

The Citizen Interest Application was submitted from the City of Rapid City website. Here are the responses given.

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City, State, Zip Code: Rapid City

City Resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):  
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If you do not reside in City Limits, do you reside within a 3 mile jurisdiction of Rapid City? (Please put NA if you live in City Limits) : NA

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Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Airport Board of Directors

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): 20+ years in Air Force as pilot and operations commander, twice stationed at EAFB as pilot and Operations Group Commander; SD resident since 1990; extended family lives in the area

Education, license, certification, & experience: BS Chemistry US Air Force Academy; Masters Business Webster University; Working on Masters in Geological Engineering from SDSMT (degree expected June 2016)

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Veterans Club SDSMT, Tau Beta Pi SDSMT, attend local church, volunteer at Douglas School and Meadowbrook School

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: Hold FAA licenses for Airline Transport Pilot and Single-Engine Commercial; while Operations Group Commander at EAFB managed air traffic control for the region and Minot area, worked with FAA and NTSB, over 3500 military and general aviation flight hours; managed runway construction project at EAFB

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### QUALIFICATIONS OVERVIEW

- Over 20 yrs experience in military operations, planning, budgeting, safety, and management
- Over 2 yrs with US Geological Survey analyzing and modeling Black Hills geology and groundwater
- Geological Engineering, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Degree expected May 2015

### SKILLS SUMMARY

Military pilot and maintenance/operations supervisor. Managed flight operations in 50-person and 400-person organizations with budgets up to \$6 million and assets worth up to \$20 billion.

Experience in aircraft maintenance as a manager of 200-person unit for the B-2 stealth bomber. Over 3,500 hours military/combat flight time. Earned FAA licenses in single/multi-engine aircraft.

Management and Safety. Supervised \$4 million runway repair project at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. Finished early and under budget. Trained for safety investigations for aircraft and equipment incidents.

Mapping/Surveying. Proficient with ESRI® ArcGIS mapping software and AutoCAD 2013. Proficient with basic and advanced surveying equipment including GPS and total station instruments.

### EDUCATION

United States Air Force Academy. Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. GPA: 3.8. Graduated with academic/military honors. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in US Air Force in 1990.

Webster University. Masters Business Administration/Management. GPA: 3.8.

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Geological Engineering degree candidate. Estimated completion May 2015. Master's degree completion May 2016. GPA: 3.8.

### CERTIFICATIONS

Center for Creative Leadership. Training for self and employee feedback/evaluations.

Security Clearance. Awarded/maintained Top Secret security clearance from 1991-2012.

### AWARDS

Bronze Star Medal. Awarded for management of counter-terrorist operations in Middle East.

Air Medal. Awarded for piloting 40+ hr bombing mission from US to Afghanistan after 9/11.

### REFERENCES

*Colonel Kevin Kennedy, Bomber Wing Commander, [kevin.kennedy@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:kevin.kennedy@ellsworth.af.mil) (605-385-2801)*

*Dr. Arden Davis, Professor Geological Engineering, [Arden.Davis@sdsmt.edu](mailto:Arden.Davis@sdsmt.edu) (605-394-2461)*