

DARRYL POOL bio

Thank you for your consideration of me for appointment to another term as Commissioner of Williamson County Emergency Services District #2.

My wife, Janet, and I are co-owners of Pool Home Designs, LLC, a real estate investment company. Texas Open Door Realty in Round Rock is my sponsor as a Realtor. I do not act as a sales agent; my real estate license was obtained in order to have access to MLS data and for training opportunities.

I moved into the Tonkawa Springs subdivision in 1983. At that time, the Sam Bass Fire Department (SBFD) operated as a volunteer fire department. They conducted fundraisers and made an annual appeal for district residents to make a donation. I contributed each year in the requested amount until SBFD reorganized on a tax-supported basis as a rural fire prevention district. In addition to my long time residence within the ESD district, I have served for several years as election judge in the district whenever Round Rock Presbyterian Church on Sam Bass Road is used as a polling site. For the last three years we have also attended church in the district ever since Hill Country Bible Church opened an additional branch which meets at Walsh Middle School. These factors should demonstrate my appreciation for this area and that I obviously want it and its residents well protected.

I served a partial term as ESD #2 Commissioner to fill a vacancy from February through December, 1998. ESD Commissioners in 1997 had adopted a significant property tax increase which caused a stir in the community. Precinct 3 County Commissioner David Hays (who then represented this area), County Judge John Doerfler and the others on the Commissioners Court supported my appointment with the request to improve communication between the ESD and the community. Relations between the ESD and district taxpayers improved during the year, so I did not seek appointment for another term.

My current service as ESD #2 Commissioner began in August, 2012 in response to a board vacancy. I have met the continuing education training requirement set forth in TX Health & Safety Code section 775.0365 in each of my terms. The certificate stating I have completed the necessary course hours for my current term was delivered to the Precinct 1 County Commissioner office in April of this year. I currently serve as Secretary of the ESD. Since first appointed, it is rare that I have not been able to attend a board meeting.

I have had an opportunity to impartially observe a SBFD response to an emergency. For thirty years no one ever had an accident on our property of any note until October, 2013 when Janet slipped on a wet spot on our tile entry and broke her right knee on the edge of the step down to the living room. None of the SBFD personnel who responded were aware I had any involvement with the ESD. I was very pleased to report at our next ESD board meeting how SBFD handled the situation with a calm demeanor, obtained relevant information about the accident, offered reassurance and comfort to Janet, and then quickly relayed information and effected a smooth transition to the EMS personnel once they arrived. We could not have asked for a better response to our situation from either SBFD or Williamson County EMS.

I would welcome serving another term as ESD #2 Commissioner. My focus has been on helping ensure ESD #2 is run on a professional basis, with strict adherence to the Texas Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act, transparency of operations, and accountability to the taxpayers for all expenditures. I will continue that focus if appointed to another term.