

# *Ionia County Republican Party Agenda*

February 20, 2025

Ionia VFW

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Announcements
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 30, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting (previously emailed)
7. Elected Officials/State Party/2<sup>nd</sup> District EC Comments
8. New Business
  - a. Odessa Township Trustee Special Election
    - i. Allan Baron II
    - ii. Dan Goodemoot
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Old Business
11. Next Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2025, 7:00 PM, Ionia VFW.
12. Adjourn

January 17, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dan Goodemoot and I am interested in the position of Odessa Township board member.

A little about myself: I have been married to my wife Cherith for over 31 years. We both graduated from Lakewood High School in 1992. We have two grown daughters, Mara and Daena, and one granddaughter, Rebecca. I grew up in Woodland, moved away for college and my early career, and moved back to Lake Odessa in 2002, where I have lived since. My family has lived in the area for generations, back to 1865. I would say I have a deep connection with the area.

I have my MBA from Cornerstone University and currently work as the IT Director for the Capital Area Transportation Authority in Lansing, where I have worked for 5 years. I have worked in the information technology field for over 25 years in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, higher education, K-12 education, mental health services and now transportation.

I have also served as a School Board member for a public charter school, Success Virtual Learning Centers. There I served from the founding of the school in 2016 as the Vice President of the board and later, in 2018, became the Board President until I left in 2023.

Other items of interest include having served as a part-time professor for Cornerstone University for a few years and serving as Chief Operating Officer for Integrity Educational Services (an Educational Service Provider) from 2015 – 2017.

Please let me know what further information you would like from me or what next steps might be.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Goodemoot

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Attn: Clerk Lisa Williams

Dear Odessa Township Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a township trustee member for the Odessa Township Board, advertised in the Lakewood News. As a property owner in the Lake Odessa area since 2008, currently residing at 2587 Lapo Dr., I am interested in the possibility of sharing in decision making and future growth conversations for our community.

A little about myself – I'm a 59-year-old single man, father of 3 adult kids: Nic, Cody\* & Jenna, with 4 grandchildren (13, 10, 7 & 3.5 Nathan, Vinny, Lukas & Roann). Who I would pretty much do anything for lol. I have raised my kids on my own since 2005, Nic & Cody in the Kentwood school district and Jenna here at Lakewood schools. They now reside in their own homes with their families, Nic in St. Johns, MI and Jenna here locally. Faith, family, and friends - especially those grandkids give me the greatest joy and purpose. I enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, biking, fitness, yard work and home improvement projects; of which never seem to end. Throughout my 40 plus year career in the construction industry, I have developed a strong foundation in Christ with a listening ear, a desire to work with others to achieve optimal outcomes and earned valuable experience through leadership with conservative morals and ethics. Personally, and professionally, I have always appreciated the importance of and can relate with caring for a fiscally responsible budget, while envisioning and creating realistic future growth. Sometimes around and through obstacles of adversity without forgoing care, dedication or kindness.

At my day job, I'm a National Sales Manager for Efficiency Production – An Arcosa Shoring Products Company, since 2013. I'm responsible for new business development and our ~150 different Dealer locations throughout the USA and Canada. My Team and I manage our customers' needs by supplying and supporting trench safety equipment to rental companies like United Rental, Sunbelt Rental, Michigan CAT and National Trench Safety to mention a few. My job requires traveling occasionally to various locations to meet with decision makers for each Dealer to discuss CapEx budgets, inventory/utilization and support needs. On a daily basis, I work directly with our BU President and General Manager to oversee all sales, rental, the Special Operations Shoring Division, product support and pricing, budgets, account receivables, manufacturing fulfillment, scheduling and logistics/shipping. All with an open-door policy.

Prior to working for Efficiency, I've been a licensed Residential Builder since 1987. Even fortunate to have built a few homes in the Lake Odessa area, most notably transforming "Smurf Village" to Freshwater Cove in 2006-2008. I have also had the privilege of working for companies like the Kincaid-Henry Building Group and the Gillespie Group where I was responsible for project management over the Lansing Armory and Comfort Station, both unique historic building projects in the Lansing area. I would be pleased to share more of my background and experience in greater detail, as applicable.

My hope in seeking this trustee role with the township is to be a larger part of current affairs in our community, more involved in topics around the area like the care of Jordan Lake, learn more of

what's happening for our Fire Fighters\* and new Fire Barn, the Jordan Lake Bike Trail and overall future growth in our township.

Even though I may not recognize or understand the full extent of what this role entails – most likely I'm short on trustee know-how. I would be willing to attend classes to further learn such required responsibilities and duties. I humbly welcome the opportunity to further discuss if in some way my core values, skills and experiences could be helpful to the needs and direction of this board. I can be available to sit down at your convenience to talk over whether joining your team might be a mutual fit for our township.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Allan L. Baron II