

CANDIDATES

Your **2025** Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees candidates' biographies are below. Candidates are listed at random using a randomizer and listed in no specific order.

Craig Kelley:

I'm an Arkansan by birth and then became an Oklahoman for the next 40 years as my father worked for the BNSF Railroad in OKC and Tulsa during my younger years. My family and I recently made the move back to NWA in May 2023. I work in the Oil and Gas Industry as a Manager, Land & Right of Way for a Crude Oil and Natural Gas Midstream Company. We operate in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas with well over 4,000 miles of pipeline and thousands of landowners that we partner with.

For the last 17 years I have worked alongside large teams of engineers, geologists, surveyors, market and financial analysts, and c-suite executives to support and maintain financial budgets/forecasts, core values and company growth. I've held previous memberships with the OKC Chamber of Commerce and the Edmond Chamber of Commerce along with multiple industry specific professional memberships. I hold a bachelor's degree in business management from Oklahoma State University.

My family and I became members of Lost Bridge Village in February of 2023 with the purchase of our property off of Buckhorn Dr. I have been married to my wife, Amber, for 17 years this coming January and we have two children who are active in the Pea Ridge School District.

Currently, I am on the LBVCA ACC Committee where we collectively advise and guide residents on future projects.

While living in Oklahoma City I had the pleasure of serving a term as both President and Vice President of Charter Oak Hills HOA in 2010 and 2011. Working with landowners and residents has always been a passion of mine and it suits my personality perfectly.

I enjoy boating, hiking, DIY projects, and spending time with my family (mostly on the baseball fields and watching cheer competitions!)

Obtaining the opportunity to continue to work with LBVCA would be a great pleasure and I hope to work with you soon!

Jonathan Henak:

I am a seasoned finance and accounting professional with extensive experience in managing financial operations, budgeting, and strategic planning. Throughout my career, I have earned a reputation for having a meticulous attention to detail, strong analytical skills, and commitment to delivering financial success for the organizations I work with.

For the past 15 years, I have made Lost Bridge Village my second home. My vision of Lost Bridge focuses on balancing development with sustainability, ensuring that the village remains a welcoming and thriving place for families, businesses, and visitors alike.

As a father of three boys, I have fully embraced the values that the Lost Bridge community holds dear: close family bonds, local involvement, and a deep respect for the surrounding environment. My involvement in the community extends beyond just my family, as I actively support local initiatives that promote education, economic growth, and the well-being of its residents.

Whether managing complex financial matters or spending quality time with my children in the great outdoors, my leadership is driven by a desire to contribute meaningfully to both my family and the community. My dedication to integrity, resilience, and long-term vision continues to guide my professional and personal life.

Vision for 2025 - Lost Bridge Community Board Member:

As a board member, my vision for 2025 centers around ensuring the continued growth and success of the Lost Bridge community through a proactive approach. This includes aligning community dues with the rising costs of maintaining high-quality services and amenities, ensuring the financial stability of the community. Additionally, I aim to develop a hybrid solution that combines the expertise of a professional management company with a lean, efficient office staff. This balance will allow us to streamline operations, reduce overhead, and focus resources on community development, all while maintaining a high level of service. Together, these steps will position the Lost Bridge community for long-term success and growth.

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Melissa Isham:

Born and raised as a small-town farm girl, I have always valued hard work, strong community ties, and a love for the outdoors. My family and I have been proud members of Lost Bridge Village since 2018. Currently residing in Wichita, KS, we visit the Village as often as possible, cherishing the time spent at the lake. This past summer, I had the privilege of staying at the lake with my youngest son, while my husband and older children joined us whenever they could. Lost Bridge has become my family's happy place, and it is our intention to eventually make it our permanent home.

My husband and I are blessed with four boys, ages 6, 17, and two 19-year-olds. Together, we enjoy the Village's wonderful amenities, including the pool, rec center, pickleball courts, and airstrip, as well as spending time on the lake.

My professional journey began with a degree in Psychology, which I earned in 2012 while working in various social work positions. In 2013, my husband launched a small construction business, and I supported him while continuing my own career in a mental health outpatient clinic. Over the years, I advanced from a part-time secretary to Director of Operations at the clinic. At the same time, I helped grow our construction business from a two-person home office into a thriving company with over 40 employees.

In 2018, I transitioned to a full-time role in our business as the head of Human Resources, where I implemented policies and processes to ensure continued success. After structuring the department to run efficiently without me, I was able to pursue my dream of becoming a certified Life Coach. Today, I run a growing business dedicated to helping others achieve their goals. My areas of expertise include customer relations, advertising, asset management, human resources, and basic accounting. Throughout my career, I have consistently focused on people, valuing their perspectives and working to find solutions that balance their needs with financial responsibility.

Thomas Capps:

Tom Capps is a recently retired-professional from Tulsa Oklahoma. He worked for a large natural gas utility company that serves over two million customers across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas for 30 years. Tom began his career in Wichita and has held leadership roles of increasing responsibility in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. His passions are safety and supporting the growth of team members. Through the course of his tenure at a large utility company Tom has gained experience managing large teams, optimizing annual budgets, and leading operational teams to manage and update pipeline infrastructure in a safe and efficient manner.

Tom holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in human resource management from Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Tom has gained experience working on multiple boards across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Most notably were his recent roles when he served as a board member for the Rio Grande Valley Partnership that supported the economic interests of 32 cities in the greater Rio Grande Valley Metroplex. Additionally, Tom gained experience serving as a Board of Directors member with The Texas Gas Association, County Fair, along with numerous Chamber of Commerce Associations throughout Oklahoma and Texas.

Tom has been a member of Lost Bridge Village since August of 2012. During the last 15 years, he has developed a love for Striper fishing on Beaver Lake and socializing with friends and neighbors in Lost Bridge Village. He is looking forward to spending many summer seasons enjoying lake time and fishing with his close friends, and family, especially his three adult children and five grandchildren.

Pete Lawlor:

As a member of our community for the past 14 years, I have developed a deep appreciation for the neighborhood and its residents. I am committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community.

If elected to the Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees, I will focus on ensuring financial transparency, maintaining property values, fostering open communication, and enhancing our shared amenities. I believe in a balanced approach that reflects the interests of all homeowners and promotes a thriving, welcoming neighborhood.

I would be honored to represent you and contribute to the continued success of our community.

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Amanda Allen:

With a robust background in Organization Leadership, I am honored to nominate myself for the position on the LBVA Board of Trustees. My professional journey, marked by dedication, innovation, and a passion for community service, aligns with the core values and mission of the LBVA.

Education and Early Career

I graduated with a B.S in Organizational Leadership from Southern Nazarene University, where I developed a strong foundation in Commercial Business Leadership. My early career began at Commercial Financial Services, (Tulsa, Ok 1994-1997) where I honed my skills in lending and finance, gaining invaluable experience that has shaped my professional ethos.

Professional Experience

Over the years, I have held various positions at esteemed organizations such as Allen Construction Management, 2000 – 2007 Prescott Valley, Arizona which developed rural land for homeowners interested in rural country living. In my role as Office Manager there, I oversaw land development, land acquisition, development of CC&R's, overall yearly budget adherence, and voting rights. My current role as Account Director for Strategic Global Accounts at Microsoft shows my ability to work and coordinate with a diverse group of leaders to obtain maximum yearly goals and customer satisfaction. I have 20+ years of leadership at an executive level.

Vision for the LBVA

As a candidate for the LBVA Board of Trustees, my vision is to preserve our community culture and foster an inclusive environment. I am committed to promoting growth, maintaining public services and events, and ensuring financial responsibility. My leadership skills will help represent both new and long-standing members of Lost Bridge Village.

Innovation and Growth

In today's rapidly evolving landscape, innovation is paramount. My experience in Commercial Land and Housing Development has equipped me with the tools to navigate and spearhead change. I aim to bring fresh perspectives to the board, focusing on affordable rural development, and leveraging data we can present to our members with coordinated surveys to propel the LBVA decision making forward.

Collaboration and Teamwork

The success of any board hinges on collaboration and teamwork. Throughout my career, I have thrived in collaborative environments, working alongside diverse teams to achieve common goals. I look forward to working with fellow trustees to cultivate a culture of inclusivity, transparency, and mutual respect.

Personal Interests

Outside of my professional endeavors, I am passionate about fishing and outdoor sports that are family friendly, which have taught me a great appreciation of our community culture at Lost Bridge. These interests not only enrich my personal life but also inform my professional approach, ensuring a well-rounded and balanced perspective.

In conclusion, I am eager to bring my experience, skills, and vision to the LBVA Board of Trustees. I am committed to serving with integrity, dedication, and a forward-thinking mindset, ensuring that we uphold the values and mission of the LBVA. Together, we can achieve remarkable progress and create a lasting impact on our community.
Thank you for considering my nomination.