

Application for Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District Board Appointment

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Why do you want to serve on this Board? For the past 4 years I have been involved in working closely with our community to understand the parks and recreation needs within Teton County and looking at ways to help fill those needs. I feel it important to ensure that the knowledge and trust that has been developed from working with our community is brought forward through service on the Recreation District Board.

Please describe your qualifications for serving on this Board: I bring over 40 years of project planning and management to the Teton Valley Parks and Recreation Board. This experience includes planning and implementation of large complex projects many of which involved significant public outreach and stakeholder involvement. Prior to retiring, I oversaw the day-to-day operations of an organization of over 100 employees ensuring efficient and profitable operations. I served 4 years on a private school board and served 2 years as president. Since retiring, I have focused on helping out anywhere I can to better our community. I've worked for the past 4 years as the treasurer of the Friends of Teton Valley Sports and Wellness (FTVSW) working to understand the needs and desires for recreation in Teton Valley. In addition to my support of FTVSW, I serve on the board of Teton Valley Community Recycling and led the development of Pierre's Pedal Project, Teton Valley's community bike shop that refurbishes bicycles for the community. I have also worked closely with Teton Valley Aquatics to help ensure children in the valley have the opportunity to learn how to swim through the portable pool program and the conceptual design for an indoor pool.

Describe your experience with local government: I have worked closely with the Driggs City planning lead and city engineer both in my efforts to understand the parks and recreation needs of Driggs and the development of the aquatic center conceptual design. In addition, I have worked with the Teton County personnel to help divert waste from the transfer station through Pierre's Pedal Project. Most recently I worked with Blain County officials to ensure reclamation activities at the Independence mine met county requirements. Prior to retiring from full time employment, I authored the Bonneville County Hazards Mitigation plan and its associated updates working closely with multiple city and county personnel. I also worked with city and

county personnel across the west to incorporate their input into National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

What skills do you bring to the Board? The Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District is a new government agency that has to be built from the ground up. My project planning, development, and implementation experience will be extremely useful in the development of the recreation district. In addition to project skills, I bring substantial experience working with public outreach and stakeholders in support of project implementation and NEPA analysis. These skills will help to build community consensus on how and where the recreation district should focus its efforts.

What is the first thing this Board needs to accomplish? One of the first steps in setting up the district will be to develop the board charter and associated operating policies and procedures in accordance with State of Idaho statutes. The board need to develop the organizational structure to manage funds and resources to ensure transparency and accountability to the community. With the operational infrastructure in place, the board will the need to work with the county and cities along with the community to develop priorities and long-term plans.

Other Comments: By voting in the Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District, our community has provided an opportunity to make a lasting positive impact. It's important that the district is built through open and honest communication and that the board is committed to that.