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To Whom It May Concern:

There are two openings on the North Marshall Water Board. I am in support of re-appointing the two gentlemen that were serving on the board in 2017. Just to begin, the North Marshall Water District has been flourishing under the oversight of the board that was in place as of mid-2017. A review of the financial and service records will provide a clear picture of just how well that board, along with the current Director Bobby Gifford, are managing that system. Last year the two board members, Kenneth Shadowen and Billy Driskill, reached the end of their appointed terms. Marshall County Judge-Executive Kevin Neal appointed two other gentlemen to the board. Per KRS the Judge-Exec appoints and the Fiscal Court approves. The Fiscal Court did not approve. The impasse continued for several weeks during which the subject was brought before the Court by the Commissioners on at least two occasions. Each time the Judge-Exec refused to discuss the subject and told the Commissioners that the subject was dead, and that PSC would make the appointments after a 90-day period. I know very little about the candidates that Judge Neal suggested, but I know what the current condition of the North Marshall Water District is at this time and it is due to the insight and direction of the board, including these two gentlemen.

Kenneth Shadowen: Mr. Shadowen is the retired Marshall County School Superintendent. He has only served on the board for approximately two years since he was appointed to finish the term of the previous board chairman, Jerry Miller. Mr. Shadowen is a highly respected member of the community. He has extensive financial management experience and years of managing school system personnel, teachers, custodians, maintenance personnel, bus drivers, etc. His financial management knowledge and human resources skills make him a highly educated and skilled individual that, luckily, wants to serve on the board. I have attached Mr. Shadowen's resume to this support letter. Please review. I support the re-appointment of Kenneth Shadowen to the North Marshall Water Board.

Billy Driskill: Billy Driskill is also a very well-respected member of the community. Billy has served for about 7 years on the board. Mr. Driskill has years of construction experience. Billy has supervised large construction projects involving heavy equipment and various trade personnel. His experience is needed to evaluate construction bids and equipment needs. These skills only come with years of hands-on experience in the construction industry and are hard to duplicate. Evaluating the need for trenching or boring equipment, evaluate engineering diagrams of water expansion projects, and cost estimates of water plant maintenance requirements. I support the re-appointment of Billy Driskill to the North Marshall Water Board.

Thank you,



Robert Gold, Marshall County District 1 Commissioner

JAMES KENNETH SHADOWEN

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

KENTUCKY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION
Outstanding Superintendent F.L. Dupree Award 1996

MARSHALL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Citizen of the Year

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Marshall County Hospital
Board Member 2012 - Present

Briensburg Baptist Church
Treasurer 2012 – Present

North Marshall Water District
Commissioner 2015 - 2017

West Kentucky Educational Coop
President 2 years
Past Board Member

Kentucky Association of School Administrators
Executive Board 4 years

Kentucky Association of School Superintendents
President 2 years
Past Board Member

Kentucky Teachers Retirement System
Board of Trustees 10 years

Lions Club
Past President

Marshall County Chamber of Commerce
Past Board Member

WORK HISTORY

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTIAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

HOPKINSVILLE, KY

2001 - 2008

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTIAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

HOPKINSVILLE, KY

2000 - 2001

SUPERINTENDENT MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS

BENTON, KY

1988 - 2000

SUPERINTENDENT LIVINGSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

SMITHLAND, KY

1975 - 1988

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1966- 1975

Principal Smithland Elementary (1969 – 1975)

Head Teacher Grand Rivers Elementary (1967 – 1969)

Teacher Hampton Elementary (1966 – 1967)

EDUCATION

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

MARION, KY

1958 – 1962

BETHEL JUNIOR COLLEGE

HOPKINSVILLE, KY

1962 - 1964

BETHEL COLLEGE

MARTIN, TN

1964 – 1966

BS in Health/PE and Social Studies

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

MURRAY, KY

1966 – 1972

MS in Education Administration 1969

Plus 30, Rank I in Education Administration 1972

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