

## Lakeside City Councilor Candidate

### **Alan Pointer:**

1. *What in your background, education, and experience makes you a good candidate for office, and what do you consider important skills and qualities for a mayor or city councilor to possess?*

I have served on the Creswell, Oregon Planning Commission, the Creswell Airport Commission, the South Lane Fire and Rescue District Board of Directors, and the Eugene Saturday Market Board of Directors. I have served as a Lakeside City Councilor for the past 4½ years and am currently president of the council. I am well versed in laws and rules for public meetings and State of Oregon Rules and Laws. I have several years of working with Roberts Rules and meeting procedures. I support the will of the people.

2. *What do you see as top priorities and challenges for the city that you hope to address?*

The major priority for Lakeside is money. We do not have a city tax base, so our city operates with money from transient lodging taxes, gasoline taxes, grants, and other irregular sources of funds. We have no police department and do not contract with the County for service. Providing the services the citizens demand with very limited funds is a challenge. I hope to address possible changes in city policy and operation to better utilize what we have.

3. *What steps if any can the city take to be resilient in the face of climate changes?*

Lakeside has several issues: Tenmile lake that is a major tourist attraction is changing because of changing climate; The city is in a forested area which as the climate changes is more prone to forest fire; Our drinking water and our waste water systems are old and in dire need of upgrade; We are in the design stages of a new waste water system. All of these things require us to pay attention to climate change and do what we can as a small city with limited resources.