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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.

Date Submitted: 9/14/2020 Appointment Applied For: Extension Board

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Describe Why You are Interested In This Board: I have always actively supported the 4-H and Extension programs and would like to continue to do so. My daughters and grandchildren are active 4-H members and leaders. I have been a resident of Brookings County for over 50 years and farmed, raising cattle, horses, sheep, goats and rabbits as well as hay and crops. I worked for SDSU for 34 years with the last 7 years as Physical Plant Director that provided a background of people and resource management. I am currently serving on the Extension Board that gives me a familiarity with budgets, and facilities as well as future planning requirements.

Amount of Time Available: I am retired and have sufficient time for board and committee meetings and any special assignments.

List Any Relevant Educational Experience: Graduated from SDSU in Animal Science and Agriculture.
Attended many Physical Plant Management conferences on time, space, budgets, and facilities
management. As an approved horse show judge attended yearly national judging seminars. Served
as judging team coach for 4-H, Quarter Horse and Paint Horse youth to compete at national contests.
Served as a horse show judge approved by several breeds for over 35 years.

List Any Relevant Professional Experience: A lifetime of experience working with people, projects,
and facilities. Decision making skills honed by many years of judging and daily decisions on
personnel, projects and budgets at SDSU. At SDSU as Physical Plant Director, I was in charge of
University Police Dept., engineering, grounds and trades shop, custodial, heating facilities and build-
ing controls. I had 155 FTE, and 30-40 part time employees; and a budget of over 6M to oversee. I
bred, owned and showed several State Champion Paint and Quarter Horses. Showed our stallion
to a national title of AQHA Supreme Champion. Recognized by AQHA as a 50 year legacy breeder.

Other Community Involvement/Activities/Service Organizations You Are Involved In:
First Lutheran Church; SDSU Retired Faculty Association; SDSU Alumni; Jackrabbit Club; Make A
Difference Football Club; Womens and Mens SDSU BB Support; AQHA and SDQHA; SD Paint
Horse Club (President); SD Horse Council (director). Past member of Brookings Historical
Preservation representing SDSU; American Paint Horse Association National Director (Rules, and
Judges Committees, Hall of Fame Committee). I served as SD State Fair Horse Dept Manager for
several years. I was recognized as the Brookings County Friend of 4-H in 2016. In 2020 I was
selected the Horseperson of the Year by the South Dakota Horse Council.