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Board of Directors
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant Director position on the Papio Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors for Subdistrict 10. I have a passion for local government and honest transparent governing. I am eager to contribute my skills and insights towards the stewardship of our natural resources.

With a background in Contract negotiations as well as my 17-year career as a firefighter with the Papillion Fire Department I hope to bring passion and understanding of how to think outside of the box to find pragmatic solutions to difficult problems.

I am particularly impressed by the NRD's initiatives in education and outreach programs to ensure the next generation will continue efforts to conserve our resources. My experiences speaking to large groups of people with various socioeconomic background will allow me to connect on a personal level with constituents, coupled with my personal commitment to environmental conservation, makes me a strong candidate for this role.

Enclosed with this letter is my resume, which provides further details about my qualifications and achievements. I am looking forward to the possibility of discussing my application in more detail and am available at your convenience for an interview.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the opportunity to serve our community and contribute to the Papio-Missouri River NRD's vital mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Strawn

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Professional Summary

As a Business Representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers, my primary work is negotiating contracts, ensuring the contract is followed, filing grievances, and enhancing the member's work experience. I work with HR managers, elected officials, and department heads to resolve labor/management disagreements. I have also had a long history as a Papillion Firefighter and an Executive Board Member of Local 3767, working for the safety, wages, and benefits of firefighters in Nebraska. During this time, I have actively engaged with officials and politicians at the local, state, and federal levels to implore them to understand the needs of First Class City Firefighters. In each position held, I have consistently taken an ethical stance to ensure the decisions I make benefit the membership and are justified to enhance a safe work environment.

Professional Experience

Career History

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 571 Business Representative (Stationary)	January 2024 - Present
City of Papillion Fire Department, Retired Firefighter I and II, EMT, Fire Instructor I, Incident Safety Officer	2006 - 2024

Leadership Role History

Treasurer of IUOE Local 571 PAC Fund	2024 - Present
IAFF Service Representative	2021 - 2024
President of Local 3767	2017 - 2024
Vice President Helmet & Shield Foundation	2016 - 2024
Political Action Committee Chairman	2012 - 2024
Vice President of Union	2015 - 2017
Secretary of Union	2012 - 2015
Elected Board Member	2010 - 2012
Political Action Committee Member at Large	2006 - 2012

Accomplishments

Assisted with First Class Cities Retirement Bills	2012 - 2024
Chief Contract Negotiator	2019 - 2023
Facilitated Mental Health Awareness Program for PFD	2022
Testified before the Nebraska Unicameral Retirement Committee	2021
Contract Negotiation Member	2015 - 2019
Negotiated Fire Marshall/Inspector Bureau	2015 - 2016

Specialized Training & Assignments

Vehicle Fires & Extractions	Hostile Fire Events	Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)
Life-Saving Award	Mass Casualty Events	Brush, Wildland & Forest Fires
Structural & High-Rise Fires	Incident Command Systems (ICS)	Water & Confined Space Rescues

Continuing Education

University of Nebraska at Omaha - BMS Emergency Management	In progress
Metropolitan Community College - AAS Fire Science Technology	Completed