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Citizen Interest Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming involved in Brookings County government. We encourage our citizens to volunteer to serve on our Boards, Committees, and Commissions. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission Office. All applications will be kept on file for consideration when vacancies occur.

Please attach additional sheets if needed.

District 4

Date Submitted: Feb. 5, 2021 Appointment Applied For: Planning and Zoning Commission

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Describe Why You are Interested in this Board:

I grew up in Brookings county and have lived here most of my life. I have a farm and acreage here and I'd like to see them prosper. I like solving problems, I enjoy doing community service and this is an opportunity to help.

Amount of Time Available:

I'm a college professor. My summers are open. During the school year, and with a little planning and some lead time, my hours are very flexible.

List Any Relevant Educational Experience:

I have a Ph.D. and teach management information systems and computer programming. In my younger days, I was a high school teacher and coach.

List Any Relevant Professional Experience:

I've served on two corporate boards and taken part in planning, writing and completing numerous grants. I've done summer work for several companies. I've been involved in planning and decisions for a farming operation for over thirty years.

Other Community Involvement/Activities/Service Organizations in Which You are Involved:

I've been Parnell Township clerk for the last twenty-one years. I've been on the school board. I served numerous terms on the church board and served as vice president and president as well. While president we built a new worship center and called a pastor. I was on the Elkton Elks booster club board for nine years and served seven years as its chairman. Now I mostly volunteer my time to help feed the hungry.

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Attached is the form for the Planning and Zoning Commission. I saw the notice for it in the weekly advertiser. Let me know if you require more information.

I grew up on a farm near Elkton. I can stand on my porch and see that farm. If I turn my head a little, I can see the farm in Alton Township where my dad grew up, literally the farm he was born on and the place my whole family calls the "home place". If I turn my head a little more, I can where my great-grandfather homesteaded in Richland Township.

So, if there's a way to make Brookings County better or a little nicer, a way to help my neighbors, some I've known all my life, count me in.

Thanks.

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