County. Together they also manage Sklar Seed, a grain sorghum, soybean and corn seed sales company that markets the LG Seeds brand.

Mr. Sklar attended Victoria College before transferring and graduating from Sam Houston State University in 1999, where he obtained a degree in Agriculture Business with a minor in Political Science. From there, he went on to work for United States Congressman Chet Edwards serving as an Agriculture Aide and Field Representative to the senior Congressman.

After several years in that role, Shane was hired as the Executive Director of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA). During his tenure at ICA, Mr. Sklar developed strategies for the organization's legislative priorities, planned and conducted four board meetings a year for the association's 35 board members and doubled the size of the membership at a time when most agricultural groups were losing members. In addition to these accomplishments, Shane became a key resource during the 2003 "mad cow" scare, including interviews with the LA Times, USA Today, Houston Chronicle and many other media outlets. This work earned him the 2003 Professional Ag Workers "Young Agriculturist of the Year" award.

Mr. Sklar then moved back to his hometown of Edna, where he got back into the family business of production agriculture and became a Capital Farm Credit member in 2005. In addition, Shane is involved in his community. He presently serves as the President of the Edna Education Foundation, is a board member of the Victoria College Foundation and is the President of the Edna Knights of Columbus building committee. He also is the former President of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, where he continues to serve as a Director and is an active member in many other agricultural organizations.

Mr. Sklar is married to Jackson County Judge Jill Sklar. The two have three children: Maggie, John Rhett and Vivian. They attend St. Agnes Catholic Church in Edna, where Shane serves as a church lector.

### **At-Large Position 1**

#### **Ronnie Riddle**

2958 Stonecrest, Abilene, Texas 79606

Mr. Riddle, age 63, has owned and operated Riddle Farms, consisting of cotton, wheat, and cattle, for over 40 years spanning Jones, Fisher, Stonewall, and Haskell Counties. Mr. Riddle graduated from Texas Tech University in 1979 with a degree in animal science and is a fourth-generation famer. He has served as a Capital Farm Credit board member for eight years, also serving on the Association's Governance Committee.

He is a former president of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, as well as the Texas Cotton Producers Association and a past board member of the National Cotton Council and the Cotton Board. In 1995, Mr. Riddle was named the New York Stock Exchange "Cotton Marketer of the Year." He currently serves on the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Texas Trails Council board and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award presented to a volunteer of a BSA Council. Mr. Riddle also volunteers for other local non-profit worthwhile organizations. Mr. Riddle's wife, Patty, and father, J.C., are also member of Capital Farm Credit. Mr. Riddle and his family are members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene, Texas.

**James Patrick Walker**

319 Oak Avenue, Aguilares, Texas 78369

James Patrick (Rick) Walker, age 60, is a third-generation rancher, operating interests in Webb County, Texas. Through Huisache Cattle Co., Ltd., Simeon Development, Ltd., Huisache Land and Minerals, Ltd., and Vaquillas Management, Ltd., Mr. Walker and his family manage extensive livestock and wildlife operations, as well as mineral holdings, land development, and other real estate investments.

Mr. Walker attended Southwest Junior College, studying aviation and attaining private pilot, rotorcraft, fixed wing single and multi-engine licenses and ratings. Mr. Walker is a former director of IBC Bank, Laredo, and currently serves as board member of Webb County Soil and Water Conservation District, Texas Land and Mineral Association, and Texas parks and Wildlife Department's Operation Game Thief.

**At-Large Position 7****Larry Boleman**

9370 El Campo Trail, College Station, Texas 77845

Dr. Boleman, age 74, and his wife, Pat, have owned and operated Boleman Cattle Company, raising registered and composite breeding cattle for Texas beef producers as well as many award-winning beef show calves for Texas 4-H and FFA youth, for 60 years. He began his career with the Texas A&M University system in 1964 as a freshman student worker for the Texas A&M University Beef Cattle Center, graduating in 1968 with a degree in Animal Science. Upon college graduation and U.S. Army Reserve Basic and AIT Training, he served as County Extension Agriculture Agent in Brazos and Taylor Counties through 1971.

In the fall of 1971, Dr. Boleman returned to Texas A&M University to teach and coach the Livestock Judging Teams with Dr. Doug Wythe while studying Ruminant Nutrition under Professor John K. Riggs. He completed his research and received his Ph.D in 1976, and continued his career for 54 years until his retirement from the Texas A&M University System in 2018, and was awarded the title of Professor and Associate Vice Chancellor Emeritus. During those years, in addition to serving as a County Extension Agent and TAMU student teaching assistant, he served as an Extension Area Beef Cattle and Livestock Specialist, State Beef Cattle Specialist, Associate Animal Science Department Head, Associate Vice Chancellor for Agriculture, Texas A&M University Associate Executive Vice President, and Special Assistant to the President of Texas A&M University. While serving as a member of the TAMU President's executive team, he assisted in oversight of budgets, technology, human resources, diversity and curriculum for 60,000 students. During that period, he served as a member of the \$450 million Kyle Field Redevelopment Team and as Associate Vice Chancellor for Agriculture he worked with a team that managed a \$400 million budget for agriculture teaching, extension, and research.

During his career he taught over one million Texas 4-H and FFA students, TAMU college students, and Texas agriculture producers and landowners; judged over 1,000 state and national beef cattle shows and coached national championship livestock judging teams; and as coordinator and founder of the modern day nationally acclaimed TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course, taught 60,000 producers over the past 25 years. He has served as Capital Farm Credit board member for 8 years and as Chairman of the Governance Committee for 3 years. Dr. Boleman served 6 years on the Texas Beef Council Board and was a three-year Board Chairman of the First Christian Church of Bryan, Texas. He has received numerous agriculture and



beef cattle awards from industry associations and organizations, and he has received the Superior Service and numerous Vice Chancellor System Awards. Dr. Boleman holds several distinguished and hall of honor recognitions from the TAMU Department of Animal Science, Texas Club Calf Associations, Breed Associations, Houston Livestock Show, and is a lifetime member of the San Antonio Livestock Show. Currently he serves as the Superintendent of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest and is a longtime member of the Texas A&M University System Chancellor's Century Council and the College of Agriculture Development Council. He and Pat raised three sons, Scott, Chris and Craig, and continue the daily management of their operation of pasture, hay fields, and breeding cow calf herds in Brazos and Burnet Counties.

**Ronald Wittig**

435 CR 175, Wharton, Texas 77488

Ron Wittig, age 66, was raised on a family farm/ranch in Pierce, Texas. Mr. Wittig began working at Coastal Warehouse, a grain facility in Wharton, Texas, at 15 years of age and continued part-time through graduation from Texas A&M University in 1976. He was hired as General Manager of Coastal Warehouse in January 1977. Mr. Wittig currently ranches a commercial Brangus cow-calf operation and farms cotton, corn, and milo as a landlord in Wharton County.

Mr. Wittig, along with partners, purchased Coastal Warehouse in 1985, growing storage capacity from 1.6 to 5.6 million bushels through nine facilities in five counties, including the purchase of 9Pt & Hungerford Grain. Mr. Wittig additionally owns interest in a deer corn sacking operation, as well as BU Growers, a seed rice and rice drying facility in Bay City, Texas. He has partnership interests in Winfree Trucking, a commercial trucking company hauling primarily ag bulk products, and F&W Storage LLC, a self-storage business in Wharton, Texas, and has interests in Ricebelt Warehouse in El Campo. Mr. Wittig owns a branch office for Advance Trading and serves as a licensed commodity risk manager for local producers. He additionally owns investment real estate and rental properties in Matagorda and Wharton counties.

Mr. Wittig graduated from Texas A&M University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He has served on the Wharton County Youth Fair and Executive boards and was named the 2008 Ag Man of the Year at the Wharton County Ag Banquet. Mr. Wittig has served on the Wharton County Junior College Ag Advisory Board, Texas Grain & Feed Association and South Texas Country Elevator Association boards. He is a cofounder and board member of the Wharton Fair Fund and has coached and served on the boards of Little League, Babe Ruth and girls' softball in Wharton.

Mr. Wittig and his wife, Leah, have six children and eight grandchildren and are members of St. John Lutheran Church.

