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**Select the Board of Commission you would like to join** Tourism Board

**Tell us about yourself and why do you want to be a member of this particular board or commission?**

My wife and I purchased an RV Park in La Veta in 2019 and have enjoyed operating the park every summer since then. Our original intention was to be here only in the summer, but we quickly fell in love with the area and purchased a home in La Veta to become full time residents. Owner/Operator of the RV Park is my current occupation. Prior to that I spent 35 years in the aerospace industry working for Raytheon. When not working I like to spend my time traveling, camping, skateboarding, surfing, and restoring vintage trailers. I'd like to become a member of the tourism board to bring some fresh ideas and have a positive influence on how the lodging tax dollars are spent.

**What experience, training, or qualifications do you have for this particular board?**

My current work in the Hospitality/Tourism industry brings me face to face with the visitors to Huerfano County on a daily basis. I am a member of the national campground owners association (ARVC) and of the Colorado Campground and Lodging Owners Association. Through these organizations I take advantage of training and networking to improve my personal and professional knowledge of the industry. At my RV Park I have brought two new events to the area; the "Antiques at the Spanish Peaks" vintage trailer rally, and the "La Veta Flea" community flea market. Both of these events have been very well received by the community and have brought participants and visitors from around the county, the state and beyond. In my previous career as a Program Quality Manager at Raytheon I gained years of experience managing people, schedules, compliance and budgets. All under the strict government requirements imposed on government contractors.

**What do you hope to contribute to this board or commission?**

I believe that Huerfano county is a hidden gem in Colorado. Our unique communities and natural beauty seem to be undiscovered by the masses. The Tourism Board has the difficult task of promoting and increasing tourism without spoiling what we have with overcrowding. I hope to bring new and creative ideas to the board while still being mindful of this delicate balance.

**Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)**

**Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes**

**Do you reside within Huerfano County? Yes**

**Do you certify that the information given on this application is complete and correct? Yes**

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