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Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election | **May 19, 2015**

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REMINDER: Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed! All ballots must be received at an official drop site or the Deschutes County Clerk's office no later than 8:00 PM on May 19th. **POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.**

Deschutes County Election Results: Unofficial Election results are available after 8:00 PM on May 19th from the County Clerk's office or online at www.deschutes.org/electionresults. The results will be updated throughout the night.

La Pine Park and Recreation District Director, Position 4



**Gary S.
Gordon**

Occupation: Small business owner – fishing tackle

Occupational Background: Attorney at Law 1975-2014; Adjunct Professor of Law 1975-1981; Deputy Public Defender – Nevada County CA 1985-2013;

small business owner 2006-present.

Educational Background: University of California at Santa Barbara, Bachelor of Arts Degree 1971; Southwestern University School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree 1974; Deschutes County Government College 2014

Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Watt Park Fire Protection District (CA); Volunteer, La Pine Park & Recreation District (Administrative work); 29 years for the County of Nevada (CA) as Deputy Public Defender, working closely with all county departments; the last 7 years specializing in child welfare cases and juvenile matters.

Accountability:

- Accountability applies to every aspect of the Board's duties. The District cannot spend money it does not have.
- The delivery of services to the community needs to be cost efficient.
- The priorities and resources of the District need to be aligned with the expectations of the people who live here.
- Immediate, mid-range and long-term goals need to be clearly defined and actively pursued. It is critical to make progress toward those mid and long range goals with the funds you do have.
- All available sources of revenue need to be pursued.
- Keeping the citizens within the District up to date with all of these components is critical.

What you can expect from me as a Board member:

- I regularly attended Board meetings for the past 16 months and witnessed first-hand its inability to work together for the benefit of the District's residents. If elected I will work with the remaining Board members to "right the ship" and plan a brighter, more responsive future for the District.
- I pledge to keep the accountability of the District at a high and transparent level.
- Programs and activities need to be geared for residents of all ages. I am a strong supporter of partnering with COCC for adult education.
- I will work diligently to make meaningful, realistic goals the standard for a responsible planning process.

(This information furnished by Gary S. Gordon.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

La Pine Park and Recreation District Director, Position 4



**Pamela J.
Poeske**

Occupation: 1994-Present Little River Design La Pine Landscape Designer/Estimator, Co-owner

Occupational Background: 1985-1993; Deschutes Environmental Services; Various

Positions; 1991-1993; Bunkhouse Galletry; owner; 1979-1984; US Forest Service; Independant Contractor doing Qualitative Timber Cruising

Educational Background: Central Oregon Community College; Associate Degree in Forestry; Portland State University; Studies in Art and English; Rex Putnam High School; Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My family and I moved to the La Pine area almost forty years ago, when most of Huntington Road wasn't paved. Our son attended second grade in the "Little White Schoolhouse", and played T-ball where the stage is now in Frontier Heritage Park. I have truly enjoyed watching and being a part of the growth and development of La Pine.

I am running for the 4th Chair on the La Pine Park and Recreation Board of Directors. Although the current governing body has aspired to manage and develop the Park and Rec District, I feel that I can provide additional needed input. Since the tax base was established in 2009, the Park District was assured a steady flow of budgetary funds. The Board of Directors has a responsibility to the community to ensure that these funds are used in a responsible and forthright manner. As co-owner of a business in La Pine for over twenty years, I believe that we can trim some operating costs and direct these funds toward developing programs and park sites that the community will actually use and benefit from. The Board of Directors' job is to provide oversight and to develop and conserve the resources that the public has entrusted to them.

I would like to help La Pine Parks and Recreation District, through the Board of Directors, to provide a clean, safe environment where individuals, seniors, families and most of all our kids, can learn, grow and enjoy the amazing part the the world in which we live.

(This information furnished by Pamela Poeske.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

La Pine Park and Recreation District Director, Position 5



**Tobias R.
Wilson**

Occupation: Currently a certified teacher working with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council. I teach a high school level alternative learning option contracted with Bend La Pine Schools emphasizing occupational skills enhancement.

I have been with my current employer and in the La pine office since August of 1999.

Occupational Background: I worked for Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Oregon as a Club Director and Boys and Girls Club of Lewiston, Idaho as an education coordinator. I also worked for several years, nine total, at aquatic facilities for Bend Metro Park and Rec, Lewiston Park and Rec and Redmond Park and Rec

Educational Background: I have a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho and an Associative Arts Degree from Central Oregon Community College.

Prior Governmental Experience: I was a member, later elected vice president, finally appointed president of the La Pine Community Action Team (LCAT). LCAT acted an advisory board to assist the county in decisions as they pertained to the local community. LCAT focused on circles of influence of poverty and ways to break those cycles. The Newberry Eagle is a current product of those efforts.

I currently sit as the board president for a local youth wrestling sports organization, La Pine Blue Lightning Mat Club. The Mat Club incorporated and filed for 510 c3 status during my 6 year involvement.

I was a board Member for La Pine Rodeo Association, 2008 and 2009 and continue involvement during rodeo events.

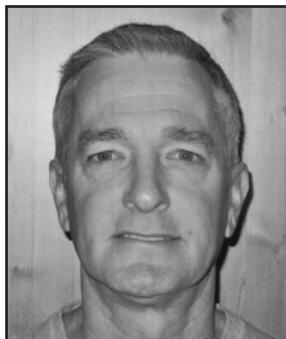
Vice President Holy Redeemer Parish Council, July 2006 to June 2007

I have lived in the La Pine area since August of 1999. My three sons have played sports for La Pine Park and Rec as well as La Pine schools. I understand the importance of affordable youth program. As a long term member of the community I understand that our facilities have a large demand from local organizations, but are also critical to the success of those same programs.

(This information furnished by Tobias R. Wilson.)

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La Pine Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 3



**Joel
Witmer**

Occupation: Deschutes County Search & Rescue - Volunteer

Occupational Background: Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety - Lieutenant 1983-2012

Educational Background: Mission College, Associate Degree

in Fire Science Technology; Union Institute & University, Bachelor Degree in Public Safety Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have a strong background in public safety, having served for 30 years with the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, retiring as a lieutenant. My career afforded me the opportunity to work in both the police and fire fields, allowing for a global understanding of community protection. It is now time for me to take my considerable experience and work diligently to address the present and future needs of our qualified fire department.

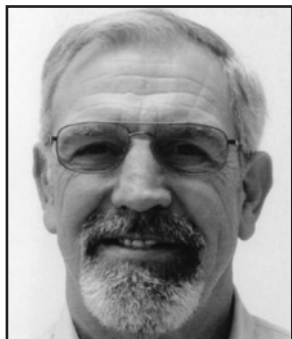
I am currently involved with the Deschutes County volunteer Search and Rescue Team, and am a member of Grace Bible Church in Bend. I have been married for 34 years and have raised two wonderful children.

My goal in joining the La Pine Rural Fire District Board of Directors is to work together as a team to provide board oversite to the fire department and to ensure that taxpayer dollars are maximized so that fire personnel are prepared and ready for the various emergencies to which they respond.

(This information furnished by Joel Witmer.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

La Pine Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 4



**Robert W.
Denend**

Occupation: La Pine Fire District Board of Directors; Custodian, High Lakes Christian Church

Occupational Background: La Pine Fire District Budget Committee, Support Services Team 2011-2014; Security Director,

Department of Defense, 1974-2004; Certified Credit Counselor, American Financial Solutions 2006-2008; Security Services, Seattle Mariners, Seahawks and Sounders 2009-2011; US Navy Submarine Service 1967-1974

Educational Background: Olympic Community College, Associate Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: Director of Security, Department of Defense, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Washington 1974-2004; Appointed to Board of Directors, La Pine Fire District 2014

Having been appointed from Support Services and the Fire District Budget Committee to the Fire District Board of Directors, I am now running in order to continue to operate the district in a business-like fashion. Since my appointment, the district has operated with a debt free and sustainable budget. I have worked within the existing tax rates and accounted for all of your taxpayer dollars. I have helped develop and update the district's strategic plans through attention to detail. This has resulted in sustainable services for your community.

I proudly served in the US Naval Submarine Service earning medals for good conduct, national defense, unit citation, and the Cold War. I was honorably discharged after 7 years.

While working for the Department of Defense for over 30 years, I was responsible for a multi-million dollar budget, staff of over 100 and the security of over 3,000 scientists and engineers. This included protection of highly classified material and documents. During 9-11, I directed the change in security posture and heightened threat conditions for the Warfare Center. Many of those changes are still in place. The protection of personnel on the installation was my priority.

With your vote, I will continue to act on your behalf and answer all concerns from the public.

(This information furnished by R. Denend.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

La Pine Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 5



**Henry E.
Kelley**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 25 years in the field of education and data processing. 4 years with Lane Education Service District as Director of Data Processing. 21 years with the

Eugene Public school as coordinator of Data Processing.

Educational Background: Graduated from North Bend high school, attended accounting classes at Lane Community College, IBM Customer Engineering school at Endicott and Poughkeepsie, NY

Prior Governmental Experience: 9 years U.S. Army, member of the La Pine Rural Fire District board of directors, 2003 to present, Secretary 2010 to present; I and the current Board of Directors has worked with the staff to 'for the first time in its history' make the La Pine Fire District debt free, the district now pays for everything when it is purchasing saving all of the finance charges and your tax dollars.

Your fire district board focuses on managing the district in a professional and business like manner in partnership with our staff. Meeting and processes are transparent and open to the public. As a board we encourage independent views and thinking during deliberations but act as one once a decision has been made. Your district board has prioritized essential district services and related efforts to assure maximum efficiency in meeting the district life and property protection mission. The board is accountable and tracks every penny of taxpayers funds and expenditures which you have entrusted us with. The fire district board has put together a ten-year plan as well as long range revenue and expenditure projections to insure district operations and facilities remain sustainable. Your fire district board has worked hard in being proactive with policies that provide a successful environment for our firefighters and paramedics to serve you.

I enjoy serving with my fellow volunteer board members and working with our district staff to provide you with best fire and paramedic services possible in an effective, efficient and thoughtful manner. I would be pleased to serve another term with your vote.

(This information furnished by Henry E. Kelley.)

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