

Ohio Match Road Water District – Director Seat 2

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	I am Jon Marhoefer and I'm running for Director Seat 2 on the Ohio Match Road Water District. I'm running because I'm retired after a 31-year law enforcement career and I'm willing to continue my public service by undertaking this role and helping my neighbors.
2. How could the water district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	<p>I believe the district needs to improve its communication with district residents. The district currently lacks a website where bylaws, forms, and updates could be shared.</p> <p>The district currently has a waiting list for connections due to capacity restrictions. The district needs to identify alternative funding sources, such as grant funding, to offset one-time costs associated with infrastructure improvements.</p>
3. Do you believe that water districts have a role to play in area growth? Why do you believe this?	They do, capacity is always an issue, and neighboring development can impact water availability within the district.
4. How do you believe water quality can be improved in the water district?	Our water quality is currently quite good, but we must continue to monitor CFC contaminants in the Prairie Aquifer.
5. What role should water districts have in the design and authorization of new developments?	Water districts should be early reviewers of proposed projects to ensure capacity exists prior to the issuance of will serve letters.
6. Do you believe access to city managed water should be increased to rural communities and why?	I think it should be an option for property owners and at their own expense.
7. Water districts play a significant role in the approval or denial of new developments. What do you believe the proper process should be to include the existing residents' (impact area) concerns?	There should be ample opportunity for public comment on any operational impact report generated as a result of a proposed development.
8. What recommendations do you have for improving delivery of water in the water district?	Continuing with planned pump and well improvements to address delivery and pressure issues currently facing some of our residents.
9. What should be the role of the water district in working with local governing authorities (county commissioners, city planners, etc.) and why?	I believe there needs to be open dialogue between the district and county/city officials. Understanding long range municipal and county planning allows the district to plan for potential changes to service demands and meet changes in law and policy.
10. Are there any connections either personal or working relationships that would pose a conflict of interest?	No.
11. With growing concern over protection of the aquifer, should additional considerations be added to the development review process? If so, what are your recommendations?	I believe the existing review process adequately protects the aquifer and I would not advocate for additional changes at this time.
12. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	As part of my law enforcement career, I oversaw the design, construction, and operation of a large county jail facility which included a commercial water well and reverse osmosis treatment plant. The plant produced 225,000 gallons of water per day. This experience included water production and treatment best practices, state and federal water law, and working with state environmental quality agencies.