

**North Weld County Water District
May 2, 2023 Election
Director Candidate Statements**

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Director District No. 3

NELS A. NELSON

OCCUPATION: RANCHER

AGE: 65

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have had the privilege of serving as a Director of North Weld in the early 2000's. At that time the Board worked on enlarging the Water Treatment plant, installed miles of pipelines, increased the district's portfolio of raw water, and helped establish the district in its current headquarters.

I also served for many years on the board of North Poudre Irrigation Company (NPIC) a major supplier of the raw water, several of those years as President of the company. During that tenure, NPIC rehabilitated many of its nineteen reservoirs, and improved water efficiency by proper maintenance of over 200 miles canals and rebuilt the Livermore Tunnel. In this position I dealt with many consulting firms and government agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (dealing with the aftermath of the September 2013 flood), Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources as well as the municipal and Water Districts receiving water from NPIC. During that time period, 75% of NPIC's stock was owned by municipal entities while 80 percent of the water was still used in agriculture.

I have also served on the Board of the Cache la Poudre Water Users Association (CLPWUA). This organization is dedicated to protecting water rights in the Poudre River basin as well as water quality.

North Weld was formed and built in the early 1960's by the rural users in Larimer and Weld Counties. These users needed reliable potable water for their homes and livestock. Each of these users dedicated raw water and easements for the district as well as paid property taxes for over 30 years to establish our current system. Ag users are still important, and the district needs to continue working with them; rather than looking at them as the problem.

Much of that original infrastructure will need maintenance and improvement over the next few years. It is essential that the district plan for these eventualities. Drought planning is also important, and the district needs to develop a plan that doesn't bankrupt its users. One way to help keep water rates affordable for all users is require development to pay its own way.

My background and knowledge of the area, my experience in water resources provides a unique aspect as your representative on the Board. I would appreciate your vote.

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BRAD COOK:

I have served on the North Weld County Water District board for the past four and a half years. Northeastern Colorado has been faced with some significant drought impacts presenting numerous challenges for the district in preserving a sustainable water source. Being a local farmer in the Eaton area I have felt these challenges in my own operation. I'm passionate about being on the board and exploring ways to preserve and secure our water source for all customer classes. I'm seeking re-election on the board based on my experience and desire to continue working to help the district better serve its customers.

Director District No. 4

TAD R. STOUT - No candidate statement was provided.

Director District No. 5

ANN HENNEN – No candidate statement was provided.