

The regular election for two Director seats for the Board of Directors of the Pinery Water and Wastewater District will be held on May 5, 2020. Election ballots will be mailed to all residents of the water district who are registered voters in mid-April. The ballots must be returned by May 5th, 2020 to be counted. Ballots may be returned by mail or to a ballot box located at the district office. Please note that the office closes at 4:00 pm each day.



BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

There are three candidates for the two director seats. Below is a short bio for each of the candidates.

Walter Partridge, current Board Chairman



Walter Partridge and his wife Stephanie have lived in the Pinery for 23 years. They have 6 children, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Walt operates Partridge Auction Services from his office in Parker. Before becoming a professional auctioneer, Walt worked in industrial explosives for over 30 years. He started his explosives career as a sales representative for DuPont in Alaska and ended his career as President of Explosive Technologies International, Export Division. During his explosives career he traveled to many mining and construction operations throughout the world. He and his family lived in New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, Delaware, Washington State, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Colorado. Walt has had several interesting experiences traveling overseas. For example, on 9/11 he was at a remote site in the Sierra Desert and saw the towers come down on an Arabian speaking station watching with several members of the Muslim community. Several days passed before he was able to get back to the United States.

Before becoming a professional auctioneer, Walt conducted benefit auctions in each area he lived and continues to do so. He is certified by the National Auctioneers Association as a Benefit Auction Specialist. Walt joined the Colorado Auctioneers Association and the National Auctioneers Association in 1998. He was elected to the Colorado Auctioneers Association (CAA) Board of Directors in 2002, and along with chairing several committees, served over 8 years as treasurer and was president for 2 years. He was 2005 Colorado State Bid Calling Champion and inducted into the CAA Hall of Fame in 2013. He is past President of the Explosives Distributors Association, an organization of explosives distributors in the United States and Canada. Walt is active at his church and enjoys fishing and traveling with his family and friends. Walt has served multiple terms on the Pinery Water Board. He is honored to serve on the board and understands his responsibility to the Pinery residents. He continues to work for cost effective reliable water and sewer services and in the last several years has minimized, and in some cases, eliminated increases to water and sewer rates.

Terry Franklin

Terry Franklin is a retired certified water and wastewater professional. He and his wife Pamela moved to The Pinery six years ago to enjoy their first grandchildren.

Terry spent 32 years of his career working for the City of Grand Junction Utilities, retiring in 2014. He started as a Wastewater Treatment plant operator and retired as the City's Utility Manager. During his career with the City he was instrumental in developing their Water Conservation program, integrating sustainable resources (both water and energy) into Citywide activities, and helped kick start energy improvements throughout the City that saved hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. While Terry worked for the City he was active in the Rocky Mountain Section of American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA) and the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association (RMWEA). He was on the executive board of RMSAWWA for many years which culminated in being Section Chair in 2004-2005.

Terry received many awards during his career, two of which included the George Warren Fuller Award for his distinguished service to the water supply field and the Walter A. Weirs Joint Service Award (a joint RMSAWWA and RMWEA award) presented to individuals who have demonstrated continued, long-term dedication and service to the members of both organizations.

Since his retirement from the City of Grand Junction Utilities, his greatest reward is being a "manny" for his two grandchildren. Being able to spend time with them weekly and teach them about camping, fishing, and occasionally colors, numbers and letters are daily highlights. Terry truly enjoyed his time in the water industry and he looks forward to using his expertise to provide value to the Pinery Water Board and the community.

Kenneth Smith

I have been a resident of The Timbers since my retirement from the Oil and Gas Industry in 1999. Prior to joining the oil industry I served three years in the Navy's Civil Engineering Corps (Seabees) during the Vietnam War. In 2002, I initiated the formation of The Timbers HOA Filing 23A and B and served as its first president for eight years over two different terms. I served on the High Prairie Farms Metro District for a term of four years and more recently have served on the Pinery Water District's Water Efficiency Advisory Committee from 2018 until present. In addition to my community involvement I serve on the Alumni Advisory Board to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Kentucky. My wife Skipp and I have two daughters – Tiffany who is an executive in the oil industry; and, Amy who is employed in the medical industry.

I have long been interested in the activities of our Pinery Water District and in the conservation of and efficient use of our water resources. This year is an important year for the District as it looks at its water rate structure. My experience on the Water Efficiency Advisory Committee has enabled me to become more knowledgeable about the District's operations and systems which can be beneficial to participation on the Board. Specifically, I believe the District could benefit from the implementation of a water budget approach for its residential customers; or, at a minimum revising its Tier system to acknowledge the significant difference in residential lot size across the District.