

ELECTION2014

Minnesota House District 3A

The following questions were posed to the two candidates seeking the Minnesota House District 3A position:

1. Briefly summarize your personal background and experiences.
2. Why are you the best candidate for this office?
3. What do you see as the biggest issue facing the state and how would you address it?
4. How would you work to spur economic growth in northern Minnesota?
5. What is the biggest thing you hope to accomplish during your term?



DAVID DILL, DFL

1. Born Indianapolis, Indiana, lived in Crane Lake

seasonally since birth, permanently since 1980, 59 years old, married 36 years (Tucky Einarson Dill), one son, (Drake Dill). Business owner 41 years, Founder Voyageur Trail Society (501) ©3, City Administrator Orr, MN 11 years, Member House of Representatives (2003 to present). Commercial Pilot, aircraft mechanic.

2. Served Northland communities as a volunteer, paid staff, community planner, outdoor advocate past 35 years. My experience serving you in the House of Representatives (12 years) and as Chairman of the House Environment Committee allows me the opportunity and experience to uniquely represent you with regard to natural resource use. My House seniority allows me to be involved at the highest level of legislative process including jobs and economic development, education, senior issues, healthcare and taxes. My endorsement by the AFL-CIO and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce demonstrates that my leadership skills have developed a reputation for understanding the issues that support labor and business.

3, 4 & 5. Job and economic opportunity in rural NE Minnesota. The state's unemployment rate is below 5% but most of rural Minnesota continues to experience higher unemployment and lower wages and benefits than metro areas. My focus on your behalf will be to pass legislation and development programs that add value to natural resources, wood fiber, minerals and tourism. Communities depend on good jobs, wages and benefits. Employers depend on a well trained reliable workforce. Our communi-

ties have both and the people are well positioned to take advantage of new opportunity. My goal on your behalf would be assure rural Minnesota specifically District 3A increase income of its residents and achieve unemployment rates comparable to the more populated areas of Minnesota.



ERIC JOHNSON, R

1. I am an Indus School graduate. I

own and operate two area businesses. I am a volunteer board member for six area non-profit organizations and hold a US Coast Guard Captains license.

2. I am a 34-year-old lifelong International Falls resident with boundless energy and excellent health. I have an acute awareness of our real immediate problems, independence from special interests from outside the area and a laser-focus on District issues.

3. Massive spending on metro-based philosophies and projects and the regulatory stagnation those ideas bring to the rural Minnesota economy.

4. I will work hard to support and embrace our beloved timber, tourism, mining, health care, technology and retail related industries. I will work hard to curtail the ever-increasing taxes and regulations that stifle expansion of these industries and the valuable jobs they create.

5. Reverse the erosion of population, jobs, and tax base in our local communities.

The annual household income of International Falls is \$27,525 below the state average. Koochiching County is \$18,959 below state average. International Falls' unemployment is at 9.2% — double the state average. We all know someone who has left for the North Dakota oil

fields for employment.

Are you better off than you were two years ago? Are you feeling the recovery? How about those electric bills? How about those grocery bills? Life here in Northern Minnesota isn't what you are seeing reported on state and national media and there is a reason for that.

I'm Eric Johnson, and I am running because our state representative is ignoring our problems. He voted for billions of dollars of new taxes. He voted for projects such as, rail lines, bike trails, and a very expensive (\$90 million!) new building for legislators—all in the Twin Cities.

Our representative has voted against the taxpayers on every tax vote over the last five years. Every time. Our representative is a member of KEDA but has not shown up for meetings.

International Falls was a political powerhouse and sent strong leaders to St. Paul like Speaker of the House Irv Anderson, Senator Bob Lesard and Representative Bob Neuenschwander. We can enjoy this strength again.

I see a strong need to have less St. Paul in Northern Minnesota and more Northern Minnesota in St. Paul. I understand the impact of votes taken in St. Paul on our economic vitality.

Every time the Koochiching County Board meets, fewer citizens are in the county to pay taxes. We lose one person every three days. With the Boise machine closures that will accelerate.

We have serious problems. Unbelievably low income, population loss, an eroding tax base, increased regulation and new taxes with record spending mean that it is time we take our situation more seriously. We need a representative that is dedicated to the unique problems in our District

I will do a better job in the legislature I need your vote November 4th. Vote smart, vote Eric Johnson for better representation.

Littlefork-Big Falls School Board

Below are the candidates for the Littlefork-Big Falls School Board, Independent School District 362. There are three board member positions, each of which are four-year terms. Each candidate was asked to submit a 250-word biography. Incumbent Mike Imhof is also running for a position on the L-BF school board.



KEITH KNAEBLE

I grew up in Big Falls and attended L-BF and was active in sports and extra-curricular activities. I graduated in 1989. During summers in high school my dad had me limb balsam with a chainsaw. It was his plan to ensure that I went to college and graduated. It worked. I attended Itasca Community College and played football and basketball and worked as a broadcaster at the local TV station. I received my Associate Arts Degree in 1991. I attended Hamline University, played football and graduated in 1994 earning my BA in Communications. Returning home, I logged for 2 years and then worked in Babbitt at Northshore Mining for a year. I returned to logging for 3 years. I married Jill in 1997. I accepted a job for the MN Department of Corrections as a Sentence to Serve Crew Leader in 1999 and still work

there. I have 3 girls and a boy and enjoy being outdoors with them hunting and fishing. I coach elementary athletic programs. While serving on the school board, it has been my priority to make sure our students are safe and protect their physical and mental well-being while giving them the best education possible with the most up-to-date technologies to ensure their future success. I am very proud that we are able to keep all extra-curricular activities free for our students so that every student has the opportunity to participate in whatever activity they choose regardless of their financial situation.



SHELLEY WILLIAMS

I was born and raised in Big Falls and Littlefork and have lived here my entire life. I graduated from Littlefork-Big Falls High School and received a degree in Business at Rainy

River Community College. I am married to my husband, Eddie Williams, have one son, Shane (Angie) and four grandchildren who also reside in Littlefork.

I was employed at Littlefork-Big Falls School District #362 as a secretary and Business Manager for 36 1/2 years until my retirement. I enjoyed working with the staff and getting to know the many students and their parents.

If elected to the school board I hope to bring the experience and knowledge I have to make a difference in the overall quality of education that the district is providing. As former Business Manager I have knowledge of the state and federal funding, taxes, contracts, negotiations and operation of the entire district. As a resident and taxpayer of this district, I think it is vital to our community and school district to maintain the excellent standards our school provides and keep within the budget our residents can afford. A strong community needs a strong school district, and I am very proud to live here.

KOOCHICHING LABOR ASSEMBLY PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THEIR 2014 LABOR ENDORSEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES

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Center Ward City Council - Joe Schwartz
West Ward City Council - Cynthia Jaksa
County Commissioner - Rob Ecklund
School Board- Tom Holt
School Board - Heather McBride
School Board - Toni Korpi



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