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**2024 Board of Directors Nomination Packet**

Thank you for your interest in serving the Yakima Tieton Irrigation District. (YTID). The materials included in the 2024 Nomination Packet will assist you in making decisions about your candidacy.

This election will be for two seats, each with a three-year term beginning Tuesday, January 7, 2025:

* “Director” Position is currently held by Dan Keller
* “Director” Position is currently held by Chuck Turner

Serving as a Director for YTID requires commitment of time each month. Directors are expected to attend a monthly meeting and will need to spend time preparing for this meeting. Board meetings are held the first Thursday after the 9th of each month and are held in the YTID Board room and begin at 12:00 noon. Meetings are conducted in person with a Zoom participation option available when needed.

Board Packets will be provided to Directors in advance of each Board Meeting to allow time for familiarization with the issues to be addressed. Board members may be asked to serve on one or more committees.

To be included on the ballot as a candidate for a director position, the following material must be completed and submitted to YTID, to the attention of Laurie Beth Hood, Administrative Assistant, 470 Camp 4 Rd., Yakima, Washington, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024. Nominations will not be accepted electronically. Please note that YTID staff are unable to assist with the completion of nomination forms. Any questions should be directed to Laurie Beth Hood, Administrative Assistant, at hood@ytid.net.

* Petition of Nomination/ Declaration of Candidacy for Election of Director: The petition must be signed by a minimum of ten qualified electors of YTID. Multiple pages of the Petition of Nomination may be printed and used, as electors may wish to submit more than ten signatures to help ensure that at least ten signatories are qualified electors. In districts with less than two hundred thousand acres, a person eighteen years or older, being a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state and who hold title or evidence of title to assessable land in the district or proposed district shall be entitled to vote therein, and to be recognized as an elector.

A biographical paragraph may be provided to YTID by the candidate, for use in press releases, printed materials and the YTID website.

Thank you again for choosing to participate in the Yakima Tieton Irrigation District. The staff of YTID look forward to working with you.

About Yakima Tieton Irrigation District:

The district encompasses 35,000 acres within its boundaries of which 27,900 acres are in irrigation rotation. The district is organized under the laws set forth in Title 87 of the Revised Code of Washington. It is defined as a quasi-municipal corporation. The district is governed by a five-person Board of Directors elected by the water users. The Directors serve three-year terms as defined by state law. Board members are representatives of the district rate payers and should work in their interest.

Board Member Commitments and Expectations:

* Board members attend one Board meeting per month held on the second Thursday after the 9th of each month. (And may attend Special Board meetings as called by the Board of Directors or Board President and/or participate on Committees, as appointed.
* Board members are required to follow all applicable laws and regulations, including those outlined in RCW 87 and other statues including RCW 42 and 90.03.
* Board members are also governed by the YTID bylaws and policies.
* Board members are not employees of YTID. They are elected public servants who are compensated for conducting District Business, i.e. attending Board meetings or other meetings which require their attendance. Board members are compensated in accordance with RCW 87.03.460(3).

 Revised Code of Washington (RCW)

RCW 42 Public officers and agencies (Especially RCW 42.30 open Public Meetings Act)

RCW 87 Irrigation (Especially RCW 87.03 Irrigation districts generally)

RCW 90 Water rights – environment

Access, search and read the Revised Code of Washington at: http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/

# ***DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY* AND PETITION OF NOMINATION**

***OF ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR***

***OF THE***

***YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT***

 I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ declare upon my honor that I am an elector of Yakima Tieton Irrigation District, residing at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, County of Yakima , State of Washington and that I am legally qualified to assume office if I am elected: that I hereby declare myself for nomination to the office of Director for a term of 3 years beginning January 7th , 2025. The election is to be held on the 10th of December 2024, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballots as provided by law. (RCW 87.03.075)

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 Signature of Candidate

 -Signature page attached below-

 We, the undersigned, are qualified electors of the Yakima Tieton Irrigation District by reason of being 18 years of age, being a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, and holding title or evidence of title to lands within the district.

 We, therefore, present this petition for nomination of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a term of 3 years beginning January 7th, 2025.

## SIGNATURES

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