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Chewelah, WA 99109

August 10, 2020

**Mayor Dorothy Knauss**  
301 E. Clay Avenue  
Room 104  
Chewelah, WA 99109

Dear Mayor Knauss,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the Position #2 vacancy on the Chewelah City Council. Having been a proud Chewelah resident for the past two-and-a-half years, I would be honored to give something back as a Councilmember.

Over the past several years, I have established a track record of successful work in public service. Since 2017, I have been a Natural Resource Planner for Stevens County, working mainly on long-term projects like the Shoreline Master Program and the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, I coordinate the Stevens County Voluntary Stewardship Program, which is a locally-driven effort to protect Critical Areas and promote agricultural viability. I also serve on the Stevens County Water Conservancy Board, the Colville River Watershed Management Partnership, and the Stevens County Broadband Action Team. Collectively, this work has given me a good understanding of the issues and challenges facing small, rural communities like Chewelah.

My philosophy on leadership is grounded in service to others. I believe that effective leaders put their own motivations and desires aside to serve the needs of their teammates. In keeping with this philosophy, my first priority as a Councilmember would be to humbly listen and learn about the City's current projects, and to provide my help wherever it is requested.

I believe that I am a highly qualified candidate for the Position #2 vacancy. My résumé is attached to this letter with additional details on my relevant experience. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about the role, my qualifications, and your vision for Chewelah. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email using the details listed below. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Adam Cares

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## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Natural Resource Planner, Stevens County**

Colville, WA  
July 2017 – Present

Responsibilities:

- Assist in long range strategic planning, including development of the Shoreline Master Program, Comprehensive Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance, Development Regulations, and WRIA 59 Watershed Plan.
- Conduct data analysis and create maps to inform strategic planning efforts.
- Interpret and apply local land use codes and regulations.
- Plan and permit stakeholder-driven natural resource enhancement projects.

Key Accomplishments:

- Completed county-wide land capacity and buildable lands analysis for the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Used GIS to estimate future domestic water use in the Colville Watershed.
- Assisted in the development of a Shoreline Public Access Plan and [an online public access map](#).

**Voluntary Stewardship Program Coordinator, Stevens County**

Colville, WA  
March 2016 – Present

The Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) is a legislative program in Washington state to protect environmentally sensitive “critical areas” while promoting agricultural viability and preserving farmland.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate a local VSP Workgroup of county stakeholders.
- Facilitate monthly Workgroup meetings.
- Implement the Stevens County VSP Work Plan, including reporting, data analysis, and GIS mapping.
- Assist in additional Stevens County Conservation District projects and events.

Key Accomplishments:

- Built trust and open communication within the agricultural community.
- Completed the Stevens County VSP Work Plan ahead of schedule and under budget.
- Negotiated with a state technical panel to obtain approval of the Stevens County VSP Work Plan
- Coordinated successful outreach events, including 2018 and 2019 Farm Tours.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE/ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**Board Member, Stevens County Water Conservancy Board**

Stevens County, WA  
July 2018 -Present

- Facilitate water rights transfers for local citizens.
- Work to protect and conserve local water resources.

**Guest Instructor, Lakeside High School**

Nine Mile Falls, WA  
2017-2019

- Guest lecturer for science students on land use and conservation topics.

## EDUCATION

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### **Master of Land Economy (with Commendation), University of Aberdeen**

Aberdeen, UK

- Relevant Courses: Planning Policy and Law, Rural Business Management, Environmental and Resource Economics.

2014- 2015

- Relevant Study: Advanced concepts in rural planning policy, habitat planning and restoration, environmental impact analysis, and farm business management.

- Research Dissertation: *The Regional Economic Impacts of Recreational Paddlesports on The Upper Colorado River.*

### **BA (Hons) Business, Kalamazoo College**

Kalamazoo, MI

- Relevant courses: Environmental Economics, Public Policy.

2008-2012

- Senior Thesis Project: *Commodities Markets and Trading at the Chicago Board of Trade.*

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS

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- **Commercial UAV (drone) Pilot:** FAA Licensed Commercial Drone Operator, with experience flying fixed-wing and multirotor drones for high-resolution mapping applications.
- **ESRI ArcGIS:** Four years of experience using ESRI ArcMap and ArcGIS Pro Software, with formal training via the ESRI Cartography Mass Open Online Course in 2018, and the 2018 and 2019 ESRI User Conferences.
- **Facilitation Training for Resource Management:** Washington State Conservation Commission, completed fall 2016.
- **Basic Conservation Planning Certification:** Washington State Conservation Commission, 2017.
- **National Association of Counties Leadership Training (pending):** Currently enrolled in the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy, with completion expected fall 2020.

Ben Carpenter

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Chewelah, WA 99109  
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to submit my name for consideration in the appointment to City Council Position - 2, being vacated by Councilwoman Wuesthoff. I have never held elected office personally, however my background encompasses 16 years of political campaign work as my primary career. My professional life has been solely focused on helping elect credible, reliable, capable, and honest individuals to positions ranging from City Council to President, along with countless issues and causes.

I grew up in Colville – and you likely are familiar with my Dad; Eric, who has owned KCVL/KCRK Radio for nearly 40 years now. Much of my time since graduating High School was spent in Oregon. I attended college at Eastern Oregon University, receiving a degree in History and Geography, with emphasis on rural county and small city management. During college I got more civically engaged and wound up volunteering on a number of campaigns and co-founding a college republican chapter with a fellow classmate, sticking with the college republican organization at a national level through 2008.

My personal leanings tend to be fiscally conservative, however I always go out of my way to see alternative perspectives to fully grasp the true merit of the issue at hand, and whether my biases impair my rationale. Within my professional life, I have not always held exclusivity to Republican clients. I have worked for consultancies who frequently had moderate Democrat clients, and I have personally overseen statewide and national Independent campaigns over my time running my own business – both here and in Oregon.

I moved to Chewelah a little over two years ago, with the intent to be closer to family. With the declining health and eventual passing of my mother, I wanted not only to be near my siblings and dad, but also to raise my kids in the familiar settings I grew up with – instead of the city. I wanted a change of pace, with a chance to spend more time with my wife and kids without necessarily jettisoning the causes and projects I have come to passionately care about to my core. I wanted the chance to have a more intimate involvement with my community, something you just cannot do in a more population-dense region.

Having spent so much time all around the Pacific Northwest, and the country as a whole for work – I have had the unique chance to observe issues of all kinds that were impacting communities at the local level, and conversely how local elected leaders chose to address them. I have seen amazing success stories, and embarrassingly abysmal failures. If given the opportunity, I would provide a perspective that looks beyond the scope of the Colville Valley, to continue Chewelah's trendsetting streak – such as when Chewelah garnered the distinction of being one of the inaugural Creative Districts by ArtsWa. I recognize that building a reputation to garner such an award took lots of work behind the scenes from local councilmembers. Building notoriety for good qualities requires tremendous effort – much of which goes unnoticed by the community at-large, but necessary and critically important, nonetheless.

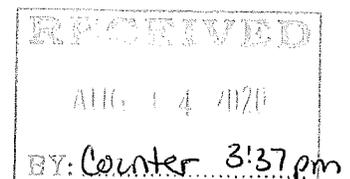
Since stepping back from the NRA and being home more than a day or two a week – I've only grown to appreciate being back in Stevens County more. I would be humbled and honored to serve this community, of which I have no doubt will forever not only be home, but maybe the place my kids decide they want to call home too - once they have established themselves in their careers.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Carpenter

8/14/2020



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AUG 12 2020  
BY: COUNCIL 9:40

Dorothy Knauss, Mayor  
Chewelah.

Dear Mayor Knauss,

I understand that there is a vacancy on the city council as of this date, August 12, 2020.

Please accept this as my desire to be considered for that position.

Most sincerely,

*John May*  
John May

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Chewelah  
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Aug 7 2020

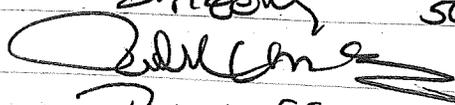
Dear Mayor Krauss and members  
of the council.

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AUG 10 2020  
BY: .....

my name is Ron McCoy  
and I have lived in Chewelah  
for almost 25 years. The  
community has always been  
on my main agenda.

We live in a very crucial  
stage in life where very  
important decisions must be  
addressed while being faced  
with COVID-19 and the  
well being of our community.

Please consider my interest  
in the vacancy.

Sincerely,  
  
Ron McCoy

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Ron McCoy

  
Chewelah WA 99109  


  
Mayor Krauss

City Council Vacancy

DAVID L. WANTLAND

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Chewelah, WA 99109  
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August 13, 2020

City of Chewelah  
Attn: Mayor Knauss  
258/301 E. Clay Ave.  
Chewelah, WA 99101

RE: City Council Position # 2

Dear Mayor Knauss:

The purpose of this Letter of Application is to advise you and the Council I would appreciate being considered as a candidate for the recently vacated Council Position #2.

I do not have any specific agenda other than serving the community and life style, I have come to love, in any way I can.

My background includes the following:

- Managing multi-million-dollar budgets and operations in the distribution/logistics industry.
- Overseeing statewide activities (California) as a Senior Director of Human Resources and Administration. In this role I was certified by the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), as well as, the additional certification of a Senior Professional in Human Resources – California (SPHR-CA)
- Participating in legislative hearings and interacting with Legislators in Sacramento as:
  - State Legislative Chair of the California Staffing Professionals Association
  - A member of the Advisory Board to the Governor's Conference on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
  - A member of the California NFIB.
  - A member of the California Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee.

Thank you for your kind consideration to my request. My contact information is detailed in the letterhead portion of this Letter of Application.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David L. Wantland