

Board Snapshot

Kirk Ross

Years Service as a director

I started with Van Orin Cooperative Oil Company in 2003

Personal or farming (career) information you'd like to share

I grew up on a family farm near Mendota, IL. I have been employed at First State Bank in Mendota for 16 years, where I work with the agricultural industry.

Thoughts/Vision of the current state and future of Agriculture

The agricultural industry in our immediate area has seen firsthand the volatility that is associated with grain farming in the 21st century. The benefits have been great to many, but the risks associated with raising a crop have increased even greater. Strong management skills and trusted advisors play a very important role.

Thoughts/Vision of the future of Northern Partners Coop

Northern Partners coop will strive to be an excellent source of goods and services as requested by its members/shareholders. Growth may be necessary to provide the stability and reliability that is necessary in a consolidating agricultural industry.