

Shady Grove Water Supply Corporation
2019 Board of Director Candidate Information

Board Position

Robert Key

Shady Grove Water Consumer Since: 1982

Lifetime Hunt Co. resident

Board of Director Experience: Currently serving on Shady Grove Special Utility District since 2013. Concurrently serving on the board of a National Association representing our State with Texas Vegetation Management Association (TVMA). Approaching 30 years of experience serving on multiple financial and operational committees including contract negotiations.

Business/Governmental Experience: 35 years in the utility industry. Utility risk management for the public and employees. Experienced and certified working knowledge of Shady Grove equipment. Previous owner of two successful restaurants; current owner of Key Rental Properties.

Education: South Plains College-Levelland, Texas; Texas Excavation Safety System for Underground Facility Damage Prevention; Texas Electric Loss Control. International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified Arborist and ISA certified Utility Arborist.

Personal Statement: In my 35 years in the utility business, I have a firm understanding of the statement “if you are not moving forward, you are moving backwards”. We as a Special Utility District/Water system are faced with this task. We can make the choice to grow or eventually be taken over and risk not having a voice in the choices made. As for myself and Shady Grove consumers, we all have a vested interest and responsibility to our children and grandchildren to ensure that Shady Grove SUD remains solvent. My family has been on this system for many years before me and my children have laid roots here and plan to be on the system for many years to come.

My goals are to continue to be an instrumental part in helping deliver the best, most reliable service at the most reasonable price possible; while protecting our precious natural resources and environment for our generations to come.

We are in the process of extending our lines Northward in accordance with our most recent grant. Unfortunately, this is likely to be the last grant that will be available. We are also entering into funding negotiations for our first water tower and backup generator. In addition to keeping all facilities and equipment up-to-date and operating properly.

During this last term we together have reworked the pump station on I-30 and replaced miles of old, problematic pipe that runs along I-30 and across country on both the North and South sides. The new line extensions on the North side of I-30 will continue to enable families to have a dependable water supply that they have not been able to have in the past. The monies saved by converting to a SUD has allowed us to create funding for other projects as well as make a substantial impact on recovering our costs to convert.

I would like to say that I do not take my position and the tasks before us lightly. Seeing these tasks to completion is a personal goal for myself as well as the other board members currently serving. I would like to thank each of you for entrusting us/me with these tasks.

