

# Watchmen Ministry North Idaho Voter Guide for Post Falls Highway District (Sub District 2)

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Question	<a href="#">Todd Tondee</a>	<a href="#">Jeff Tyler</a>
<p><b>2.</b> How could the Highway District be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.</p>	<p>I believe the Highway district is running very well, However the commissioners are always interested in input on how to improve.</p>	<p>My top 3 goals are;                      *To <i>Represent</i> the people of my District, the Incumbent pushed for the Bridge at Greensferry even when there was overwhelming opposition to it.                      *To be Fiscally Conservative with Property Tax dollars. I will immediately stop voting for the yearly 3% tax increase.                      *I will work to <i>prioritize</i> the projects to increase traffic flow and safety while putting emphasis on good service to our customers.</p>
<p><b>3.</b> What is your philosophy regarding how growth should be managed?</p>	<p>I believe all jurisdictions should be involved and that growth should be looked at County wide. We should look at transportation routes, law enforcement, Medical, Parks, utilities, and services to make sure all have input on their needs to service the new growth.</p>	<p>Highway District Commissioners have no control over increased growth, however we can manage the designs submitted by developers in ways that would increase ease of traffic flow and safety.</p>
<p><b>4.</b> Do you believe the highway district should be prioritizing constructing new roads or improving existing roads? Please explain your reasoning.</p>	<p>Highway Districts should focus on their existing roads with their budget, However they should have (and we do) have standards for new roads when developers build new subdivisions.</p>	<p>Yes, see #2, it depends on the location and application.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> What is your opinion on how growth should be paid for?</p>	<p>Growth is a plus for a community and it should not be a burden. With out current state laws local jurisdictions do responsive planning instead of proactive planning. My philosophy is to have proactive planning.</p>	<p>Currently our growth is overwhelming, I am running partly because I see the need to be proactive in implementing the design of a good road system. Developers must include adequate road sizing and easements for future population growth. That seems to be missing today. Growth is being paid for by State and local funding, increased new growth revenues, Grants and property taxes. Impact fees also are a factor. Urban Renewal Districts subtract from District funding and should be limited in my opinion. Again see #2 above.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> What are your plans to increase public involvement in the highway district?</p>	<p>The Post Falls Highway district is very open to public involvement. We ask for citizens to get involved and give us their opinions on any major changes to our District. Our meetings are open to the public and held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM. The Board is always looking to improve and get better and look for constructive input on this and any other operation of the District.</p>	<p>As an active member of the Republican Party for 15 years, public involvement and activism is key to good government "By The People", and second nature to me.</p>

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<p><b>7.</b> Do you believe the highway district should be acquiring land to expand the existing road system? What areas do you believe need to be expanded?</p>	<p>No, the new growth should provide the roads when they develop. However we should have a plan on where we would like to see major connectors so the developers have a plan to follow.</p>	<p>Our road system is set and easements are established, future roads and easements must be built by Development and sized properly. Roads should be widened and improved with District dollars in order of importance. Acquisition of land should be minimized.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Under what conditions do you believe the Highway District should recommend the utilization of eminent domain and why?</p>	<p>This should always be a last resort. It is needed at times to correct a busy intersection or when right of way is needed to correct or improve a roadway to function better for the public.</p>	<p>As President of the North West Property Owners Alliance, I am <i>STRONGLY</i> opposed to Eminent Domain. That said, roads and infrastructure are the main purpose used over many generations to use Eminent Domain. If approved by me it would have to be amicably agreed upon with the property owner.</p>
<p><b>9.</b> What should be the role of the highway district be in working with local governing authorities (county commissioners, city planners, etc.) and why?</p>	<p>We should be a willing participant. As I said before WE (local government) should be planning our growth together to eliminate waste but more importantly to create efficiencies and also so the public (developers) don't get different answers from different jurisdictions.</p>	<p>It is important to work together with all governmental agencies as well as elected officials whom I am acquainted with most of them.</p>
<p><b>10.</b> What changes do you believe need to be made to the current design standards and why?</p>	<p>It is very confusing to the public on which or whose standard applies. Fire or Highway or County. This is an area where we all jurisdictions need to work with the public to fix these.</p>	<p>There are hundreds of design standards, which ones?</p>
<p><b>11.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>I have been a resident in the Post Falls Highway District for the last 26 years. I have also served as a Post Falls City Council and as a Kootenai County Commissioner. I have had extensive training on public entity operations and budgets. I also have owned and operated my own companies for the last 26 years so I know how budget and tax levy affects all aspects – Resident, Business Owner, and the district.</p>	<p>Firstly, to be qualified for an elected position one needs to have good character, critical thinking skills, common sense, a desire to serve and have solid principles that are God given and unbreakable. That is what our Founding Fathers envisioned for elected officials of our Representative Republic, for men and women of all backgrounds to participate, as a matter of fact previous and current District Commissioners have been small Farmers, Realtors, Car Salesmen and longtime government employees while serving this part time position. I may be more experienced in that the above applies as well as being retired now from a lifetime as a General Contractor. I have had up to 30 employees at times and also spent some time in Architecture classes in college. Understanding engineering requirements, Contracts and managing jobs to be the best quality at best prices has been commonplace over my time in business. I also have a Commercial Driver's License.</p>