

Ute Water Conservancy District

Applicants must reside within a subdivision of the Ute Water Conservancy District which has an opening for a Board member. Applicants must also own real property within the District, have resided within the District for at least one year, and be knowledgeable in water matters.

All Board members are appointed by a Mesa County District Court judge. Applications may be mailed to the court at the following address: Mesa County District Court, P.O. Box 20,000-5030, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or delivered to the Mesa County District Court, 125 N. Spruce Street, Grand Junction, Colorado. Applications must be received by **April 13, 2023**.

Board Member Application Ute Water Conservancy District Mesa County District Court Case No. 2010CV10213

APPLICATION FOR: SUBDIVISION NO. 3

Applicant Information

Full Name: Henry Kenneth
Last First M.I.
Address: 968 17 1/2 Road
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
Fruita CO 81521
City State ZIP Code
Phone: (970-260-4080) E-mail Address: Kenneth.Henry42@gmail.com

Length of time Applicant has resided in the Ute Water Conservancy District: 80 years

Address or Assessor Parcel No. of real property owned by Applicant: 968 17 1/2 Road, Fruita, CO 81521

References

Please list three references.

Full Name: William F Byers Relationship: Business acquaintance
Company: Retired from Grand Valley Power Phone: (970)858-7900
Address: 1797 I 1/2 Road. Fruita, CO 81521

Full Name: Elaine Mason Relationship: Business Acquaintance
Company: Phone: (970)858-1309
Address: 124 N Mesa, Fruita, CO 81521

Full Name: Mark Williams Relationship: Business Acquaintance
Company: Mark Williams, PC Phone: (970)242-2111
Address: 2754 Compass Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Employment History

Company: H. Kenneth Henry, Realtor
Job Title: Owner
Job Duties: Real estate listings and sales
Reason for Leaving: _____
Company: Frontier Financial Services
Job Title: Owner
Job Duties: Real estate management and financing
Reason for Leaving: Still Operating

Company: United Country Real Colorado Properties
Job Title: Broker Associate
Job Duties: Listing, selling and managing real estate listings
Reason for Leaving: Still employed as Broker Associate

Reasons for Applying and Qualifications

Board members are required by statute to have "backgrounds reflecting the agricultural, municipal, industrial and other interests in the beneficial use of water within the district" and to be "knowledgeable in water matters." Please state your reasons for applying to serve on Ute Water's Board of Directors and your qualifications for serving as a Board member. Attach additional sheets if needed.

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attached.

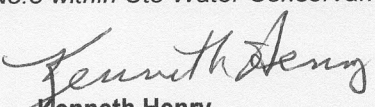
Do you have any relatives employed by Ute Water? If so, please list names and relationship. NONE

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I also understand this application is for

Subdivision No.3 within Ute Water Conservancy District.

Signature: 
Kenneth Henry

Date: March 29, 2023

Board Member Application for Subdivision NO. 3

I was first appointed to the Ute Water Board in May, 2009 to complete the term of Wally Downer who had passed away. At the time Ute Water assumed the debt and domestic water system of the City of Fruita, this Board position was created to represent the interests of the City of Fruita.

Having been raised on a farm on 17 ½ Road, formerly known as Highway 340, along which the former Fruita water line ran, I vividly remember when rain would fall on Glade Park and the subsequent red water in our domestic water. In addition I well remember the times during which the Fruita reservoirs were short and the need to conserve water. And the days in which the old Fruita treatment facility could not produce sufficient water to meet the demands of the citizens of Fruita.

At the time the original water line was run through what was then the land governed by the US Government Land Office, there was no easement prepared nor an agreement providing Fruita with access for maintenance and repair of the water line. This proved to be a major issue when later, after the Colorado National Monument was created, the various interpretation's of Fruita's rights and responsibilities to make repairs limited legal access. Basically the Antiquities act effectively prevented Fruita's access to the water line and then imposed a \$10,000 per day fine when the water line developed a leak which allowed water to run down one of the canyons.

Further complicating the matter, Fruita would have to obtain an temporary air easement allowing for the transport of backhoes and repair materials, by helicopter, from the FFA plus approval for a temporary easement from the National Monument for completing the repairs. It was recognized with the water line being first installed in 1907, it was deteriorating and was evident the water line would continue to break placing Fruita in an untenable situation. Then of having the legal responsibility of immediately repairing any breaks but confronted with time constraints required to obtain the necessary permits, to access the water line, during which time the City was subject to a \$10,000 per day fine, it was obvious another source for Fruita's domestic water had to be obtained. It was during his time I worked with the then City Mayor to work out a solution.

Subsequently, Fruita and Ute Water entered into an agreement wherein Ute Water would service a debt relating to Fruita providing water to the Kings View Subdivision and assume the responsibility of providing domestic water for the Fruita service area.

A part of that agreement was a new Ute Water Board seat would be created and that the City of Fruita would provide recommendations for that Board member.

As a former city councilman and two term Fruita Mayor I can speak to the most positive benefit Fruita has enjoyed with Ute Water providing the domestic water.

Since being appointed to the Ute Water Board I have served three terms as the Corporate Secretary and two terms as president of the organization. In addition I have served on the Water and Construction Committee, Legislative Committee, the Wage and Benefit Committee and various other committees as the need developed.

Finally, over the past two years there has been over a 50% turnover of Board members with practically all new Board members having no institutional knowledge and experience that I bring to the Board of Directors.