

Nick Schutt Questionnaire answers

Clean water: If elected will you vote for a resolution calling for a moratorium on new or expanding factory farms until there are fewer than 100 polluted waterways in the state?

Yes I will! With that being said I will still encourage residents to come out to the public hearings and encourage the residents to give their testimony as to if they are for or against the new construction of these factory farms! It's their right to be able to attend a public meeting and express their right to speak. The residents who know the land the best should have the say as far as where these factory farms are located. With that being said every objection brought up by the public will be discussed before a vote is taken. But yes I believe Hardin County needs to look at a moratorium until we change the Master Matrix and get to 100 polluted waterways or less.

Immigration: Will you ensure that local law enforcement will not be responsible for enforcing federal law?

With this being a newly passed bill approved this last year I would like to visit with our local law enforcement and see their stance on Senate File 481. For nonviolent immigrants who work here in the county, who contribute to our economy, and pay taxes here in our community I see very little reason to treat them as something else besides a "human" as we are all immigrants ourselves, people who came to the United States in search of a better life for our families. I would like to see what the county receives from the federal government by detaining undocumented immigrants as I'm not a fan of our county jail being used for this. If we can't break or renegotiate a contract with the federal government I would vote in favor of using the funds received from the government to go towards mental health programs right here in central Iowa. Instead of locking up the immigrants let's look at who's hiring them, who's creating a path for them coming here illegally, and let's find a way to make them citizens and contribute to society.

Raising the wage: How will you use your "Bully Pulpit" as an elected official to promote a statewide living wage of \$15.00?

Here in Hardin County we see a stifling wage. We see corporations getting handouts and the tax payers getting the shaft! Large corporations who don't paying a living wage and then brag about record profits at the end of the year. Which in return drains our public services such as Wic, Hud, Food Stamps, and energy assistance programs. We need a living wage of \$15.00 or more to make our economy grow here in Hardin County! We need to retain our teachers right here in central Iowa we need them to take root right here in Hardin County were they grew up versus outsourcing to Minnesota or other places throughout the Midwest. I feel like I can start the chain of command of raising wages in Hardin County by starting off at looking at what other counties are paying their workers first off. As I do know there are other counties who are paying their employees more than what Hardin County is starting out at. The work force is

narrowing down a lot of employers are looking for good help. Show them the money and you'll have your workers.

Climate Justice: What is your plan to achieve 100% clean energy for 100% of the residents of your county?

First off we need to encourage residents to run for our energy boards. We need to make sure that the policies put in place are going to benefit the general public whether its through energy rebates, affordable energy rates, and it needs to be good clean renewable energy such as wind, hydro, and of course solar! I have talked to a wind farm manager about wind turbines expanding into the western part of Hardin County and some of the incentives they put out there. We have Alliant energy to the East of Hardin County and Mid American to the west of Hardin County and i think it makes sense to close the gap! Hardin County used to also be home to a hydro dam I think we should take another look at what it generated back then and what it could generate with modern techonology today would look like. I am rather impressed at the solar energy being produced in Hardin County today such as the solar panels on the roof of the Theisens store or the huge solar garden Midland power is displaying at their Iowa falls terminal. Once again I think we need to be careful when we consider who we look at when we seek out energy as Cargill received \$1.00 a gallon subsidy through the government to build their "bio diesel" plant, a huge corporate company who doesn't need a hand out. Another example is Hawkeye Ethanol that was poorly managed and was sold off. The tax benefits were taken advantage of and now renamed Flint Hills.

Plan to win: My plan to win is to be myself. I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth (like my opponents were). I come from a very large family with some name recognition out there. People know who I am and what I stand for! I seriously believe we have more supporters out there who are tired of being kicked around but are too afraid to stand up and fight back. My supporters know what I represent and know I'll represent them to the best of my ability! I also believe my opponents can see the shift as I have been under continous attacks on social media. I put my pants on one leg at a time just like most of the residents in my district and what I'm hearing is that people are ready for a change! A real change! But yes the campain has been in every parade and at several breakfasts and community events. CCI has put out a video with over 11,000 views and I think people are starting to absorb it in. Now that my parades are over the door knocking will begin. I'm thinking about spending some time in the southern part of the county to get my name out there in the areas that people might not be as familiar with me. I feel like my advantage around Iowa Falls and Alden is with Eldora being the county seat, people feel left out of the mix!

Co governing: The idea of "co governing" is essential to our political work. By co governing, we need officals who will work hard hand in hand with CCI Action to do the hard work of implementing our shared vision. If elected how will you co govern with CCI Action?

Every great leader will listen to discussion created by his or her constituents. CCI has many members in the Hardin County and surrounding areas. It's my job to listen to the people who elected me into the position. With this being my first time in the public spotlight I'm going to need a hand. I might not have the experience my two opponents have but I do have common sense. So yes I will co govern with CCI they are my back bone and my push that got me this far. It is CCI who does know a lot of the information before the supervisors are aware of it.

It's CCI who keeps going back to the legislators, EPC meetings, and the DNR continuing the fight for whats right!!!

I have stood by CCI from the beginning, I haven't shied away from negativity that others have instilled on the CCI group. This is a race that is very winnable!!