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Citizen Interest Application

Submitted Results:

Subject: Citizen Interest Application
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At which address would you prefer to be contacted?: Work
Ward:: 3
I would like to serve on the following: : Community Investment Committee
Please list education or training relevant to your choice(s):: Memberships:
Western South Dakota Funders
Boston College Center of Corporate Citizenship
Association of Fundraising Professionals

Education and Training:
2019 Boston College Center of Corporate Citizenship - Training on volunteer & board service programs

2008 Certified Credit Compliance Professional (C3P) for low income housing tax credit projects.
2008 Licensed as South Dakota Property Manager by SD Real Estate Commission (no longer licensed)
2000 Accredited Valuation Analyst (AVA) from National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts; one of first non-CPA license holders in South Dakota.
1998 Competent Toastmaster designation from Toastmaster's International.
1996 University of South Dakota, Ellsworth AFB Extension, Rapid City, SD. Master's in Business Administration. Finalist for Outstanding Business Graduate Student.
1995 Economic Development Finance & Business Credit Analysis – National Development Council.
1990 Baylor University, Waco, TX Bachelor's in Business Administration in both Management and Marketing. Graduated summa cum laude. Full academic scholarship after being selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar (2 from the state of SD) by President Reagan.

Please list work experience relevant to your choice(s)::

- With a background in finance and banking as well as substantial experience in marketing, communications and community engagement, I have served in 4 different roles at Black Hills Energy in the last 9 years. After being able to solely focus on our Community Impact 2.5 years ago, I am now responsible for over \$1.3 million in annual fundraising efforts that benefit over 50 United Ways across 7 states and over 1,600 families aided by our internal energy assistance program called Black Hills Cares.
- After supporting our corporate foundation for 4 years, I was named President in March 2020. Working with Mutch Usera, I lead our community giving efforts in South Dakota.
- It is my goal to continue to enhance/improve our corporate-wide charitable efforts, as well as to develop structure and corporate-wide improvements to our board service and employee volunteerism programs to further encourage community engagement and impact in the 824 communities served by Black Hills Energy.
- An example of my work would be Black Hills Energy's philanthropic response to needs within the communities we serve due to the impact of COVID-19. In April, Black Hills Energy responded with \$375,000 to address basic needs such as support for food insecurity. In July, we announced that our support for families needing energy assistance would exceed \$900,000 before the end of 2020. It took someone steering that ship to make those collective gifts (funded by more than 8 different budgets) happen. As part of this effort, I hosted a collaborative call with most of the organizations providing energy assistance in western SD, modeled after JTVF's leadership within the non-profit and public sector in response to COVID in our Black Hills community. Part of my goal is to encourage engagement/participation by other utilities in the Black Hills to join Black Hills Energy in supporting energy assistance.
- Having worked as an entrepreneur, for/with small businesses as well as for a large, publicly traded utility, I enjoy putting my diverse background to work in process improvements related to our corporate community impact and believe that one of my strengths is bringing diverse teams (who often speak different languages) together to find solutions to problems. I would hope this diverse experience might prove useful in the conversations regarding needs and collaborative solutions in Rapid City as well.

Please list community volunteer service relevant to your choice(s)::

Approaching empty nest-hood and after caring for an ailing parent for 5 years, I realized that I might be able to take on volunteer commitments outside of my own kids' activities (Boy Scouts, music, skating). So, a couple years ago, I volunteered for the Facilities Task Force for the RC Area Schools, not knowing that it would lead to serving as co-chair for Rapid City's Feb. 2020 school bond campaign which earned the support of 56% of the voters. Being part of a community-wide effort renewed my interest in continuing to see ways to influence our community for positive change.

Current Board positions:

- South Dakota Historical Society Foundation Board (2020)
- Performing Arts Center of Rapid City (former Officer) - 2018 to present
- South Dakota Cabin Owner's Association (VP)
- Black Hills Figure Skating Club - President, VP (2016 – present)
- Elevate Diplomat - term hopefully starting soon
- Member of 2020 Leadership South Dakota class

Past volunteerism-

- Boy Scout Council of the Black Hills (2006 to present)- Eagle Mom; Cub Scout den leader; Popcorn Kernel; campout leader; currently serving on boards of review for girl troops
- YMCA – Vice President of Board; Chair of Governance Committee
- Black Hills Chamber Music Festival Board; marketing & financial advisor (2011 - 2020)
- BH Workshop Foundation Board- Gala Chair
- Journey Museum - President of Board; Marketing Committee Chair (2000-2005)
- City of Rapid City, 2010 Funds - Advisory Committee for Economic Development (2004-2005)
- BHSU Entrepreneurial Studies Advisory Board (1998-2000)
- National American University Business Advisory Council Member (1998-2000)
- Graduate of Leadership Rapid City; Class Representative (1997)
- Rapid City Economic Development Partnership Advisory Committee (1995-2000)
- Mini-Bank (first student-run bank in SD) Parent Advisor, BH Classical Christian Academy (2009 - 2011)
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Women's Network (Treasurer)

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I would like to serve in the indicated position(s) because::

I love Rapid City. It's my hometown and I choose to live here. While no community is perfect, instead of posting frustrations on social media or through anonymous Two Cents, I choose to roll up my sleeves and get involved. I have been an active community servant, serving in leadership positions on numerous nonprofits. I choose to invest my time, talent and resources to keep Rapid City a great place to grow up, live, work and raise a family. Plus, I would consider it a privilege to serve with the other committee members, all of whom I respect tremendously.

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Are you a registered voter of Rapid City?: Yes

Are you a resident of Rapid City?:: Yes

Tuesday, 25 August 2020 13:36

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Submitted Results:

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Employer Email:: foundation@monument.health
At which address would you prefer to be contacted?: Home
Ward:: 3
I would like to serve on the following: : Community Investment Committee
I am also interested in serving on:: Journey Museum Board and the Opportunity Capture Fund.
(Note: I currently live in Ward 3 but will be moving to Ward 5 after Oct. 1, 2020.)
Please list education or training relevant to your choice(s):: - Bachelor's of Science in Mass Communication from Minnesota State University - Moorhead.
- Member of the 2020/2021 Leadership South Dakota class.

Please list work experience relevant to your choice(s)::

Spending seven years working at the Rapid City Journal, I became intimately familiar with our community's wants, needs, successes and shortcomings. As a member of the Community Investment Committee, I can go beyond just telling those stories and actually help bring action to some much needed projects. Over the past 9 months as a Development Officers at Monument Health Foundation, I also have started gain a deeper knowledge of our non-profit community in the Black Hills and am ready to help entities across the Black Hills fully realize their purpose with the assistance of Community Development Block Grants. I think this mix of professional experience makes me a great candidate for the Community Investment Committee.

Please list community volunteer service relevant to your choice(s)::

Much of my volunteer service has revolved around the outdoors in the Black Hills. I have served as a board member for the Black Hills Climbers Coalition and helped participate in Rapid Creek cleanups through the Nature Conservancy.

I would like to serve in the indicated position(s) because::

I want to impact my community and help build more opportunity for all people. For the past seven years, I told the stories of the people of the Black Hills. Now I want to be a part of the process to make more of those stories ones that we can all be proud of.

In my conversations with the late Ray Hillenbrand, he urged me to get involved as soon as possible to make our town a better place. At the time, I was working as a journalist and because of possible conflicts of interest, I found it difficult to give back to civic organizations.

Now that I am at Monument Health, I am ready to serve my community in a much larger role and help bring action to the stories I told for years.

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Are you a registered voter of Rapid City?:

Yes

Are you a resident of Rapid City?::

Yes