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Q1

Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

Government must encourage a business environment.

Q2

What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

I am the founding member of the Doddridge County Chamber of Commerce, and an started my own unique business when the opportunity occurred.

Q3

Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

Doddridge County Chamber of Commerce, Doddridge County Economic Development Authority, Doddridge County Lions Club,

Q4

West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

A shortage of drinking water. I'd like to work with DHHR to update the drinking water quality testing guidelines

Q5

During the 2020 Legislative Session, SJR 9 and SB 837 moved in the West Virginia Senate, but fell short of the votes needed to move to the House of Delegates. The intent of the effort was to allow West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment to phase-out/repeal of manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment tax, business inventory, and tax on passenger vehicles while making local governments and schools whole. Please describe your ideas for addressing this issue which requires a change to the West Virginia Constitution.

I need more information.

Q6

What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

Develop wind/solar, diversify agriculture, increase tourism

Q7

Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

Readily accessible treatment centers, legalize marijuana

Q8

Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

These are federal laws to be observed. Any cultural issues arising would have to be mitigated.

Q9

What are your specific ideas related to developing a diverse and skilled workforce in West Virginia?

Doddridge county has set a great example for enhancing the workforce, and creating more opportunities of our young people by adding a trade training center!

Q10

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rule for the 2021 Legislative Session to adopt a portion of US EPA recommended human health criteria which established limits for certain environmental permits. The WVMA is actively involved in ongoing discussions related to these criteria and supports the WV DEPs approach to establish an active work group to further evaluate these important measures. Please describe your position on the proposed rule.

I need more specific information.

Q11

Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

While safe clean drinking water is my platform, I believe industry can thrive when we have good infrastructure. Industry also needs clean water to survive. Its a team effort.

Q12

What would you like to share with our members that we have not asked?

A solid infrastructure is a breeding ground for industry, jobs, and families to thrive. I am focused on clean water, better roads, and broadband for all.

Q13

Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Yes, remote is better at this time.

Q14

Where may the WVMA follow you on Social Media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

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