



City of Princeton

Application for Commission or Board

DATA CLASSIFICATION ADVISORY: Please be advised that the information that you are requested to provide is classified as private data pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13.43 except for the following data which is classified as public data: (1) name; (2) city of residence except when the appointment has a residency requirement that requires the entire address to be public; (3) education and training; (4) employment history; (5) volunteer work; (6) awards and honors; (7) prior government service.

If you are appointed to a position on a board or commission, the following additional data will be classified as public data: (1) residential address; (2) either a telephone number or electronic mail address where the appointee can be reached, or both at the request of the appointee. Any electronic mail address or telephone number provided by the city for use by an appointee shall be public. An appointee may use an electronic mail address or telephone number provided by the public body as the designated electronic mail address or telephone number at which the appointee can be reached.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

EDMONDS
Last Name

JACK
First Name

E.
Middle Initial

FOR WHICH BOARD(S) ARE YOU APPLYING?:

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

HRA BOARD

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CABLE TV BOARD

PARK & REC BOARD

TREE BOARD

ECONOMIC DEV. AUTH.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN PRINCETON?:

71 YEARS

WHAT INTERESTS YOU ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION OR BOARD?

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU BELIEVE IS IMPORTANT IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION:

(Additional information may be written on the back or on a separate sheet)

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT:

- I have read and understand the Data Classification Advisory above.

- I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if appointed.

Jack Edmonds
SIGNATURE

Apr. 15, 2022
DATE

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____

Appointment Date _____

Appointed: Yes No

Term End Date _____

April 15, 2022

Mayor and Council;

Thank you for considering my application for the open seat on the Princeton Public Utilities Commission.

I am a lifetime resident of the Princeton area. I have lived in the City of Princeton since 2004. I am married to my wife Doris, June 20th will be 50 yrs and have two adult children and two Grandchildren.

I made a decision after moving into the City to start giving back to the only place, other than three years of Military service, I have ever lived or wanted to live. My first elected position was to the Mille Lacs County Board representing the City of Princeton. I served two terms. (8 yrs). I was the Chair for one year. Mixed in with that position I served 7 years on the Mille Lacs County Ag. Society and 8 years on the East Central Regional Library Board representing Mille Lacs County. I also served on other County related boards including the East Central Regional Development Commission.

While serving on the Mille Lacs County Board I applied and was appointed to the City Airport Board where I served two terms and later the City Planning Commission where I served for about 10 years. I don't remember the exact timelines of those appointments.

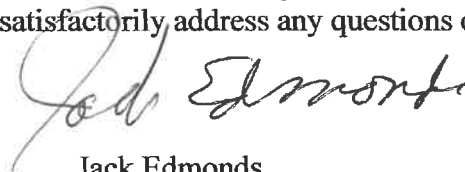
In 2016 I was elected to the Princeton City Council. The most relevant position I held on the Council as it pertains to this application was being the Liaison to the Public Utilities Commission for about 3 years.

I chose to run for the Mille Lacs County Board in 2020 and was unsuccessful. I am presently serving on the City Airport Board, Mille Lacs County Historical Society Board and I am the Commander of American Legion Post 216 in Princeton.

I have always been a strong advocate supporting the Public Utilities in Princeton. The residents of Princeton are very fortunate to have this service. In recent years I have had a desire to serve on the Public Utilities Commission but have never wanted to displace any of the seated members. This open seat opens the door to that opportunity.

I put a lot of thought into my decision to apply for this position. I reached out to a few residents and people that I was confident would give me honest, non-objective input. Lee Steinbrecher, Tim&Mindi Seirks, Barry Schreiber, Eldon Johnson, Randy Hatch, Paul Whitcomb, Elaine Heirlinger to name a few. They were all very supportive.

Thank you again for considering me for this appointment. I am looking forward to interviewing for this position if that is the path you take. I hope I can satisfactorily address any questions or concerns you may have. Thanks again,



Jack Edmonds

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PUC Application Supplemental Questions

Are you a customer of Princeton Public Utilities (PPU)? The ordinance requires members of the Commission to be customers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you reside inside the Princeton City limits?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
How long have you been a customer of PPU? In Years	18	
Are you a water, electric or customer of both?	<input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	
Are you a commercial/industrial or residential customer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential
PUC meetings occur the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Are you available to meet at that time?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you able to comply with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law? Please refer to MN Statutes 13D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you able to maintain confidentiality of information you receive during a commission meeting that is deemed confidential?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

What interests you about serving on the PUC?

I am a lifetime resident of the Princeton area. I have lived in the City for 18 years. My primary interest is simply my desire to serve. While serving on the City Council I was the Council liaison to the Public Utilities Commission for about 3 years so if appointed I can hit the ground running so to speak. I never applied in the past because I had no desire to compete against any of the already seated Commissioners. Having an open seat created the opportunity for me to apply.

What do you know about municipal utilities?

Municipal Utilities were created by State Legislation. The primary intent of the Legislation is to allow the Utility to operate independently of City government. The respective Cities that have Municipal Utilities create a separate Commission to oversee its operations. The Commission is appointed by the City Council. The primary function of the Commission is to set local policy and insure that it operates within the State Statutes as they pertain to Municipal Public Utilities.

What are the top two or three issues that you think the PPU should address?

Customer service and keeping rates competitive should always be the first priority. Sound fiscal and long range planning policy should be primary objectives.

Please provide a description of any business management or budgeting experience that you may have.

I served 8 years on the Mille Lacs County Board. One year as Chair. That included serving on various County related Boards and committees such as the East Central Regional Library Board, East Central Regional Development Commission and others. That included about 7 years on the Mille Lacs County Ag Society.(Fairboard) I served 4 years on the Princeton City Council. I am a Mille Lacs County Historical Society Board member and I am the Commander of American Legion Post 216. Much of my private sector experience has been working in a family trucking business.