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Top Skills

Agriculture
Agribusiness
Strategic Planning

Marcy Svenningsen

Farmer/Rancher/Director

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Summary

I grew up on a family farm and have always loved agriculture. Not surprisingly, I married a farmer! My husband, Greg, and I were married in 1980 and have continued to farm and ranch since then. I went to VCSU and studied accounting thinking that it would help me with our farm books but when farm economics in the early 80's dictated that some off farm income would be required - I went to work for Open Door Center in Valley City. My husband and I believe that it's important to advocate for the things you believe in and so I became active in ND Farmers Union - a great farm organization that values family farming. Now that our son is farming with us, the relevance of making sure that the next generation of family farmers can succeed and thrive has become of even greater significance to us and we both continue in various roles as advocates for agriculture.

Experience

Barnes County Farmers Union

President

November 2014 - Present (8 years 10 months)

Barnes County, North Dakota

Scheduling and presiding over the meetings of the elected county directors; planning and offering educational opportunities for members; participating in the grass roots work of the North Dakota Farmers Union by encouraging members to bring concerns and policy ideas to the annual county meeting.

Cass County Electric Cooperative

Director at Large

April 2011 - Present (12 years 5 months)

I represent over 40,000 members of Cass County Electric Cooperative. I help set the direction of the co-op with my fellow board members by approving policies, the budget, capital credit retirement and monitoring the financial progress of the company.

ND USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee

Chairperson

November 2009 - Present (13 years 10 months)

Fargo

I am very fortunate to work with four highly qualified farmer/ranchers on the FSA State Committee. One of our primary duties is to review county FSA decisions when farmers and ranchers decide to appeal to the state committee. I always enjoy interacting with my fellow producers.

Open Door Center

Finance Director

August 1983 - Present (40 years 1 month)

I handle all of the outside reporting including working with auditors, collecting the information for the 990, payroll quarterly reports, retirement and insurance information, etc. I prepare and analyze our monthly financial statements and present that information to the Board of Directors.

Farmer/Rancher

1980 - Present (43 years)

We have primarily angus beef cattle and grow wheat, corn and soybeans.

Farmers Union Industries LLC

ND Director

January 2007 - December 2011 (5 years)

As a Director of FUI, my role was to try and make sure the various companies that were under the FUI umbrella ran as efficiently and prosperously as possible since some of the profit eventually ended up as revenue for the five Farmers Union organizations in the states of ND, MN, WI, MT and SD.

ND Farmers Union

District 7 Director

November 1999 - November 2011 (12 years 1 month)

I was an advocate for family farmers. ND Farmers Union is a grass roots organization that develops policy that the members would like to see implemented and as a Director, I lobbied at all levels of government in order to try and bring about change.

Education

Valley City State University

Accounting · (1979 - 1981)

Valley City High School

· (1976 - 1979)