

Hager City Grand Opening Speaker Bios



Jim Lange, Chairman

Jim and his wife Amy live in the Wind Lake area of Racine County, where they grow corn, soybeans and wheat on a century farm. Their two children are also involved with the farming operation. A very active cooperative board member, he was elected to the board of Farmer's Grain & Supply in Union Grove and served as secretary. After a merger, he served as board secretary and subsequently as chairman for Cooperative Plus, Inc. Following CPI's merger with Landmark, he served as board secretary, vice chair and chairman. Jim also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Norway for 10 years.



John Creaser, Vice Chairman

John and his wife Diane live in Menomonie, Wisconsin, and have four sons and two granddaughters. They have been farming for 45 years. They produce corn, soybeans and rye. The corn is sold for grain, the soybeans are grown for seed beans and the rye is sold for cover crop. John attended the University of Wisconsin, where he completed the Farm & Industry Short Course. He also graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College in Farm Management. At Countryside, he served as the vice chair from 1998-2014 and as the board chair from 2014-March 2021. John focuses on finding ways to capitalize on opportunities and meet the challenges our member producers face in today's ag economy.



Jim Dell, CEO & President

Jim joined the ALCIVIA team in March of 2018 as CEO and President. Jim grew up on a 500 cow-calf operation in Conde, South Dakota, cultivating 3,200 acres of row crops and small grains. He obtained an Ag Business degree from Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota. Jim began his career at Harvest States and regionally owned locations of Land O'Lakes. Then, after 19 years with Central Valley Cooperative where he focused primarily on grain and feed business, Jim joined Cooperative Producers Incorporated (CPI) in Hastings, Nebraska, as the Vice President of Grain. Jim has been in various management roles in the cooperative system since starting his career in 1987. He has served on several committees over the years including the National Grain and Feed Organization where he

is currently a member of the Executive Board and serves on the Arbitration and Appeals Panel. He also serves on the UW Cooperative Council advisory board. Jim and his wife of 40 years have two grown daughters and a son-in-law. Jim enjoys outdoor activities including camping, kayaking and pheasant hunting.



Rodney Balvitsch, Chief Operating Officer

Rodney brought a wealth of experience to ALCIVIA when he joined the cooperative in 2020. Rodney is responsible for ALCIVIA's overall operations, facilities and risk, and works closely with the ALCIVIA team to implement the cooperative's strategic vision and values. Throughout his career Rodney has served in management and leadership roles centered around business development, facility and real-estate acquisitions and sales, producer financing, credit and risk management. Rodney also owned and operated a cow-calf operation in Ellendale, Minnesota.

About ALCIVIA

ALCIVIA is a leading, member-owned agricultural and energy cooperative driven by a passion for excellence and a future without boundaries. Located in Wisconsin and serving farm, business and retail customers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa, ALCIVIA's engaged employees provide innovative, responsible solutions to help drive the immediate and long-term success of their customers, including competitive input financing and best-in-class products and services in agronomy, animal nutrition, energy and grain. Learn more about ALCIVIA at www.ALCIVIA.com.