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## **The Montrose Recreation District General Election Candidates MAY 5, 2020**

There are three Board of Director (BOD) opportunities: one as a result of Director Jason Ullmann's term limit, two others from the end first term of Directors Christina Files and Amy Warthen.

**Eligible voters of the MRD may vote for three candidates, for 3-year terms.**

### **CHRISTINA FILES (Incumbent)**

I have enjoyed serving on the Montrose Recreation District Board of Directors since early 2018. As a Montrose native, I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in decision making of such an important organization. As we come out of these unprecedented times, discover our new normal and face new challenges of finding ways to help people reconnect and reengage, I would very much like to continue to be part of the MRD BOD.

I was born and raised in Montrose and graduated from Montrose High School. I was a part of the campaign to build the Montrose Community Recreation Center and was a co-leader of the campaign to build the new Columbine Middle School. It is here that I have chosen to raise my son and to continue to be involved in the community.

### **AMY WARTHEN (Incumbent)**

Hi there Montrose! I am excited to have the opportunity to continue serving our community through the Montrose Recreation District, MRD. My family and I have grown to call Montrose home as we have lived here close to 8 years now. Montrose has been a wonderful place to raise our 3 children and enjoy all the outdoor fun to be had! I have served on the MRD board for 5 years, along with the Montrose Recreation Foundation, MRF, currently serving as role of President for the past year. The foundation is an organization that supports the MRD with scholarships, both youth and senior, and supporting capital improvement projects.

I would love to be re-elected to the MRD Board of Directors. The MRD is everything I believe in! Providing opportunities to engage in active lifestyles, teamwork, sportsmanship, etc.... all just comes as a no brainer in my head. It's what I grew up with and what I remember! The MRD has made a positive impact within the Montrose community and I am excited to see our next steps together. Thank you for considering me to represent Montrose and in making a difference on the MRD team!

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## **MARK DREHER**

Mark Dreher is an entrepreneur with broad experience as a senior executive and company builder. After spending six years at Motorola Communications, Mark co-founded CommNet Cellular. He helped guide the company through its formation, initial public offering and ultimate evolution into the dominant rural cellular carrier in the US. CommNet was acquired by Verizon Wireless in 1999 for \$1.3 billion. He joined start-up Nextel Communications in 1993 as Area President with responsibility for managing all operations throughout the inter-mountain west. He established Nextel as the leading competitive wireless carrier in the region while growing the business from start-up to more than \$200 million in annual revenue.

In 1999, Dreher became Managing Principal of the iVention Group, a venture capital fund focused on early stage investing in telecommunications, technology and the Internet. He developed an innovative business accelerator-based investing model characterized by an operationally focused approach to working with portfolio companies. In 2005, he became the President and CEO of Knowledge Factor, a company focused on developing and deploying a unique learning solution delivered through a Software as a Service (SaaS) model. During his tenure, the company successfully raised private equity capital to fund operations and grew from a start-up to more than \$4 million in sales.

Currently, Dreher is a Principal at Inflection Point Partners, an independent consultancy delivering high value, rapid results in the sales, marketing and client services areas. Past clients have included leaders in education, B2B financial services and compliance.

A native of Colorado, Mark graduated from Colorado State University with a BS in Marketing, and earned his MBA at the University of Denver.

## **PAUL WIESNER**

The Montrose Recreation District has been an integral part of my family's life since moving to Montrose in 1986. All our children were involved in many Recreation District activities, especially swimming. All my children were involved in The Montrose Marlins swim team and went on to swim in college. I have been involved in the Montrose Marlins Masters Swim program and a supporter and beneficiary of our local recreational facilities. I was involved in the early Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike association and helped to develop the Tabeguache and Kokopelli trail systems. I hope to help continue and foster the amazing progress the Recreation District has made over the last 35 years.

I am a retired physician, having practiced Ophthalmology, and helped build the Colorado West Ophthalmology Associates practice in Montrose and Delta. I served on the Montrose Memorial Hospital executive committee and was Chief of Staff of our local Hospital. I am a Rotary club member, Past President of the Montrose Youth and Community Foundation (now the Montrose Community Foundation) and have been active in many other community activities. I look forward to keeping the Recreation district strong, viable and looking forward to the continued growth and needs of our community.