

Derek Gerdes

Metro Electric, Inc.

Derek started out young in the electrical industry. In high school he took an electrical trade course his junior and senior year. Competed at State level in VICA (the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) which is now SkillsUSA. He worked summers and spring breaks at Metro Electric. Where he started out at the bottom. Learning the materials in the warehouse and working his way into the field. Digging ditches, running conduit, installing gear and light fixtures. He worked in our service department. Dealing direct with customers and performing service calls. After about 6 years in the field he was moved into the office. Where he was the purchasing agent. Handling all project material purchases and equipment rentals. He also managed and oversaw the warehouse. Which handled deliveries, returns and credits, and also repairs on equipment and vehicles. After spending about 6 years in that department Derek is now in our estimating department. He handles overseeing bids on projects that range anywhere from a couple of thousand dollars to over a million dollars. Along with estimating he manages our fleet of vehicles and equipment. From purchases of new vehicles and equipment to repairs. Something that is very important for all business today is social media. So along with our website and social media pages he manages and oversees them. From updating new content to posting pictures and news articles. This past year Derek celebrated 20 years with Metro receiving his 20 year ring. Derek's goal is to get his masters license and to one day oversee the operation for Metro Electric, Inc as the companies president.