

Mayor Compton and Members of Council
City of Pataskala, Ohio

October 24, 2016

SWLCWSD Board Member Position

Dear Mayor Compton and Members of Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my resume to you for consideration of appointment to the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District.

I am a 30 year resident of the City of Pataskala, residing in the former Lima Township section, and a graduate of the Licking Heights High School. I have served in local government capacities for the last 16 years. I began my career in the Service Department of neighboring Jefferson Township in 2000, building knowledge and experience of project development, public infrastructure improvements, grant writing, service to residents, and community partnerships. I was blessed to be promoted in nearby Etna Township as their Township Administrator in June of 2013, where I currently serve in an economic and community development, and zoning enforcement type capacity. I have built great working relationships with government officials in our region and I enjoy collaboration and partnerships. I am always looking for ways to better serve the residents.

I further developed my knowledge of water and sewer projects specifically through Etna's public improvement projects such as the Taylor and Palmer Roads project, the State Route 310 projects, and development projects in and around the corporate park. I believe I offer knowledge and experience, and an open-minded approach to serving the best interests of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Rob Platte

Enclosures: Resume and 4 Letters of Reference

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Robert M. Platte, C.P.S.I.

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Background

Strong public infrastructure improvement experience with major development projects in the area. Proven success in economic development, public infrastructure projects, land use planning and zoning application.

Accomplishments

June 2013-Present

Etna Township, Licking County

Etna, Ohio

Etna Township is extremely active in economic and community development in the western Licking County and central Ohio area, which requires significant public infrastructure improvements to be made. The corporate park growth has driven road and water and sewer improvements in the State Route 310 and State Route 40 area.

Township Administrator/Zoning Inspector

- **Economic Development** – Negotiated, drafted, and facilitated multiple development projects and tax incentive packages to foster development projects and revenue stability, including: an Amazon Fulfillment Center that brought 1500+ jobs and \$90 million in investment, a 3 million sf logistics and distribution park on 240+ acres, and a current project that encompasses 770+ acres for retail and commercial projects.
- **Central Ohio Regional Collaboration** – 3 year member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Executive Committee, working with over 60 local governments in the implementation of sustainable growth plans and distribution of more than \$90 million in Federal Highway Administration funds.
- **Local Collaboration** – Negotiated and brokered multiple agreements with surrounding cities and government entities including long term annexation agreements and JEDDs, and incorporated a Community Improvement Corporation to serve as the local economic development entity of Etna Township and the western Licking county communities.
- **Infrastructure Projects** -An \$8.08 million County Engineer/County Commissioner-Local School Board-Township-State of Ohio major roadway improvement project and a locally and federally funded Taylor/Palmer Roads widening and water/sewer project.
- **Legislation** – Prepare resolutions for Board of Trustees consideration, service on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Legislative Committee for state and federal bills.

- **Land Use Planning** – Identified and managed residential and commercial property rezonings and development planning in conjunction with both developers and land owners.
- **Zoning Enforcement** – Management of issued permits and enforcement of violations of the local Zoning Resolution.
- **Grant Writing** – Obtained more than \$2.5 million in state grant funding for public infrastructure projects, including \$2 million to widen State Route 310 and multiple paving projects funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

June 2000-June 2013 Jefferson Township, Franklin County Blacklick, Ohio

Jefferson Township is located in eastern Franklin County and is one of just a few remaining rural areas of central Ohio. Hundreds of acres of Open Space have been preserved and two of its four community parks were developed through state grant funds.

Parks Coordinator-Service Department

- **Grant Writing** – Successfully drafted and was awarded two Ohio Department of Natural Resources-NatureWorks park development grants totaling \$142,358.
- **Contract Negotiations and Drafting** – Created and managed multiple land and building use agreements that included one with Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Parks, use agreements for Township facilities, development agreements of Township lands and Joint Venture Agreement revision with the Licking Heights Local School District.
- **Legislation Preparation** – Drafted and prepared park resolutions for presentation to the Township Trustees.
- **Budget Preparation and Management** – Drafted, reviewed and adjusted Temporary and Permanent Appropriations for cemetery and park funds for Administrator review and presentation to the Township Trustees.
- **Purchasing** – Responsible for all cemetery and park related Township purchases.
- **Rezoning For Development** – Managed rezoning of Township-owned open space for redevelopment that included review with the Franklin County Planning Commission, the Township Zoning Commission, and the Township Board of Trustees.
- **Public Outreach and Communication** – Direct contact with Homeowners' Association Members for park related issues. Assisted with levy campaigns and Township event promotion.
- **Parks Board Liaison** – Provided communication between the Township Trustees and the nine-person Parks Board for grant projects, events, and capital projects.
- **Farmers Market Manager** – Market manager from 2010 to 2013; including planning, coordinating, budgeting, advertising, and directing a market of up to 25 vendors.
- **Event Coordinator** – Planned, marketed, created budget, and directed annual park events such as a Halloween Party, Ice Cream Social, Winter Walk, and Spring

Walk. Each event realized an increase in attendance, partnerships, and revenue annually.

- **Funding Procurement** – Secured financial and in-kind donations for parks to meet awarded grant requirements.
- **Pesticide Application** – Licensed Commercial Pesticide Applicator, oversaw and directed all applications of pesticides for the Township.
- **Certified Playground Safety Inspector** – Certification valid through 2018.
- **Facility Maintenance** – Responsible for maintenance of the Township Hall, parks facilities and cemetery buildings. Daily use of a backhoe for grave opening and closing, mowing and trimming of turf areas, tree trimming, and flag placement, use of large tractors for field mowing, Z-Trak mowers and trimmers, chain saws and brush chipper, and restroom and shelter house repairs and maintenance, as well as repairs and contracts.
- **Road Maintenance** – Use of backhoe for asphalt and storm drain repairs, ditch reclamation, tree trimming, and sign replacement.

February 1997-June 2000

The Kroger Company

Columbus, Ohio

Grocery Department Head

- **Night Shift Manager** – Managed the dry grocery night stock crew of up to 15 people.
- **Product Ordering and Delivery**
- **Employee Shift Scheduling**

Professional Affiliations

Board Member – Executive Committee – Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Board Member – Pataskala Area Chamber of Commerce

Board Member – West Licking Development Group, Community Improvement Corp.

Member – Ohio Parks and Recreation Association

Member – National Recreation and Parks Association

Member – Ohio Cemetery Association

Member – Ohio Township Association

Pesticide License – Ohio Department of Agriculture Certified Applicator; Lic. #93868

Playground Inspector – N.R.P.A. Certified Playground Safety Inspector; Lic. #20737-1015

C.D.L. – Valid Ohio Class “B” Commercial Driver’s License

Numerous miscellaneous committee and board appointments

References

Bob Stewart	Director, Jefferson Water and Sewer District	614-864-0740
John Albers	Albers & Albers Law Firm	614-464-4414
William Lozier	Licking County Engineer	740-670-5080



Ohio's "6119" Regional Water & Sewer Districts

October 18, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Reference, Rob Platte

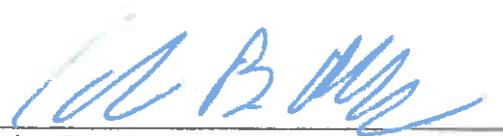
In behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Coalition of Regional Districts (CORD), we are happy to provide this letter of reference for Rob Platte to a position on a regional district board of trustees. We have all worked with Rob, and greatly admire his skills and acumen in performing his job duties. He has outstanding comprehension, a keen sense of detail, and superior negotiating skills. What's more, Rob is a gentleman, and a very personable and pleasant person to be around.

We are sure he would make an excellent addition to any regional district board of trustees.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Board of Trustees
Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts (CORD)

By:


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October 22, 2016

City Council and Mayor Compton

City of Pataskala

RE: Platte Letter of Recommendation

SWLCWSD Board Member

Members of Council and Mayor Compton,

We are writing you to express our support for Rob Platte's application to be appointed as the City's representative to the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District board of trustees.

We have been residents of the City of Pataskala (former Lima Township section) for over 30 years and have known Rob for almost as long. We have found him to be a knowledgeable and committed servant of our community. We are aware of numerous occasions where he has helped other neighbors in need, sought ways to improve our community, and taken concerns of public infrastructure needs to city officials on residents' behalf.

Rob's many years in local government service, knowledge of public infrastructure projects, and commitment to the residents of Pataskala make him an ideal candidate worthy of your appointment. We know that Rob would be a strong advocate and serve the city well with integrity and character.

Thank you for your consideration,

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David and Pamela Bass

626 Woodside Drive

Pataskala, Ohio 43062

October 24, 2016

Mayor Mike Compton and Councilmembers

City of Pataskala

RE: Water and Sewer District Board Member

Mayor Compton and Members of Council,

We have been made aware of Rob Platte's application seeking appointment to the Water and Sewer Board and wish to share our support for his appointment.

We have known Rob for many years and have witnessed his desire to help residents and be a conduit for residents to community officials. His experience makes him a great resource and affords him the ability to make educated decisions on what is best for the residents as a whole.

Rob has committed many years to government service and we know that he is always striving to do the right things to benefit the residents. We urge you to appoint him to the board so that he can make yet another positive contribution to our community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William and Michelle Ward".

William and Michelle Ward

10940 Refugee Road

Pataskala, Ohio 43062

October 5, 2016

RE: Rob Platte

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Rob Platte's application for the Board of the Southwest Licking Water & Sewer District.

I have known Rob for many years and his past employment with Jefferson Township. Rob is hardworking and dedicated to any position he engages. Rob was instrumental in acquiring grant funding for the Old Quarry Park project in Jefferson Township.

Rob is happy to voice his own viewpoints when discussion takes place regarding projects. With his confidence and eagerness to learn, Rob has made a good impression on me with his pleasant personality.

Based on my observation of his abilities, I strongly believe he would be an outstanding candidate for a position on the Board of the Southwest Licking Water & Sewer District.

Sincerely yours,



Bob Stewart
7725 Morse Road
New Albany, Ohio 43054