

The Candidates for Lakes Highway District Commissioner, District 1

Rod Twete

Rod has lived in Kootenai County since 1964. He graduated from Lakeland High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1971. Rod has extensive experience with the Lakes Highway District, having worked as an equipment operator from 1972-2005. After his 33-year career with the Lakes Highway District, he was appointed to be a Commissioner in 2007.



He's been elected to two four-year terms and has been on the Commission from 2007 to 2017. He's served as the chair since 2013.

Accomplishments

- Voted to create an in-house engineer position to dramatically reduce engineering costs.
- Engineering costs paid to outside agencies were \$590,000 in 2007.
- Estimated engineering costs for 2017 are \$50,000 due to engineering work being done in house.
- Voted to NOT take the allowed 3% budget increase for the past two years.
- Helped to successfully obtain \$12 million in federal grants for road projects.
- Reduced gravel roads in the District
- Kept equipment current with new equipment purchases when needed.
- · Crews are completing more work with less staff hours.

Goals

Maintain the current pavement management program. Work to have users pay larger portion of funding ratio instead of property owners.

Personal

Married to Marilyn 43 years and have four grandchildren

Member of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2013-17.

Member of Idaho Assoc. of Highway Districts, 2013-17 Elected 2nd Vice Chair, Idaho Association of Highway Districts, 2013-17

Rod can be reached at 208-660-7035.

"I'm proud of how we keep our roads maintained and I think we have the best highway district in the State. Our crew is unsurpassable. "

Laurin Scarcello

I am third generation, life time resident of Kootenai County. I'm self-employed, running a portable welding service and also oversee the daily activities of our family ranch on Scarcello Road. I have five grown children and seven grandchildren.



As Commissioner, I will make a difference

by providing transparency and fiscal responsibility in the management of our roads. I will work toward providing and maintaining an efficient, trained workforce with expertise, capability and capacity to meet the current and future needs within the highway district jurisdiction. I will also provide a responsible level of environmental quality while serving the transportation needs of a growing population.

The North end of the county is mostly rural and I'm passionate about that. I feel that rural areas need to get the representation, consideration and respect that it deserves, and that would include our roads. I drive these roads daily with my business and for decades have seen our County grow and change. Growth will come and we need to allow for that, with respect for open space and the rural lifestyle that people live and move here for. Lakes Highway District needs to be in the loop and be better prepared for what will come. The impact of housing developments does not stop at the first intersection but rather it radiates out to connecting roads and communities. You can't write common sense into a law but you can vote common sense into office.

I am committed to serving my community in a number of ways including: 4H Beef and Swine Leader for 23 years and President for 9 years of the 4H Livestock Leaders Association. I serve on the following Boards: Kootenai-Shoshone Cattleman's Association, Kootenai-Shoshone Farm Bureau, and Kootenai County Aquifer Protection District. I am the Kootenai County Representative for Predator Control, member of the Kootenai County Soil Conservation District, member of Idaho's Water User's Association and member of Idaho Cattleman's Association and National Cattle-Beef Association.

As Commissioner I will be receptive to all comments and concerns of district constituents. I can be reached at 208-661-6090.

Bowling Anyone?

The Bayview Community Council is planning a day trip. Join us on Sunday, April 23 for a fun afternoon of bowling at Triple Play Family Fun Park, 175 W Orchard Ave, in Hayden. We'll carpool



from Bayview Community Center, leaving at 1 p.m. so meet at 12:45 p.m. in lower parking lot of the Center.

Ray Newcombe is organizing this event. If you are interested, please notify Ray at 683-3590. Also, if you can drive, let Ray know.

Cost: no senior discounts; 1st game \$7.16 per person and each additional game \$3.96 per person (first game costs more because it includes shoe rental and these prices include tax). We'll meet for dinner after bowling at Capones on Government Way in Hayden.

So, for strikes and spares, be there or be square.



A Meet and Greet Forum for the Bayview Water & Sewer Candidates will be held April 19, social/coffee 6:30, 7 p.m. start time, at the Community Center. This is a great opportunity to get to

know the folks that are running and be better prepared when it's time to vote.

Director #1: Robyn Edwards and Norma Jean Knowles,

Director #2 Richard Doney and Chris Gormsen.



This is a potluck. Please bring your favorite fiesta dish to share and BYOB. Happy half-hour at 5:30 with dinner May 5th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Piñata fun time too.

KKJs Pizza is closing April 15th. They're hoping to move to Jimmy C's which is owned by Chan Karupiah. **White Pine Country Cafe** has a new owner, Gary Fast.

Wishing Don Gardner, Robert Hammell and Paul Stanton speedy recoveries. We're thinking of you!



As of April 1, 2017 All Amazon Idaho online orders will be taxed 6% and are expected to generate 15 to 20 million for Idaho a year.

Farmers Market Coming Soon



by Sheryl Puckett

Julie McKerracher and friends plan to open a **Farmers Market** on May 5, Friday, at the **Athol City Park**.

According to Julie, "Both Kootenai and Sandpoint have early Saturday morning farmers market, we wanted to offer an alternative for people who do their shopping on Fridays as well as commuters who don't want to spend their Saturday shopping".

Julie came to North Idaho in 1995 and bought an empty five acre plot and homestead in Careywood. She is a Master Gardener and has studied Permaculture and Sustainable Agriculture. Her research increased her desire to serve her community through providing local, healthy food while building healthy soil.

At the ABC (Athol, Bayview, Careywood) Farmers Market you'll find bedding plants, vegetables, some fruit, fresh eggs, baked goods, homemade candy, specialty coffee and they're taking orders for naturally grown, organic, grass raised, pastured poultry. Pastured poultry is raising chickens on a pasture as opposed to indoor confinements. While Julie has raised pastured poultry for 15 years, three years ago she started a berry farm which is now called the McKerrcher Family Farm. Julie has been working directly with customers and local restaurants but wanted a local Farmers Market.

"The City of Athol was very interested in supporting us in their city and it's a wonderful location" explains Julie.

Currenty ABC Farmers Market is advertising for vendors.

You can contact Julie at <u>ABCFarmersMarket@gmail.com</u> or can call (208) 818-0208. Friday hours are 2 to 7 p.m.



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