Candidate Statements

**Ryan Jacob**

Hello everyone! For those who don’t know me, my name is Ryan Jacob and I’m pleased to announce my candidacy for a position on the Ghost River Ranch POA Board of Directors. I am excited for the opportunity to help in any way I can to bring out the best in our community.

My wife Michelle and I moved here in early 2021 with the hilarious idea that I could retire. It only took about 3 months before I realized I still had quite a bit of work left in me, so I took the position of SCADA Administrator with Pueblo Water. We live on the ranch full time and are almost finished building our house. We both love the great views and solitude that come with living here. We have been married 20 years and have a son in Oregon and a daughter in college in Washington.

During my career as an Electrical Engineer, I worked for several design-build firms building and programming water, wastewater, and oil/gas plants. This background gives me a unique perspective on planning, budgeting, and building things from the ground up. I plan to bring that understanding to the position in order to help prioritize and undertake the tasks at hand in our community.

We really enjoy our place here and want everyone else to feel the same about this community. We all have reasons we moved here, and going forward I think we can create even more reasons to stay.

**Esther Kevan**

Howdy. I’m Esther Kevan and over the years I’ve held 3 offices at the same time; out of the four organizations I’m in. I am 100% country, rancher/farmer, homesteader, animal lover all my life. I’ve lived off grid most of my life. I built my own home in 1992 from the ground up. I do love working with my hands, doing construction work, building swimming pools and landscaping around the homes.

I believe in being self sufficient and growing enough food for ourselves and others, I’m a stuart of the land and animals.

I’ve spent 5 years being a caregiver to my parents. I lost my father in 2018, and my mother 2019, in July of 2019. I’m finally home full time but with a job injury and a car accident.

**Jennifer White**

Jenn White has been a year-round resident of Ghost River Ranch for four years.  She is familiar with the challenges of the home building process on the ranch, including how county official turnover slows and complicates the process.  It is Jenn's goal to support current and future residents as they navigate these hurdles while continuing the work of the POA coalition meetings, which she helped organize and facilitate, that provided a platform for the voices of all POA members while building positive community connections in GRR.