



### **Edwin (Ward) Koeser, Commissioner**

Edwin (Ward) Koeser grew up on a farm near Watford City and after graduating from Dickinson State College, joined the North Dakota National Guard. Ward taught school in Terry, Montana in the 1970's and in 1978 moved to Williston to start a communications company known as Kotana Communications. He sold the business and retired in 2017.

Ward was elected mayor of Williston in 1994 and served in that capacity for 20 years, retiring in 2014. During the last four years of his term, he witnessed a doubling of the population due to an oil boom in the region.

Mr. Koeser serves on several local boards and on the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Board. He also is a trustee on the board of Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Ward was appointed to the North Dakota Ethics Commission in 2019.

Ward and his wife, Joetta, have three grown children and nine grandchildren.