James M. Miller III

Long Lake, Illinois 60041

Bonnie Thompson Carter Lake County Board Member, District 5 Ingleside, IL 60041 February 08, 2015

Dear Bonnie,

This letter is in response to the Trustee vacancy on the Lakes Region Sanitary District Board.

My name is James M. Miller III (Jim) and I am interested in serving on the Lakes Region Sanitary District Board as Trustee. I am a homeowner and local business owner in the District. I can be contacted at my business at or my cell phone

I moved into the District in 1989 in the Pickerel Point Community of Long Lake, where I designed and built a home on James Avenue. In 1991 I was asked to join the Pickerel Point Community Association as a Board Member. In 1996 I was voted as Treasurer of the Association, a position I still hold today. As a Board, we have worked with the homeowners in the community to make Pickerel Point a better place to live. We have worked with the property owner of our community beach area to obtain insurance for the beach area and our community park. I have been the liaison between the property owner and the Board for the past sixteen years.

In 1995 I purchased Long Lake Lumber Co. in Long Lake, IL. I am still the owner of the business today.

In 1998 we moved to our current house, still in the Pickerel Point Community, but on Long Lake. In 2001 I wrote a letter to the Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association to become a Member of their Board. I was accepted as a Board Member in 2001 and in 2005 worked my way up to President of the Association. As President, I oversaw the repair of our dam and boat lift. I worked with the Board and the members to oversee the engineering, fund raising, and completion of the extensive repair project, the largest dollar amount project that this Association has had. We, as a board, had to raise \$130,000.00 for the completion of the dam repair. I oversaw committees for fundraising, engineering and construction. I worked with you, our Lake County Board Representative, to see where we could get local funding through businesses, in particular, Baxter Healthcare Corporation, where they would match our members donations dollar for dollar. We also had a huge fundraising event that brought together our members for a lunch and raffle event. This event brought in \$18,000.00 in one day from member donations and donated raffle items, the first event of this kind this Association has had. I am proud to say that in the summer of 2008 we had a dedication ceremony at the dam, unveiling a plaque of the \$1,000.00 donors and the final completion of the project within our budget restraints. In 2013, our Board noticed we had to repair our sluice gate at the dam due to extensive rust. Again, we had to raise money

and have fundraisers to fund our sluice gate project. I oversaw the complete replacement of the sluice gate with stainless steel. I worked with the County and Army Corps of Engineers to obtain permits and the project was completed last summer at our budget of \$52,000.00.

In 2013, after attending Gavin School #37 Board Meetings as a parent, I was told of two vacancies on the Board. I expressed my interest in becoming a Board Member and after an interview process was appointed for a two year term out of four candidates for the School Board.

My personal background is:

I was born in 1965 and grew up in Northbrook, Illinois. I graduated from Glenbrook North High School in 1983 and then attended Oakton Community College for courses in fire science and EMT classes, where I received my EMT-A certificate from the State of Illinois.

I joined the Boy Scouts of America at age 12. I received my Eagle Scout rank in the BSA at the age of 14. I am also A Vigil Member of the Order of The Arrow through the Boy Scouts. This Honor and the Boy Scouts has given me many opportunities in life, learning and leadership experiences.

My work experience is:

I started working at Northbrook True Value as a stock boy at 15 years old. I worked my way up to Department manager. 4 years total.

I worked at Deerfield True Value as a Department manager for 2 years.

I worked at Underwriters Laboratories in Northbrook as a lead Didde Web Printing Pressman for 9 years.

In May of 1995 I purchased Long Lake Lumber Co. and have worked there for 20 years.

My wife, Beata and I have been married 22 years. We have a 7 year old son Brenden and 8 month old twins Henry and Emily. We reside on Fox Island on Long Lake in Grant Township.

This is a quick over view of who I am. I hope from my past community and business experiences you can appreciate what I can bring to the Lakes Region Sanitary District.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my letter to you.

Sincerely,

Jaures M. Miller III