

October 4, 2022

MCS D Board

Re. Application for Open Board Position

Dear Members of the MCS D Board:

Please accept my application for the open board position. I will be grateful for your consideration.

I submit my application in response to a request from Dennis Mayo. Dennis and I have talked for a number of years about the possibility of my joining the MCS D Board. Dennis has suggested that the MCS D Board would provide a good opportunity for me to provide service to our community and a good fit with my background and interest.

Briefly, my here is my background:

Member of the McKinleyville community for 22 years:

- I have resided in McKinleyville since 2000. My wife and I own a small equestrian/residential property on Dows Prairie Road.
- I have enjoyed living in McKinleyville. I have been especially pleased with the work of MCS D in its provision of utility services and its development of community parks and recreation areas.

Work Experience:

- Professional and managerial: Eleven years, mostly in the chemical industry, moving from research through management.
- Proprietor of a small community bookstore.
- Academic administration and teaching: Thirty-five years, responsible for designing and administering MBA programs, in the United States and abroad. Chairman of the Business Department at a small college and assistant dean and Clinical Professor in the business school of a major research university. Concluded with a two-year appointment to develop and administer a new online degree program at Humboldt State University.

Education and Training – technical, managerial and secondary education:

- Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering, earned from Purdue University.
- Doctor of Business Administration degree, earned at Harvard Business School.
- California Secondary Education credentials: Chemistry, mathematics, physics, biology and business. CLAD certified. Earned at Humboldt State University.

Community Service:

- Community arts organization and state re-grant agency: Executive board member and treasurer, eight years. Board member and auditor for a community food co-op.
- Local equestrian organization: Board member and president, eight years. Responsible for major events, held on public and private property.

Personal Concept of MCSD:

MCSD carries responsibility for a major portion of services necessary to our community: Water and sewer, especially. It also acts as the source of important community-forming activities through its Parks and Recreation administration. As a “special district,” it provides important stability and community-focused support. Its work, to a large extent, forms the core of the community for McKinleyville, enabling us to have our own identity and sense of community.

New perspectives:

I believe in McKinleyville as a community. While I would not expect my perspectives to be new to the board, I would enjoy any opportunity to work on and support community development. I would hope to bring a sense of community that will complement the work of MCSD, as I have in other communities – Troy and Saratoga Springs, New York, for example.