



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
448 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 190  
City of Salida, Colorado

To: Mayor Dickson and City Council

From: Dara MacDonald, City Administrator

Re: NRCDC Board Interviews

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- I. NRCDC Board Interviews
  1. Bob Grether – (6:00 p.m.)
  2. James McConaghy – (6:10 p.m.)
  3. Rusty Granzella – (6:20 p.m.)
  4. Jeff Auxier – (6:40 p.m.)

February 10, 2015

Honorable Mayor Dickson  
City Council Members  
City of Salida, CO

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I understand there is a vacancy on the NRC Board and would like to express my interest in being on the Board. In the interest of full disclosure, I am part of the Pinto Barn Inc. and have a part ownership in the parcel adjacent to the Forest Service owned by Pinto Barn Holdings, LLC. On any NRC matters that might directly involve that Parcel, I would of course recuse myself although any future approvals for development of that parcel would involve only the City of Salida and not the NRC.

I feel uniquely qualified for the position as an architect and developer for over forty years and enjoy the process of analyzing and promoting the best future uses of this incredibly important property. Since it is a gateway to our City, it is critical that we not only identify the best uses but that we also ensure the highest possible quality of planning and design. We only have one chance to do it right.

If chosen I will use my background in urban design and real estate to work with the others on the Board and interested members of the community toward what I believe can help make our special City even stronger.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bob Grether  
502 Ouray Avenue  
Salida, CO

## RESUME

Updated 2-16-2015

### **James R. McConaghy**

DOB 5/3/1942

Citizenship: USA

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### Professional Education:

1964 B.S. Ch.E., Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

1966 M.S. Ch.E., Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

1968 Ph.D. Ch.E., Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

### Professional Licenses and Registration:

Professional Engineer, Colorado, No. 30428

Professional Engineer, Oklahoma, No. PE 17021

Reg. Technical Service Provider, USDA/NRCS, Reg. No. TSP-03-2383

### Business Affiliation, since 1998:

Antero Engineering, PLLC

Manager/Principal Engineer, (sole owner)

Oil shale process development & economics

Hydrocarbon processing

Water engineering

### Employment:

1964-1973: Captain, U.S. Army Reserve, Corps of Engineers

Assigned 1968-1970 NASA Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH, Advanced Reactor  
Concepts Branch, Nuclear Systems Division.

1967-1998: Sr. Research Fellow, Conoco Inc.

Catalytic processing (reforming, hydrocracking, hydrodesulfurization).

Heavy oil utilization (HDS, HDN, metals removal, H<sub>2</sub> donor cracking).

Petroleum coke/calcining research & process development.

Shale oil retort process development (Conoco Chevron STB Retort semiworks).

Mesophase pitch/carbon fiber process development.

Carbon fiber applications development.

1998 – Present: Manager/Principal Engineer, Antero Engineering, PLLC

Antero Engineering, PLLC Projects

Conoco Inc and ConocoPhillips Company, 1999 to Present:

Consultant to the Conoco and ConocoPhillips carbon fiber business. Consulted in the areas of mesophase pitch manufacture and the production of pitch based carbon fiber. Managed field trials of prototype fiber in various applications including lithium ion batteries, automotive applications and cement based products.

Consultant to ConocoPhillips in the general area of oil shale processing. Sub-projects include; retort selection, preliminary plant design and economics, technical representative for ConocoPhillips for a WGI (now URS) budget design and cost estimate. Continuing general consulting on oil shale and petroleum coke projects.

American Shale Oil, LLC (AMSO), (JV - Total SA and Genie Energy), 2007 to Present:

Consultant to AMSO in the general area of shale oil processing. Preliminary design of surface processing facilities to separate and quantify shale oil production from an in-situ oil shale pilot retorting test. Technical supervision of the design-for-construction of the project surface facilities. Development and qualification of downhole equipment. Operating plan and operating procedure development and training. HSE consulting.

Water Conveyance, Irrigation and BFE studies

1992 to Present

Multiple projects for the design, construction and operational startup of agricultural and small hydropower installations; both as a registered Technical Service Provider to the USDA/NRCS and for privately funded projects.

Small drainage based flood elevation determination studies for multiple residential construction projects.

EnviroGroup Ltd.

2009

Process design for an oil and gas produced water evaporation facility.

Other

18 US Patents

Several recent technical publications.

Familiarity with water and air environmental permitting requirements for commercial construction and facility operations.

To: Dara MacDonald, City Administrator, City of Salida  
From: James R. McConaghy, P.E.  
Date: February 18, 2015  
Subject: Expression of Interest in Serving on the NRCDC Board

This note is to supplement the brief expression of interest and resume that I send to Walt Harder on February 16, 2015. I apologize for the brevity of my original note which did not fully describe the specific potential contributions I can offer to the NRCDC Board.

As noted previously, I am a Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Colorado. Expertise specifically relevant to the NRCDC board includes:

Preparation of project designs including both process and civil works (layout, roads, bridges, dams, irrigation ditches and pipelines, drainage, water supply and wastewater).

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Preparation of Request for Proposal documents for engineering design and construction projects. Follow up monitoring of design and construction through all phases including owner acceptance as the project owner's representative. Subsequent project startup. This expertise will be helpful in evaluating the performance of engineering and construction contractors retained by the Board or City.

Familiarity with air, water and hazardous waste permitting required by State of Colorado and Federal agencies. This knowledge will be particularly helpful in evaluating potential light industries interested in locating in the Vandever Ranch development.

Cost estimating and direct construction project management.

Economic analysis including internal rate of return (IRR) evaluation of capital projects. This experience will be helpful in evaluating the economic viability of projects proposed by potential developers.

The economic scope of my project experience described above, and in my previously submitted resume, ranges from a few thousand dollars to over 6 billion dollars.

I have no conflicts of interest related to City of Salida or NRCDC activities.

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## NRCDC Board Position Interest - James R McConaghy additional information.

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**James McConaghy** <jmccconaghy@bresnan.net>  
To: administrator@cityofsalida.com

Wed, Feb 18, 2015 at 10:35 AM

Dara:

I have added additional, and more NDCRC specific, information to my expression of interest in filling one of the open NRCDC Board positions below and as an attachment.

I did not communicate my interest earlier because the level of commitment to my existing professional clients was not well defined until 10 AM on this past Monday. Enough time has now opened in my commitment schedule to allow full participation in NRCDC Board activities.

I am looking forward to discussing my interest and qualifications with you or your staff.

*Jim McConaghy*

James R. McConaghy, P.E.

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FEBRUARY 10, 2015

TO: CITY OF SALIDA, COUNCIL

RE: NRCDC BOARD MEMBER OPENING

I WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE RECENTLY VACATED NRCDC BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS.

I AM A CHAFFEE COUNTY AND CITY OF SALIDA RESIDENT. PAST EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN ON THE SALIDA R-32-J SCHOOL BOARD FOR 8 YEARS DURING WHICH THE BUILDING OF THE CURRENT HEAD START CENTER, THE NEW SALIDA HIGH SCHOOL AND THE NEW LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCCURRED. ALSO, I WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE FACILITIES(PHYICAL AFFAIRS) COMMITTEE AND ON THE DESIGN TEAMS FOR SHS AND LES.

MY WIFE AND I ARE AND HAVE BEEN REAL ESTATE OWNERS, MINOR DEVELOPERS AND LANDLORDS FOR ABOUT 15-20 YEARS.

AS WITH MOST NEW BOARD MEMBERS, I WOULD BE BEHIND THE KNOWLEDGE CURVE AS TO WHERE THE BOARD IS, BUT BELEIVE THE CURRENT MEMBERS WOULD BE PROFESSIONAL IN BRINGING UP TO DATE ANY NEW MEMBERS.

THANK YOU

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**Jeff Auxier**

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11 February 2015

City Council  
City of Salida  
448 E. First St.  
Salida, CO 81201

RE: Jeff Auxier's Letter of Interest for the Salida Natural Resource Center  
Development Corporation Board of Directors

Dear City Council, City of Salida:

I respectfully submit this letter of interest and request that I be considered for selection to the Board of Directors of the Salida Natural Resources Center Development Corporation (NRCDC). I believe I would be a great asset to the Board, as I could bring at least the following experience to it:

- intimate knowledge of the corporate and real estate transaction history of the NRCDC;
- background of successful real estate development in Chaffee County;
- background of successful \$million+ spec home construction in Eagle County;
- knowledge of legal and banking issues facing the NRCDC with regards to future development;
- true and actual resident of the City of Salida;
- desire to serve the best interests of the citizens of the City of Salida to the

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best of my ability; and,

- complete absence of any commercial and / or business interest to be gained through the development of the NRCDC and / or the Vandaveer Ranch.

I thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to addressing the Council on February 17, 2015, when the Council will consider filling the five vacancies that presently exist on the Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Auxier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent than the last name "Auxier".

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