

CANDIDATES FOR OACD BOARD POSITIONS

AT LARGE POSITION #1

Ken Masten, Klamath SWCD

My reasons for applying to be on the OACD board is to help farmers and ranchers put the conservation measures in place that I have benefited from. I have seen how much water and power I have personally saved after implementing these measures. I believe OACD and SWCD provide a great opportunity to network with others to become more informed as to what's available and to share knowledge. I'm grateful for all I've learned, put into practice, and would like to continue learning and sharing information. I appreciate being chosen to serve on the board these past few months and have enjoyed being a part of OACD. We must make conservation a priority to stay profitable and in business.

PORTLAND/SALEM POSITION

Jason Faucera, Clackamas SWCD

I Jason Faucera am nominating myself as a candidate for the Portland/Salem Region Representative on the OACD Board. I am currently the Conservation Initiatives Manager with Clackamas SWCD and have 18+ years of experience as an SWCD employee. I have served as both Vice President and President of the Oregon Conservation Education Assistance Network (OCEAN) and currently serve as an at-large board member.

In order for Districts to realize their full potential to deliver services to their communities, we have to be united in working with legislature, state and local government, and across District boundaries to find common ground solutions to the problems our communities face. OACD provides the vehicle to develop these solutions. I hope you'll not only support my candidacy, but also bring your own perspectives and experience to the table to make OACD work for your District in the coming years. Thank you for your consideration.

EAST AT-LARGE POSITION

Tim Newton, Malheur SWCD

Thank you for the opportunity given me this last year to serve on the OACD board. I have been enlightened to view the breadth of work on an Oregon wide prospective. It would be my honor and privilege to continue this work throughout this next term.

Prior experiences as qualifications.

- 1 year appointed position on OACD Board of Directors for East At-Large Basin
- 4 years Chairman Malheur County SWCD Board of Directors
- 9 years member Malheur County SWCD Board of Directors and finance committee
- 50 years working in agriculture with progressive irrigation and water conservation techniques in the Snake River Basin

Other Leadership:

- 31 years in a variety of Church leadership positions
- 27 years volunteer firefighter Adrian OR Fire Dept. positions held secretary, vice-president
- 30 years volunteer QRU member Adrian OR
- 3 years elected Owyhee Cemetery sexton, 5 years on board of directors

Please consider me, and feel free to call or email with any concerns or questions.

AT-LARGE POSITION #2

Jeff Rola, Deschutes SWCD

I have served the Deschutes SWCD for more than 20 years as a contractor, administrator, and Board Member. The challenges of this past year have been great for our landowners have been overwhelming, with operations impacted by COVID, climate change, and unprecedented wildfires. Yet, this is a time of promise for agriculture. With the implementation of best conservation management and initiatives in restorative agriculture, I believe Oregon can begin to heal and be a leader in healing this planet. And there is no better way to begin the process than support of Voluntary Conservation.

I would like your support to continue that effort by serving on the OACD Board.

NORTHWEST POSITION

Karin Stutzman, Polk SWCD

I believe I qualify to run for either of these positions because of my experience:

- Polk SWCD District Manager 7 years
- Luckiamute Watershed Council board 8 years
- Newly Elected Chair Polk Extension Citizens Advisory Network (PECAN)
- Member Salt Creek Collaborative 4 years with Commissioner Craig Pope
- Participant OSU Water Resources Department WSARE grant water quality quantity studies in Salt Creek

Built District's programming up from almost no programming to:

- Fulltime CREP technician
- Fulltime ODA SOW/FAAP technician
- NRCS RCPP – oak habitat restoration position (2021-2025)
- Small Farms Outreach Coordinator shared between the District, OSU Extension Polk, and Marion Counties
- Quarterly magazine *CULTIVATING* 7,000 readers (partnership with OSU Extension Polk County and local newspaper Itemizer Observer)

I live on a 114 acre ranch in the Luckiamute Watershed, my husband and I raise beef cattle, hay, and a dog!