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Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

Information Request Form

Candidate Name: Ron Smith _____

Street address: 21197 17 ½ Mile Road

City / State / Zip: Marshall Michigan 49068

Mailing address (if different): _____

County: Calhoun _____ Length of residence: 60+ years

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Website: _____

Campaign committee name & address: committee to elect Ron
Smith _____

Occupation: Farmer

Candidate for which office: Water Resource's
commissioner _____ Incumbent? No _____

Please list endorsements received to date: Fred Heaton current commissioner, Calhoun
County Farm Bureau, Past Sherriff Al Byam, many others but I haven't asked if I could
use their name. _____

Mission Statement

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HBA of Western Michigan – local candidate informational questions

Have you ever run for elective office?

Not county wide but have held many positions: President of Albion/ Marshall Gideon's, past Vice President of Marshall Community Foundation, and USDA County Committee.

What is your background (education, employment, other relevant experience)?

I have my Associate's degree in Electricity and Electronics from Kellogg's community college was electrician at Eaton's in Marshall, Facility's Director at Binder Park Zoo, Currently work part time for City of Olivet performing water and sewer tests as well as road repair etc. I farm north of Marshall and have creeks and drains on the property so quite familiar with them and construction and maintenance of drains. Current Commissioner is giving me training on position. I own several machines of my own Backhoes, Bobcats etc. I can operate them. I have hired many different contractors in past to do work.

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What are your top priority issues if elected / re-elected?

I will do maintenance of drains that we have and not ignore

Property rights. I will keep cost to a minimum, using local contractors whenever I can.

Why should the residential construction and remodeling community support your candidacy?

I will be using local contractors as well as working with local people to decide which projects to accomplish.

Why should the residential construction and remodeling community NOT support your opponent's candidacy (if applicable)?

Today the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Who and/or what organization in your community do you use for advice and counsel?

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I will work closely with other commissioners and city and road personnel.

Government regulations, policies, ordinances and codes continue to be a top concern of the residential construction and remodeling industry. What would you recommend to reduce regulations to promote and support the need for additional housing in our area?

I feel we as a community can work together to solve many issues ourselves thereby eliminating costly regulations.

What is your philosophy on residential development, impact fees, property taxes, etc.?

I will work to keep cost to a minimum.

What else can be done to encourage and support new housing development?

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What is your position on the rights of property owners with regard to development, redevelopment and remodeling?

I feel property owners have a right to develop as they wish as long as it doesn't infringe on another's rights, view, access etc.

How would you define positive growth in housing for our area?

Meeting the needs of the residents.

How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if you are elected?

I want to work closely with all property owners and departments. Also thank you for this opportunity

The Government Relations Committee thanks you for taking the time help the HBA membership to make an informed decision on election day. Please return your form to the address above or email to JeffT@hbawmi.com or fax to 269-375-6493.

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