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Application for Nomination to the Board of Directors

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What knowledge and skills would you bring to our board? Please indicate your experience in the following categories.

Category	None	Fair	Good	Advanced
Board Governance			✓	
Strategic Planning			✓	
Administration and Policy Development			✓	
Human Resources (recruitment, hiring, evaluating)			✓	
Labor Relations			✓	
Finance and Accounting			✓	
Business Management				✓
Information Technology			✓	
Construction and Project Management			✓	
Government and Government Relations			✓	
Risk Management			✓	
Ethics			✓	
Legal			✓	
Communications, Public Speaking, Media Relations			✓	
Marketing			✓	
Board Development (recruitment, training, education)			✓	
Special Events (planning and implementation)			✓	
Land Agent		✓		
Tradesman (Gasfitter, Electrician, etc.)	✓			

List the Boards on which you serve/have served.

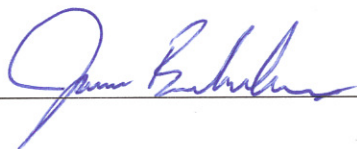
West Central Forage Association
Grace Lutheran Church Council
Yellowhead 4-H Beef District Council
Carrot Creek Community Association

Do you have experience in the gas co-op system? If so, provide details.

I have served on the Board of Directors as an Interim Director from December 2023 to present. My Father was also a Director of the Yellowhead Gas Coop from its beginning years and for many years after. So I remember some of the issues he talked about through the years and was always interested in how a rural utility works.

Are you bondable? YES NO

Signature: _____



Date: _____

Feb 28/24

Hello! My name is James Birkenhagen, and I would like to join the Yellowhead Gas Co-op Board of Directors. Together with my wife, I own and manage a cow/calf farm (that has been in our family for 79 years) in Carrot Creek. In addition to our beef operation, we have a school bus contracting company employing two community members as bus drivers. I have lived in Yellowhead County for my entire life, with the exception of the two years I spent in post-secondary at Olds College obtaining my diploma.

I have always believed in giving back to my community. As our farm transitions with my adult children taking on more of the primary responsibilities, I am excited to have additional time to commit to vital community organizations such as the Gas Co-op. As a farmer, business owner and parent, I have gained many skills that I can share with the Board. I have held executive and volunteer positions with several local organizations in the area. I have experience with land use and management, long term strategic planning, budgeting and financial projections, market forces, human resources and strong communication skills.

Thank you for considering me to join the Board of Directors of the Yellowhead Gas Co-op.