



## Nominees to Fill 2024 Open Board of Directors Positions

The Annual Meeting and Election of the Credit Union will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, at TRU·FI Credit Union, 602 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Macclenny, Florida at 5:30 p.m.

Each year, it is the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate at least one member for each vacancy on the Board of Directors. Volunteer applications are solicited from the membership throughout the year.

In accordance with the Credit Union's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee has completed their application review process of candidates applying for the three open Board of Directors positions, for 3-year terms commencing with the Annual Meeting on February 20, 2024.

### **The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following candidates:**

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#### **Joel D Barber, Incumbent**

- Gibson McDonald District Manager, 30 years
  - Rotary Club Member
  - ARC North Florida, Board Member
- Baker County Chamber of Commerce, Board Member

#### **Michael Griffis, Incumbent**

- City Manager, City of Macclenny
- Retired NEFCOM GM, Manager of External Affairs
  - 3G Toolboxes, Owner
- Baker County Chamber of Commerce, Board Member
  - Baker Prevention Coalition, Board Member
  - FBC of Macclenny, Finance Chairman

#### **Donald W (Bill) Hagan, Incumbent**

- President/Owner Hagan Ace Hardware, 45 years retail business experience
    - Ace Hardware Corporation Board of Directors, 9 years
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Nominations for vacancies may also be made, but only by qualified petition starting on December 7, 2023. Following the Credit Union Bylaws, there will be no election

conducted by ballot, and no nominations from the meeting floor when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled.

Members interested in becoming candidates may now utilize the petition method. Qualified petitioners must be a member first named on the Primary Savings Account; at least 21 years of age; be a member in good standing for at least one full year (before December of the prior year to which applications are accepted – in this election, before December 2022); willing to serve in a volunteer capacity; and available to attend monthly meetings held in Macclenny, Florida.

### **Criteria to Qualify by Petition:**

All completed Applications with Biographical Sketch, Certificate of Nomination, and petition forms containing the signatures of at least 1% of eligible TRU-FI Credit Union members with their printed names, addresses, dates of birth, and last four digits of their Social Security numbers, must be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman; PO Box 1845; Macclenny, FL 32063-9987, no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST) on January 8, 2024 to be validated. When returned, the petition must be signed by 1% of the membership with a maximum of 500 eligible members. As of December 31, 2022, the Credit Union had 7305 members and therefore the Board Election Petition must be signed by at least 73 TRU-FI Credit Union members.

Official applications, biographical details, certificates, and petition forms may be obtained by clicking on the form links in the same area of the Credit Union website as this notice, calling (904) 259-6702, or in person through a member of the Credit Union Management at one of the three office locations.

### **Appointing Board Members:**

At the Annual Meeting and Election, all persons nominated by either the Nominating Committee or by Petition shall be placed before the Members for a vote. The election will be determined by plurality vote and will be by ballot except when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled. Nominees cannot be made from the floor unless insufficient nominations have been made by the Nominating Committee or by petition to provide nominees for the positions to be filled. The results of the Annual Election will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

If no other candidates qualify by petition, the open Board Seat will be filled as selected by the Nominating Committee and will be declared elected by acclamation at the 2024 Annual Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Macclenny Office.