

**Brian J. Smith**

**LLCC Board of Directors**

**2024**

**Statement of Qualifications**

I'm running for the Board of Directors (BOD) because I care about our community, and I am willing to devote the time and energy the job deserves.

Linda and I have participated in community activities wherever we have lived. We moved here in December 2005; by Spring 2006 we were active members of the Lake Dam (LD) Committee.

Over the last 18 years, we both Chaired LD. Linda chaired the Inn Committee. I chaired Architecture and Compliance Committees, and I was elected to the Water Committee. Twice I was appointed, then elected, to the BOD, serving as member, Secretary, Vice President, and President. I was serving as President when COVID hit. I am proud of the way the whole BOD and our staff worked in unison to continue providing HOA services while protecting the health of our members and staff. We also retained virtually all our staff allowing us to resume normal operations as the pandemic wound down, a great example of how a BOD and staff can and should work to benefit the HOA membership.

Why am I running again?

- 1) Linda and I believe that if you are going to enjoy the benefits of the community you live in, you should be willing to work to maintain and improve those benefits. Eighteen years of community involvement in Lake Limerick has given us an idea of what works, and those things that can and should be improved.
- 2) I'd like to continue working on:
  - a. Implementing the Reserve Study started during my last time on the BOD to ensure that we plan and fund the improvements our major assets will need over the next 20-30 years.
  - b. Helping Lake Limerick decide what it wants to be: at 56, its all grown up, but in mid-life crisis; the membership demographics, and the world, have changed and the old "it's all for the fun" slogan doesn't capture all our community needs. With the membership's help, we need to develop an inclusive, strategic future direction for the community.

- c. Helping improve the accessibility and actual use of amenities like the parks, lakes, Inn, and golf course for all our membership.
  - d. Actively searching for ways to make some HOA amenities more self-supporting.
  - e. Ensuring BOD issues and decisions are debated openly, with special and closed sessions used sparingly and only when necessary.
  - f. Restoring the ability of the membership to raise issues to the BOD at monthly meetings and engage in a dialogue to ensure the issues are understood and when necessary, acted upon timely.
  - g. Continuing and improving member focus in all HOA services, activities, and actions, and actively supporting our volunteer committees that have been a hallmark of Lake Limerick for decades.
  - h. Making sure HOA decisions and actions are timely and fact-based, and consistent with our governing documents.
- 3) Our HOA serves many of the roles of local government—we are one of the largest population centers in Mason County, but it's our HOA that fills government's role of providing water and recreation, abating nuisances, and maintaining community facilities. I spent 42 years working with and in local, county, state, and federal governments primarily in environmental resource management, community planning and infrastructure planning and development. I served on local Planning Commissions in California and Mason County and I spent 27 years in the U.S. Army Reserves with four command assignments. I believe I have acquired skills and experiences useful in guiding our HOA and I want to continue using those skills to make a difference.
- 4) As many of you know, I speak up to influence decisions that will impact my family and community, or if I think there is an opportunity to do something better. Being on the BOD is not a popularity contest--I can guarantee that eventually you will make everyone in the community mad at one time or another with the decisions you help make on the BOD, decisions that must consider impacts and benefits to the membership at large, and not just special interest groups. You will be trolled on Facebook and Nextdoor.
- 5) I can't just post something on Facebook or Nextdoor and walk away—when I believe in something I am willing to work to make it happen.