

## Smoky Hill Metropolitan District Board Election



Decades of constant travel made it exceedingly difficult to connect and work with my local Smoky Hill Community. Now I have an opportunity to serve by running for one of the three open positions on the Smoky Hill Metropolitan District Board.

My goals are simple:

- Fiscal accountability and controls
- Enhancement of our parkland
- People investment in “their” park
- Each park needs a “reason” to draw us there.
- Support Social Groups in the use of the parks.

### Quick background facts – what drives my core:

- ❖ I grew up on a 75-acre Gurnsey dairy farm in Southern Minnesota, on the east side of Albert Lea Lake, in a game refuge with woods, nature, and wildlife. “Organic” describes our farm.
- ❖ Member of the local Audubon Society in High School and later was President.
- ❖ Boy Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster, and district leader for decades.
- ❖ My daughters took part in Girl Scouts and my oldest was a camp counselor for 6 years and achieved her Gold Award here in Colorado.
- ❖ US Air Force Veteran, Served in Florida, Alaska, and North Carolina.
- ❖ Successful 20-year career in accounting, starting in the corporate offices of Hormel Foods, and for 10 years I was a controller and CFO for five companies, including a holding company with five operating companies and over 7,000 employees.
- ❖ Licensed CPA in Wisconsin.
- ❖ Successful career in management consulting after moving to Colorado in 1995, traveling all over North America, China, and England deploying global business solutions for major corporations and government entities.

My family moved to East Belleview Place in March 1995, initially renting down the street and then buying our current home in August 1998.

My goals focus on the wise use of our tax dollars with a long-term investment view.

- ❖ **Fiscal accountability** and controls.

- Using proper fund accounting principles with reserve funds, operating funds, grants.
  - Monthly review of work performed, both by staff and contractors. This includes activity reports for equipment (hours used, mileage, problems), service reports (scheduled and unscheduled maintenance), monthly operating reports (pool, courts, parks, sprinkler systems, tree watering).
  - Feedback from the community on issues. Report on the follow-up action taken.
  - Three-year operating budgets with identified grants and application due dates.
  - Planned repair/replacement for key District assets, such as the court surfaces, pool, buildings, operating equipment, fences. Adjustment of annual reserve fund allocations based on the planned expenditures.
- ❖ **Enhancement of our park land.**
- Tree, grass surface, and visual biodiversity build out following a planned multi-year approach for each park and physical location.
  - Multi-year plan for managing the flood district properties.
- ❖ **People investment in “their” park.**
- Community feedback on how they want to use their park.
  - Planned infrastructure investment to build out proper support facilities.
- ❖ **Each park needs a “reason” to draw us there.**
- The Club House, pool, rink, and pickleball courts are strong for the core location, but it is also the only one with parking.
  - Create infrastructure to support the local community groups and encourage their use of the parks and facilities.
- ❖ **Social use of the parks and enhancements.**
- The Metro District is not a social club but provides the infrastructure to support our community interests and social activities.
  - Enhance community involvement and use by providing the correct support structure.