The City of Harrisonburg, VA Boards & Commissions

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Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Harrisonburg Electric Commission has a focus on reliable energy for its community members, while supporting the City of Harrisonburg's Environmental Action Plan, adopted in November 2020. Renewable energy is a key part of a sustainable energy future, but adoption of new technology and understanding how renewable energy contributes to reliable energy for end users can present complicated challenges which have decade-long transaction cycles. As technology investments and subsequent energy contracts continue to change the framework for Utilities, the Commission has a unique decision-making role in representing the citizens of Harrisonburg. I have worked within the renewable energy industry at the commercial and utility-distribution level in Virginia for over 10 years and believe my experience can contribute positively to the Commission to help HEC and the City of Harrisonburg achieve their energy goals, while ensuring the foundation of reliable power.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

Harrisonburg Electric Commission presently operates an agreement with the Friendly City Solar project to allow for residents to have access to renewable energy as part of their energy solution. I am interested in knowing how more can be done to provide this type of energy at a more cost-effective rate to other residents of Harrisonburg, while at the same time ensuring that Harrisonburg Electric Commission has continuity of operations.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I have been working in the renewable energy industry since 2009 within the Commercial, Industrial, and Utility sectors. This experience includes construction of utility-fed solar and battery projects, coordination with Utilities over solar generator interconnections to the power grid, and Utility protective relay coordination. I am a business owner for two companies: Got Electric, a renewable energy construction company; and Got Utilities, and an overhead utilities medium voltage construction company. Most of my experience is gained through practical application and oversight of these industries in the private sector. I also have a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Mennonite University.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

I have not served in any community position previously, but look forward to this opportunity to contribute to our community.

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EPSAC Applicants only

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

ANDY HERSHBERGER

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I am an accomplished renewable energy design-build contractor with proven team and project management expertise. My experience is both technical and administrative, including development management, engineering management, construction management, estimating/budgeting, quality control/quality assurance, process improvement, and training. I have a passion for renewable energy and electrification infrastructure, as these industries are both technically challenging and key components to a sustainable energy future.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (PRESENT)

GOT Electric, LLC, Ijamsville, MD; Linville, VA

Vice President, Owner, 2019-Present

- Provide organizational development and oversight to renewable energy construction company in both technical and administrative roles.
- Provide quality control/quality assurance, oversight of commissioning, and other technical project oversight functions for renewable energy and infrastructure projects, including solar energy, grid response battery, and commercial electrical vehicle systems.
- Designated Virginia Class A License holder

GOT Utilities, LLC, Ijamsville, MD

Owner, 2022-Present

 Oversee business activities of High Voltage Construction Company, which provides high and medium voltage contractor solutions to major Utility companies and the commercial electrical contractor sector.

SELECT RECENT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Friendly City Solar project; Harrisonburg, VA.

Electrical contractor for 1.75 MWdc solar array servicing the City of Harrisonburg.

Endless Caverns Solar project, Rockingham County, VA

Electrical contractor for 36.0 MWdc solar array interconnected into Dominion distribution system.

Danville Utilities Battery, Danville, VA

Electrical contractor for Battery project servicing Danville Utilities, totaling 10.5 MW and 24.6 MWh.

Massanutten Solar Projects, Rockingham, VA

Engineering, Procurement, Construction Contractor for 1.8 MWDC of solar projects servicing Massanutten.

Nationals Stadium, Washington, DC

Engineering, Procurement, Construction Contractor for 1.5 MWDC of solar carports on top of the Nationals Stadium Garage

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING:

North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners, Certified Solar PV Installer, 2020 Class A Virginia Contractors License, 2019

Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 30 hour Occupational Safety and Health Training, 2016 Journeyman Electrician, Maryland, 2015

Virginia Contractor Specialty, Alternative Energy Systems, 2013

Eastern Mennonite University, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration and Project Management, 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (EXTENDED)

SGC Power, LLC, Elkridge, MD (Remote)

Executive Project Manager/Partner, 2016 - 2019

- Provide organizational building and oversight to the project delivery team for a growing engineering and project management consulting company.
- Provide project management services, overseeing both engineering and construction, including scheduling, budget, and other administrative project oversight functions for solar energy projects.
- Provide quality control/quality assurance, oversight of commissioning, and other technical project oversight functions for solar energy projects constructed nationally; both for in-house engineered projects and hired independent project management/engineering to support a host of clientele.

Conergy Projects, Inc., Miami, FL (Remote)

Project Manager, 2015 - 2016

- Oversee team of eight contract employees to construct 65 MW of solar energy projects over one year, managing coordination of direct and turn-key engineering and construction subcontractors.
- Oversee permitting and environmental considerations, including United States Army Core of Engineers 404 process, as well as Nationwide Permitting Process for Streams/Wetlands Impacts and Management.

Core Energy Management, LLC, Harrisonburg, VA

Owner, 2013 - 2016

 Provide Project Management, Construction Management, Quality Control/Quality Assurance, and other administrative project oversight functions for solar energy projects constructed in MN, NY, CT, VA, MD, NH, and NC.

Belectric, Inc., Newark, CA

Project Manager, 2012 – 2013

 On-site Project Manager for completion of 29MW system in Hagerstown, MD, primarily focused toward utility coordination and commissioning activities.