

WATERWOLF ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

DAVID CROSS - I have been a promoter of the Lake Diefenbaker region since retiring in Elbow (2002). I am presently the mayor of Elbow but advocate for regional, cooperative thinking -concerned about maintaining the integrity of Lake Diefenbaker and its watershed. I hold a degree in ecology resulting in a strong interest in conservation and preservation of the environment. I also hold a doctorate in leadership studies. I spent over 30 years as teacher/school administrator. Having spent 7 years on the Village of Elbow council, I have learned a lot of information regarding property development.

TONY PETER - I am a retired school principal and history/ chemistry teacher with more than 33 years in Saskatchewan Education. I have been a Town of Outlook councilor since 2000. Water and waste water have been a major responsibility with involvement in the establishment of the South Saskatchewan River's Stewards Group. I have been pleased and grateful to have served on the interim board and look forward to preparing the WaterWolf Region for new and sustained growth using a systematic, well-planned and forward-thinking approach.

NICK PATKAU - I was born and raised into a farming lifestyle in the Hanley area. I could have chosen any future but because of my great respect for nature, I decided to stick with farming. I live on the family farm, and work as a custom hay maker. I am also an experienced carpenter and work wherever and whenever I am needed. Over the past 8 years I have also participated on the RM of Rosedale council as Reeve. I look forward to serving another term on the WaterWolf Executive Board as we continue to see development and growth within the WaterWolf area.

DONALD SHIRTLIFF – I have been a councilor for the RM of Victory for a total of 16 years; also representing the Hamlet of Demaine, where my wife Loraine and I continue to make our home. In 1981 my father and I sold our Artic Cat snowmobile business that we had owned and operated in Demaine since 1966 and I took over the farming operation; today I still spend some of my time with the cow/calf operation. Loraine and I enjoy spending time with our 3 children and 7 grandchildren. I am looking forward to being a part of the WaterWolf Executive Board to help shape the growth and planning development within the WaterWolf area.

GARRY BOOK – I have been a councilor in the RM of Loreburn since 2005; where I am currently serving my second term as Councilor for Division 3. I am a third generation councilor. My Grandfather and Father both served as councilor and Reeve for the municipality. I am also on the District #16 A.D.D. Board and is a member of the municipality's Economic/Residential Development Committee. I farm with my wife Melanie and boys Mark and Jessie. Mark has graduated and is presently farming with me. I have been active in attending the WaterWolf Planning Workshops and take a keen interest in the work that is being done in the Lake Diefenbaker Area.

M.L. WHITTLES – I have worked as a Paralegal for almost 35 years. My interests are in Health, Education and Economic Development, the three ingredients necessary for rural sustainability. I have been involved with the Kenaston & District Chamber of Commerce since 1993 and am currently serving as the chair of this organization. Since 2003 I have sat as a Director for the Mid Sask CFDC/ER; holding positions on several committees as well as serving as the media correspondent. I have served as the Vice-Chair of WaterWolf Economic Development Inc. since 2004. In 2009 I began a 3 year-term as a Director of the Heartland Health Region. I am interested in sitting on the WaterWolf Executive Board because I feel that I have something to offer this group and have a vast array of past and present experience to draw upon to help ensure the success of the WaterWolf region.

YVONNE ARNTSEN – I was raised and educated in Beechy; have been married to my husband John for 46 years, raised 2 sons, and have owned and operated a cattle operation in the Coteau Hills for 40 years. A career change in the 80's landed me a job in the local government administration field, first as a village administrator and for the last 17 years as a rural administrator. I'm currently employed at the RM of Fertile Valley in Conquest. I have recently begun receiving the government "brown envelope" and on July 1 will join the rank of the retired, tired and "in your face senior citizen". I'm privileged and excited to have spent a year as a board member of the WaterWolf Planning Commission. The staff and fellow colleagues along with new challenges, dynamic thinkers and occasionally accelerated debate have confirmed my desire to be a member of this group. With freedom 65 fast approaching, I look forward to devoting more hours to the commission.

SYLVIA MATWE - My career has encompassed a broad range of paid and volunteer endeavors including self-employment. My trademark is good public relations. I am the Mayor of Riverhurst and operate a small computer business from my home. Currently I sit on the Palliser Regional Park Board, the Mid Sask CFDC/ER Board and the WaterWolf Executive Board. I have volunteered with local, regional and provincial recreation bodies. I have also owned and operated a care home and am a past Board member for the Moose Jaw Family Service Bureau and for the Moose Jaw chapter of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

EDNA LATURNUS - I came to Lucky Lake on May 1, 1989, after being Assistant Administrator for the RM of Val Marie No. 17 from 1976 to 1989. I am still the Administrator for the RM of Canaan No. 225 and the Village of Lucky Lake. I was nominated to the WaterWolf Executive Board by my Councils, and continue to enjoy this position. I feel that our WaterWolf Advisory Planning Commission is invaluable, to us as Administrators and to our Councils, in a resource and advisory capacity, and focusing on commonalities and pooling of our resources. I enjoy yard-work, camping, boating, travelling, and visiting my son and daughter-in-law in Edmonton, all as time permits!

JOYCE AITKEN – I have been a town administrator for the past 31 years (starting when I was 12)! The past 9 years I have been in the town of Central Butte & spent 22 years prior to that in northern Saskatchewan during a period of tremendous growth and development in the north. I am excited about the possibilities for growth in the WaterWolf region and am keenly interested in working to preparing the region for any development initiatives.