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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

We need to balance revenues & spending
We need rural legislators who will work
for economic development in Western Kansas.

2) If you had the opportunity, what is the first bill you would like to submit in the 2011 session and why?

My 1st bill would raise tuition on students from
other states and countries that attend our universities.

3) Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for tax increases to be enacted only by a legislative supermajority or referendum? (i.e. either 3/5 or 2/3 vote of legislature for approval of a tax increase)

a. support

b. oppose

Why? Such laws result in greater borrowing which
increases the cost of government. They also
undermine majority rule. Would you support requiring
a 2/3 vote to cut taxes?

4) When state revenues are less than state expenditures, which statement most accurately reflects your first priority?

- Maintain current expenditures and raise taxes.
- Both cut spending and raise taxes. *But it depends on the needs and our ability to stand additional cuts.*
- Cut more than 15% before considering a tax increase.
- Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

If you would cut spending, are there any specific areas you would cut? Why?

We need to reduce tax abatements. Stop giving tax breaks to so many groups and businesses.

If you were to raise taxes, what specific taxes you would raise and why?

Truckers need to pay more of the cost of maintaining our roads. Raise taxes on alcohol and pop.

5) What do you believe to be the most important issues facing the Kansas Legislature in the upcoming session? (Please rank 1-5, 1 being the most important)

- 1 Balance the budget
- 2 Start reducing our debt.
- 3 Standardize the schools to reduce costs.
- 4 Stop filling our prisons with illegal immigrants
- 5 Follow the Missouri plan for building new roads.

6) Many Cities, Counties and State agencies use tax dollars to hire lobbyists to lobby the Kansas Legislature. Do you believe this is a proper use of tax dollars and should such expenditures be disclosed to Kansas taxpayers? Why or why not?

I oppose using tax dollars to hire lobbyists.
Any such expenditures should be disclosed

7) How do you believe Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected?

It should be non-partisan. I would have a panel select several qualified nominees and appoint one by random selection.

8) If the rate of inflation (consumer price index), plus population growth in Kansas grew at 4%, what do you believe would be the appropriate percentage increase in state budget expenditures? Why? —

Bad question! What are the circumstances? Has terrorist bombs driven people from the coasts to Kansas? Are we overwhelmed by a flood of refugees? Don't tie legislators hands by adopting rigid rules!

We increased revenues to pay off debt.

9) Kansas economic growth has been lagging behind our neighboring states and annual population growth is stagnant at an average increase of less than one-half of one percent per year. As a legislator, how would you address these problems?

We need to develop wind energy. We need to promote ethanol. We need to protect our environment and develop industries that are sustainable.

10) The 2010 Legislature increased the state sales tax from 5.3% to 6.3% in part, to help fund a FY 2011 state general fund budget that increases spending by \$204 million over FY 2010. Once implemented, Kansas will have the largest sales tax amongst neighboring states. (Nebraska is next closest at 5.5%). Considering 33% of our population resides in a county bordering Missouri alone, do you support the decision of the Legislature?

Yes, we needed funds for roads and schools. My problem is we cut income taxes in 2000, 2002 at both the state and federal level and shifted the taxes to everyone buying food. Sales taxes are very regressive!

11) Do you have any other positions or information that would be of interest to the members of AFP-Kansas?

We need a better plan for developing highways, airports, railroads, university maintenance etc. The legislature should follow its own rule for carrying a 7½% reserve into the next year.