

## Application for Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District Board Appointment

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**Why do you want to serve on this Board:**

I would like to become more engaged with the community. This role aligns with my background and skills in such a way I believe I could be of service, and this particular Board's mission is one I could enthusiastically devote time and effort towards.

**Please describe your qualifications for serving on this Board:**

1. Attorney Experience. My background as an attorney should help in developing administrative processes, and my experience with contracts and engineering and construction legal support should be useful.

I was an attorney for 40 years, primarily in a corporate setting where I worked on contracts and litigation. I was an in-house attorney for a consulting engineering company, which also provided construction management and design/build services, for 15 of those years. As a result, I am familiar with contracts, bid documents, bonds and insurance for engineering and construction projects.

2. Leadership and Board Experience. I have held many leadership roles, including serving on the Executive Committee of a large civil engineering company, and being on several non-profit boards. Among other things, this required involvement in budgeting.

3. Teton County Appreciation. I have owned residential property in Teton County for over 4 years and lived here full time for over 2 years. My contact with the community has been long enough to appreciate its historical values and culture, which I greatly respect. That said, I have not lived here long enough to have formed alliances or firm opinions, and could readily look at things with an open mind.

4. Interest In Recreation. I have a lifelong interest in a variety of recreational activities, even majoring in Parks and Recreation for a short time.

**Describe your experience with local government:**

None. I was a state and federal government employee, and worked with state/federal representatives as a corporate attorney, so I have an appreciation of process constraints, regulations and the like.

**What skills do you bring to the board?**

I listen more than I talk, and I take a genuine interest in understanding other's perspectives.  
I get things done even if it requires hard work and persistence.  
I am a creative problem solver.  
I collaborate well, but can make decisions.  
I work well with people of all types and status.  
I excel in projects that require analysis.

**What is the first thing this Board needs to accomplish:**

Credibility with the community. There is much to prove to both those who supported the formation of the District and those who opposed it.

To this end, I would like to see the Board move quickly with whatever needs to be done to set up an administration, being circumspect but not overthinking or overworking things. I would also like to see if a project of merit could be identified and moved forward expeditiously and cost effectively to help establish the district's presence, direction and value while longer term planning is being pursued.

**Comments:**

If I am fortunate enough to be appointed, I would like to better understand the concerns about the district's formation and operation to take them into account to the extent merited and otherwise possible. I have no interest in standing for election, but would consciously participate in transition activities.