

San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (SAWS) Other Southeast Quadrant	Application No: No: 20200530094541_9756
ELIGIBILITY	
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mr
Last Name	Smyle
First Name	James
Middle Name	
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Jim
Title	
Address Type?	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	78212
Phone Type?	
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
eMail	
Employer	Self
Job Title	Consultant
Occupation	Environment and Natural Resources Management Consultant
Board/Commission/Committee Name	San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (SAWS)~Other~Southeast Quadrant~04
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	White/Non-Hispanic

Gender:	Male
Age:	55 to 64
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	No
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	29
In which City Council District do you reside?	01
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	18
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members of any businesses that you or they own seek or take part, either directly or indirectly, in any sale of land, materials,	No

supplies, or service to the City in the foreseeable future?	
Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	No
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	SAWS Rate Advisory Committee, member - 09/2019 to present Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, board member - 2014 to present The Vetiver Network International, President and Board Chair - 1994 to present
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	Yes
List the department(s) and date(s):	San Antonio Housing Authority - 1973/74 for several months
Reason for leaving City employment:	Return to status as full-time student
Describe your Educational history.	MSc. Forest Hydrology. University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA. 1987 BSc. Forest Management. Stephan F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, USA. 1980 AA. San Antonio College, San Antonio, Texas, USA. 1975 Certificates: Current Methods in Tropical Forestry. Oxford Forestry Institute, Oxford University, England. 1997 Global Policy Studies. Dean Rusk Center For Global Policy Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA. 1987. Tropical Ecology Field Studies. Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica. 1985 High School. Central Catholic. San Antonio, Texas, USA. 1972.
Describe your Professional History & Certification	- Independent Consultant - 2007 to date. - World Bank Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, Latin America Region, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Department.

designations (Current and historical).	<p>2000 2006. - RUTA/UNDP Seconded by World Bank to multi-donor coordination program (Regional Unit For Technical Assistance) as Principal Natural Resources Management Specialist for Central America. 1994 - 2000. - World Bank Natural Resources Management Specialist, Asia Region, Asia Technical Department for Environment. 1992 to 1994. - World Bank Environment/Forestry/Watershed Management Consultant, Asia Region, Asia Technical Department for Agriculture. 1988 to 1992. - University of Georgia, School of Forest Resources and USAID/Sri Lanka Education Extension Specialist/Researcher. 1986 to 1988. - University of Georgia, School of Forest Resources Research Assistant. 1984 to 1986. - Peace Corps/Guatemala Natural Resource Conservation Extensionist. 1980 to 1983 - Stephan F. Austin State University, School of Forestry Watershed Technician. 1979 to 1980</p>
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	<p>• Member, San Antonio Water System Rate Advisory Committee. 09/2019 to present. • Board Member, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. 2014 to present • Chairman/President, The Vetiver Network International. Nonprofit. 2011 to present. • Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. 2010 to 2014 • Representative, City of San Antonio for the San Antonio River Watershed, Bexar County Regional Watershed Management Programs Watershed Improvement Advisory Council. 2008 to 2017. • Vice-Chairman, City of San Antonio Citizens Environmental Advisory Council. 2009 to 2011. • Member, International Editorial Board. Land Use and Water Resources Research e-Journal. University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Newcastle, England. 2001 to 2008. • Member, Technical Advisory Council to Central American Commission on Environment and Development for the Management of the Tri-national Trifinio Watershed. 2000/2001. • Board Member, The Vetiver Network International. Nonprofit. 2000 to 2011. • Member, International Advisory Council. Nicaragua Program for the Promotion of Investment in Sustainable Forestry. 1998 to 2000 • Director, Latin American Vetiver Network. Nonprofit. 1994 to 2000.</p>
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	<p>SAWS is at an interesting juncture in its development and operation as a public utility. This, due to its having to confront a range of what are oftentimes competing factors and demands, such as population growth with attendant demands for expansion of the system management of a diverse water supply adherence to and promotion of a conservation ethic operation and maintenance and system upgrades/improvements to maintain competitiveness, quality, and regulatory compliance (e.g., EPA consent decree), to name a few. And, it must deal with these issues and challenges within San Antonios context of poverty, inequality, and now the Covid-19 fall out of high un-/under-employment and economic vulnerability. How will SAWS continue to operate as a well-run and well-managed business and protect its financial viability, while on the other, as a public utility, it must strongly internalize equity and social responsibility concerns in a city where, pre-pandemic, over one-quarter of children, one-fifth of families with children, and 40 of female-headed households with children live in poverty In this context, my reasons for seeking appointment to the SAWS Board of Trustees are both professional and personal. Professionally, my 35 years of working with public investment programs in agriculture and rural development, poverty reduction and natural resources management have given me the</p>

	<p>opportunity to have hands on experience with the challenges inherent in balancing economic and financial sustainability with social and environmental imperatives as well as the needs for good, transparent governance and accountability in institutions that are tasked with a public trust in serving their community. I also have a background and long experience in other relevant aspects of SAWS mandate and responsibilities, such as water resources protection and compliance, water management and conservation planning, and financial management, procurement and budgeting. Personally, as a citizen of this wonderful city, I feel a strong desire to participate in my community and contribute where I may...and I believe the SAWS Board is a place where I could make a useful contribution. In conclusion, I believe my professional background and interests will allow me to contribute to SAWS mission and in helping to weigh and balance the occasional tensions between strictly business and the need to further conservation, equity and social responsibility concerns.</p>
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
<p>As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec.2-534. All board and commission members must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.</p>	
<p>I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such</p>	<p>Acknowledged</p>

information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.	
I recognize that I am an applicant for San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (SAWS)~Other~Southeast Quadrant~04, as a City of San Antonio board or commission that is more than advisory in nature. As a city officer, I understand that I, my immediate family members, and any business in which I and/or they hold a 10% or greater ownership interest will be prohibited from seeking or accepting contracts with the city for the duration of my service on this board. I further understand that this restriction will extend with regard to many types of discretionary contracts for a period of one year after leaving city service.	Acknowledged
OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	James Smyle
Date of submission.	5/30/2020
The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone	

<p>number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.</p>	
<p>I want the public to have access to my Home Address.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Family Information.</p>	No
<p>Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.</p>	