

Hi Connie,

Thanks for these questions. And thanks too, for asking for brevity. I hope I haven't overdone it on that front, but here are my thoughts. Len

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Hi Len,

I write the "Circling the Square" column for the JHN&G. I am working on a column where I ask candidates a few questions and I hope that you will participate. Please answer at your convenience and be as brief as possible.

1. County issues are complicated. How do you envision the office of County Commissioner? [Teamwork.](#)
2. If you are elected, how will you ensure you are governing in ways that benefit all people in Teton County? [Making everyone happy is more than any elected official can do, but Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, where I've been a member for 22 years, asks four good questions. Of the things we think, say, and do: 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? It's probably not possible to get a perfect score on every question every time, but they set the right targets.](#)
3. Thinking about the Snake River Sporting Club, how would you want the county to handle violations that keep happening over and over? [I would set a graduated scale for repeat violations. The application fee for an after-the-fact permit or for a correction of a development violation would be 2x the original development application fee, then 4x for the next one, 8x after that, and so on. Repeat violations](#)

consume inordinate amounts of staff and public meeting time, so there's a nexus between the graduated fee schedule and the burdens on the public. Most people get it right the first time, so this approach should not need to be used often. But when there is a pattern of disrespect for public agreements, there needs to be a way to be a way to compensate local government for the hassle and deter future disrespect.

4. Do you have a realistic farsightedness on the future of Teton County? I have the good fortune to have lived in Teton County all of my adult life, starting in 1978 when I was 16 years old. I was friends with Mardy Murie, Dave Love, Jean Hocker, Hank Phibbs and many others, who, in the past 40+ years, put farsighted vision into action for our county. Their examples inspire me. I've been a lay student of local history too. Knowing where we've been, what worked and what didn't, and appreciating the power of bold action, (the founding of the National Elk Refuge in 1912 is my anchor starting point for major visionary achievements), makes it more likely that my vision for the future will be both realistic and farsighted.

5. Are you willing to oversee top county administrative staff and keep them in compliance? Yes.

6. Please tell us something about yourself that others might not know. I have three sisters who also live in Jackson Hole. Susan Carlman started the trend in 1973 when she was a student at Utah State in Logan and heard about summer jobs in Jackson Hole. She worked at the Cowboy Bar. Our sister Lee followed in 1974 as a winter intern at Teton Science School in Kelly. Sister Maryellen and I followed a few years later. We all still live here! My brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ted and Laura Ladd, first cousin-in-law Ben and Anne Read, and family matriarch Beedee Ladd also live here!

Thank you,

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