



Requesting Applications for Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District Board Appointment

On November 5, 2024, the residents of Teton County, Idaho, voted to establish the Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District (Recreation District). Idaho code(IC) 31-43 defines the process for setting up, and operating, a recreation district. Per IC § 31-43, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is requesting applications for the initial Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District Commissioners.

At the December 9th, 2024, BoCC meeting, three subdistricts, with populations as nearly equal as possible, will be formed, and on December 16, 2024, one person, from each of the subdistricts, will be appointed to represent that subdivision.

These appointed commissioners will serve as the first board. Appointees from subdistricts one and two will serve until the first district election (2026), when they will either be elected or replaced. The appointee from subdistrict three will serve until the second district election (2028), when they will either be elected or replaced. Commissioner positions are volunteer, non-paid positions.

The first board will be responsible for building the Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District from the ground up as an independent government agency. This will include establishing the administrative infrastructure required to manage and operate the district, developing agreements with the county and cities, working closely with the community to define priorities and long-term plans, and developing and managing the district's budget.

Per Idaho Statute, the recreation district is “organized for the uses and purposes of acquiring, providing, maintaining and operating public recreation centers, swimming facilities, pools, picnic areas, camping facilities, ballparks, handball courts, tennis courts, marine and snowmobile facilities, recreational pathways, ski areas, and golf courses and public transportation systems and facilities serving the district together with all related grounds, buildings, equipment and apparatus for the use of the residents of the district and the public generally.”

Interested parties should fill out the attached application and submit to dreyes@tetoncountyidaho.gov by December 11, 2024. Applications can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ycx2pbha>, or requested from dreyes@tetoncountyidaho.gov.

Questions to Ask Yourself
before applying for Board Membership

Do I fully understand what this Board expects from me?

Am I committed to the goals and interests of the Board and to the mission and purposes of the organization?

Can I afford the demands on my time, resources and energy?

Will I attend meetings regularly, making them a priority for the duration of my appointment?

Am I willing to perform a reasonable amount of work outside regularly scheduled Board meetings (how much?) and be well-prepared for each meeting?

Can I work effectively with the other members of the Board, with the Program Executive and the Program Staff?

What is my real motivation for desiring appointment to the Board?

Will I be there if the going gets rough and controversy arises?

Am I willing to participate in necessary Board training, education and development activities that will improve my effectiveness on this Board?

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Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Residence Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Occupation/Employer: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Why do you want to serve on this Board?

Please describe your qualifications for serving on this Board:

Describe your experience with local government:

What skills do you bring to the Board?

What is the first thing this Board needs to accomplish?

Other Comments: