

Good Day Reeves, Councillors and Administrators of SARM Division 3,



My name is Larry Grant, I am the Reeve of the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 and I am running for the Division 3 Director position with SARM.

My wife Sherry and I ranch with our four sons between Val Marie and Cadillac. We have six grandchildren. My family has ranched and farmed in this area since 1910 when my grandfather came here from Ontario. We are now proudly a fifth-generation ranch. My family and extended family have roots firmly planted in Southwest Saskatchewan. I have served on various boards throughout my life including: trustee on the Shaunavon School Division, Saskatchewan Cattleman's Association (Vice-President & Finance Chair), and am currently a director on the South of the Divide Conservation Action Program (SODCAP).

As I'm sure you are aware, I have experience with this position as I was the SARM Division 3 director for nine years, 2015-2024. I very much enjoyed working with you while on the SARM board and look forward to doing that again. I truly think that the people of this division are its greatest asset. I served on the Ag & Environment Committee and specifically took interest in any environmental legislation that would affect RM's. I represented SARM on the Firearms Advisory Council, Wildlife Advisory Council, and the Provincial Disaster Assistance Plan. I took time to attend almost every board, advisory, and committee meeting that I was requested to attend.

Now that my sons are taking over my ranching operations, I have the time and desire to represent you again as the SARM Division 3 Director. I know that there are issues of local, provincial, and federal interest that affect all of our municipalities. I believe some issues affecting RM's are:

- The escalating cost of building and maintaining infrastructure and the level of funding that is not keeping pace;
- Employee attraction and retention into the rural areas (for both municipalities and all employers in the municipalities);
- Governance and board development initiatives for RM Councils need to be further explored and developed by SARM. We have important issues to debate, and I believe that proper conduct is very important and is what sets the SARM board apart as an upstanding organization.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any issue that you or your RM would like to discuss. I have the time and desire to serve you. I look forward to your vote.

Thank you,

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