

Mark Boone Candidate for Wake Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor

1. Please share demographic information to help voters (your age, education, where you live in NC now).

I was born in North Carolina. I graduated in the first class of Sanderson High School in Raleigh, NC, then attended North Carolina State University where I received an BS in Industrial Arts Education. I followed this degree with a MS degree in Ergonomics, also from NCSU. While working in the defense industry I received a Diploma of Program Management from the Defense Systems College at Ft. Belvoir, VA. I am 72 years old and live in Raleigh, NC

2. Why are you running for Wake Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor now, and why should voters pick you?

I have been given many opportunities in life. I am passionate about assuring clean water and access to fresh food continue to be available to the citizens of Wake County. I view serving as a public official in Wake County to be a way to give back to the place I call home.

Of the three candidates running for the non-partisan office of Wake Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor I have the greatest level of management and water conservation experience. The job requires knowledge and experience in the subject matter as well as a track record of dealing with complex issues. I possess both.

I have an extensive experience consulting in water cleanup and have led my own company, Markus Group Ltd. as CEO for 28 years. Early in my career I learned leadership skills while serving as a US Marine and have worked on complex projects including serving as a Senior Scientist at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory where I developed strategies for the cleanup of buried radioactive waste to prevent it from contaminating the Snake River aquifer.

I have been President of the oldest and largest garden club in Wake County.

3. What tangible accomplishment would you like to see happen if you are elected?

I would like to further the good work done by the current Soil and Water Conservation Board. My most pressing question is what is the highest and best use of the land in Wake County. I strongly support maintaining farms in Wake County. I have 8 grandchildren who I enjoy taking to the State Farmers market and berry picking. I believe the Board is responsible for advocating for all of the living things in Wake County, human, animal and plant. We have an obligation to assure we support wildlife with a similar fervor to the way we support

development. My passion is working to resolve the tragedy of the commons. I plan to work with the other board members to define the Commons in our county and determine ways these can best be used by all the citizens of the county, ranging from people to birds to oak trees.

4. Are there any endorsements yet from any political figures in North Carolina for you?

I have been endorsed by Scott Lassiter, the current incumbent.

5. Please tell us something unexpected about you that voters may find interesting.

I like community theater and recently played the role of the Orthodox Priest and Russian Officer in the POIEMA Arts production of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

While working for a water and air filtration company as Director of Marketing and Sales, I was approached by a company developing a plant growth experiment to be placed aboard the International Space Station. A special filter was needed to isolate the experiment from the atmosphere in the space station. I created and manufactured a filter which met the requirements of the experiment which was subsequently flown to the ISS.

My first farming experience was plowing with a mule in Randolph County at my grandmother's farm. I now have a tractor. It is easier to use.

My website is www.marksoilandwater.com