

## **Adam Farmer (011-09)**

My family and I came to the park in 2021 and fell in love with the family friendly atmosphere. We, like you, enjoy our beautiful park and everything it has to offer us. ATV's, river access, camp fires with close friends, all within close proximity to our homes, coming to the park is like taking a vacation every weekend. I want to be a part of ensuring that we continue to have that experience and hopefully be a part of molding and growing our park into a place our families will continue to enjoy in the future. I've been a Board member since October 2022. Since then our park has seen a complete change in the board of directors and park management. In Feb 2023 I was selected by the board to be President of the board of directors, I along with other great board members have been a part of getting the park back up and open this year. I agree with our DOR and Bylaws and believe that our rules are fundamental going forward to ensure the future of the park. As a small business owner I'm accustomed to being in the middle of controversial subjects and as a conservative minded individual being a part of the solution to them.

My Five year plan would be as follows. Business first, comfort issues as the budget allows.

Before Christmas 2023 repair bath house 1

The culvert in Block 6, in order to repair it properly I believe we need to basically make it a low water bridge so campers can cross and we don't interfere with the foundation of the rail road crossing.

The pump house needs immediate attention and needs to be made of well insulated material and possibly a solar system to ensure our system doesn't freeze like it did last year in the event of a power outage.

Paying off debt that the park has had for years. I believe that being debt free is fundamental going forward.

Unattended and abandoned lots in the park need to be addressed, pruning is essential to growth. I would like to have a security officer and this be part of their job.

A better solution to our sewage issue. Pumping will always have its problems, I believe we need a permanent solution.

A place the kids can ride without dusting everyone out and can sling a little dirt without causing some ruckus. Maybe purchase some land close and make some ATV trails.

I would also like to see the park purchase a lot or property close to the low water bridge so everyone would have a good access point for floating to the honey hole.

To build a new community building that is temperature controlled with restrooms for the purpose of our meetings and POA events.

Move our main office to the first gate.

## **Jason Thompson (048-05)**

My name is Jason Thompson I am running for the board of directors of Riverbend park. I have been in the park for the past 4 years I have also served on the board for approximately the last year. I have owned Thompson Electric and handyman services llc. For the past 5 years. I have truly tried in every way I can to do what I believe is best for Riverbend park while I have been on the board. I ask that you consider me when you cast your vote for the board members. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me

## **Dewayne House (086-05)**

My name is Dewayne House. I live in Bono Ark. with Kandi Barnes Wyse (House). We are getting married Aug 19th. I have 1 son / daughter in law and 1 grandson.

Kandi and I started coming to the park 6 years ago with her parents, Lavaughn and Dorothy Barnes when they bought in Block 5, Lots 83 – 85, which Kandi now owns. Late 2021, Kandi and I bought next door, Lot 86, and love it. We look forward to many years here in the park and plan to raise our grandson here.

From 1995 until 2001 I was on the board of the Valley View School Athletic Booster Club. The last 3 years I served as the Secretary, Vice President and President of the board. We directed the basketball, baseball, and volley ball elementary sports programs. We had roughly 500 kids in the program each year. We were profitable each year and made donations to other school activities and events.

I have worked for Camfil Air Pollution Control in Jonesboro for 37 years. Starting in 1986 I worked in several positions including, maintenance, research and development, plant production supervisor, field service tech, installation / project manager on overseas installations. In 2013 I moved to Manchester, England for 1 year as Project / Plant Manager starting a new production facility. Since 2014, I have been the Global Field Service and Warranty Manager.

Due to some of the events that have happened in the last year here in the park, I couldn't sit and watch any longer. My theory on life is, "If you want better, make it better". So I submitted my Bio in February and was elected by the board to one of the open positions.

Do you realize that 7 of our 9 board members have been appointed to fill vacancies since the election in Sept. 2022 ?

The park faced some major challenges to start this year due to neglect by our former park manager and some of the blame should fall on the previous board. The park was not winterized. It cost over \$ 40,000 to repair the damages. We had busted water pumps, water lines and pool cleaning systems. The bath houses were inoperable (busted toilets), the tractor was broken. After doing nearly nothing all winter, every employee quit but 1. He had been laid off for the winter. With a lot of hard work by the primarily new board , our new maintenance crew and many volunteers, the park was opened on time. With these unexpected cost and many people being late paying their assessments, the budget has been tight. We still have some ongoing issues like the bath house in Block 4 and the road tile going into Block 6 that need to be addressed and fixed correctly. This short fall has caused delays of other projects like buying gravel for the roads.

I have attended every meeting since elected and feel that I have made a positive impact on the board. I was appointed by Board President Adam Farmer to chair the By Laws Committee. I feel we have a very strong committee with board members Debra Meyers, Yancy Deloach and 2 volunteer POA members.

I believe, I bring a lot of knowledge, an open mind, and structure to the board and will vote for what is best for the majority River Bend Park. I will not be able to be in the park every week or weekend and can't be involved with every project. I have committed to the meetings, special committees and projects where I can add benefit and would like to continue my service. We need to continue looking for ways to improve the park and I want to bring back security to the park.

In conclusion, I challenge YOU, the Members on the POA to get involved. There have been several major decisions made this year like, Quiet Time, Pool hours, and Lot Leasing. Many of these topics affect the majority of the POA members. These subjects were voted on by the POA, not the Board of Directors. Since March of this year, the most votes on any subject at a POA meeting was 43 votes. Roughly 10% of the POA membership is making decisions for "YOU". Changes to the Rules and Regulations and POA Finances. Do you like the direction the park is going ? Get involved, Keep track of the meetings and events on the River Bend Property Owners Facebook page. Come to the meetings. Cast your vote. Let your voice be heard.

**"If you want better, make it better"**

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate your vote

**Debra Myers (052-02)**

My name is Debra (Debbie Myers) and my husband Rick and I bought in River Bend Park on 9/17/21. We live in Charleston, SC, but spend the majority of our time at our "River Home" Block 2, Lot 52 during March through November, since I semi-retired. I made promise to the POA that if they elected me to fulfill another board members term, I would attend all board & POA meetings. I have not missed a meeting since being elected. I have also taken on the role of Treasurer, volunteered to work in the office as a back-up to the office personnel, in addition, I am also serving on the By-Laws committee.

I have previously served on a board and also bring an extensive business knowledge and experience to the POA Board. I have been a successful real estate agent for the last 23 years and was recognized in the top 5% of realtors nationwide. Because of my real estate experience, I know the importance of POA board members making informed and educated business decisions that can make the POA a success and keep all of our property values up. Prior to my real estate career, I owned and operated 3 Hallmark Stores in Texas adding to my business qualifications to serve as a board member. I have the knowledge to prepare budgets, assist with & amend the POA by-laws (as necessary), interpret and understand contracts, work with River Bend personal, the capacity to make quick decisions in emergency situations and represent the members in River Bend to the best of my ability. I'm an open book and will always vote what I believe is the best for the majority of the membership, but will support and stand behind whatever is voted on.

I see great things to come with this park and hope the POA members vote "Yes" to allow me to continue to work for the POA members to make this park a place where we can all enjoy it, along with our friends and family.

**Michele Sharp (004-04)**

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Michele Sharp. I have been a resident of sharp county since 2001 and have had a lot in Riverbend Park since July 2022. We more recently purchased block 4 lot 3-4 and we are working on renovating and improving our happy place.

I am a retired nurse of 28 years and spend almost every day in the park during opening season unless I have things to do on our local farm, so I am able to dedicate myself as a board member. I also have 8 years of military background where I served in the USAF.

I feel I can bring an unbiased vote to the board and POA because of not being familiar with very many people in the park, but having my own home in the park.

I have also owned my own business that I am 100% responsible for, which add to my ability to be a board member. I design and manage my own budget, and sometimes am forced to make hard decisions. I want what is best for this park and can vote without bias on hard matters this board faces.

## **Yancy DeLoach (013-06)**

Riverbend Property Owner: Block 6 – Lots 13,14 and 70.

Born and raised in Leland, MS where I grew up in town but spent most of my time on my Uncle's farm. I was farming from the time I was 12, starting off raising cattle along the Mississippi River. I went from that to my Uncle's farm in which I was to inherit, but unfortunately he died in a butane explosion and the farm was sold. After that I had to take a different route and started farming with 4 brothers. We started with 1500 acres and built the farm up to 5000 acres. We were the first in the Mississippi Delta to run laser land leveling equipment. I have land formed 1000's of acres and helped build a very successful farm operation. 17 years later, Kumiai Chemical, a company based out of Japan, approached me about a management position so I left the farm for more stable hours and to be able to spend more time with my family. I have now been in Ag. chemical research for the last 27 years as the station manager. Kumiai Chemical, in Leland, MS is the only research station the company has in the U.S.A. I have been a property owner and at one time, for many years, owned numerous rental houses and apartment buildings. I have served on the Board of The Deer Creek Town and Racquet Club including two terms as Board President.

Family:

My wife, Cindy Gifford DeLoach and I have 3 sons.

Nathan DeLoach, who farms here in Leland, wife Brianne and two sons,

Grady DeLoach, GPS tractor programmer with John Deere, Inc. Portland, AR, wife Ashley

Cort DeLoach, Lineman with Twin County Electric Power Association, Belzoni, MS

Education:

Graduated from Leland High School

Attended Jr. College at MS Delta Community College with a major in General Field Crop Technology.

University: Attended University of Arkansas at Russellville where I pursued a degree in Ag. Business

Finance.

Thank you for your consideration,

## **Earnest Hall (159-06)**

Hello, my name is Earnest Hall. I am 39 years old. I have been happily married to my wife Tiffany Hall for 19 years, and we have 3 beautiful children together. We have been in and out of Riverbend Park for the last 15 years. I've been on the board for the past 4 months. I am 100% for the POA and hoping I have proven that. I have really enjoyed standing up and speaking for the POA.

I have been a small business owner for 10 years now, Earnest Hall Transport. I haul gravel and grain.

I see myself as someone who values open-mindedness, kindness, and compassion. My goal is to make the Park a better place than I found it, and making a positive and lasting difference for the POA, While being aware of the complex problems that exist in our Park.

I don't believe in failure, I believe that learning from experiences is the key to progress and that the only failure is not trying.

I hope yall give me the chance to show and prove what I can do.