

**Utility Advisory Board**  
**Applicant Package - Member**

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**Term:**01 Feb 2023 - 24 Mar 2024

**Positions Available:** 1

**Number of applicants in this package:** 1

- Hudson, Scott

**Name :**Hudson, Scott

**Address :**3825 Rogers St., Fort Myers, FL, 33901

**Address as of April 17, 2023:** 7502 NW 47th Way, Gainesville FL 32653

**Email :**sunscott1999@gmail.com

**Board Name :**Utility Advisory Board

**In what city district do you live? :**

I do not live in Gainesville

**Employer :**

Self Employed - Live Free Solar LLC

**Phone Number :**

248.496.1822

**Occupation :**

Certified Building Contractor, FL CBC #1265579

**Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.) :**

I have been scouting Alachua County and Gainesville since January, 2023. My daughter is a sophomore at U.F.

I first came to Gainesville in 1978 to get commercial and instrument FAA pilots certifications at the Gainesville Airport. I worked for Dr. Everett Mitchell at USDA researching insect pheromones.

The reason I would like to serve is because I am a true believer in PUBLIC UTILITIES (see resume). I deeply respect the professionals who work jobs like GRU and respect the important roles played by elected officials who implement policies.

There is much that is done by the City of Gainesville via GRU. I am aware - as I continue searching for a new home (I have a buyer for my Fort Myers home of 7 years - closing is in early April, 2023) - that many people don't like GRU - expensive is the main objection.

I understand the history of electric utilities. When FDR's REA began in 1935, the rural families were not served due to lack of density of acceptable profit. Electric cooperatives and municipal power changed that. I have been in a Himalayan village in Nepal (1975) when they first received electricity. In 2023 people simply want the lights to come on when the switch is activated.

**How many terms have you served on this board previously? :**

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**Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119? :**

No

**Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason? :**

No

**Disclaimer:**

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

**Optional: Gender :**

Male

**Optional: Ethnicity :**

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee? :**

No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern? :**

No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee? :**

No

**Some of the boards and committees appointed by the City Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement? :**

Yes

**Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all city and county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations? \* :**

Yes

**Do you agree with the following statement? Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Advisory Board Handbook." \* :**

Yes

**Do you agree with the following statement? I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of Gainesville, is subject to public record requests and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. :**

Yes

**Time of Submission :**03/14/23 9:56:34 AM

**Attachments:**

- Hudson Scott Resume.pdf

## RESUME

January 18, 2023

Scott Hudson

*Scott Hudson* Feb. 20, 2023

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- **Project Manager – Liberating General Contracting LLC**

January 2021 – December 31, 2022

Acted for all bidding, signing contracts, inspections, City communications to build two 4/2 1440 sq. ft. houses in Fort Myers, Florida. Included working with architects in the design and selecting materials; Oversaw both houses to CO.

ICF construction, standing seam roofs, PV systems each house. Energy efficient.

GC – Lee Berchtold, 239-872-8999

- **Live Free Solar LLC, Owner**

Obtained Florida Certified Building Contractor License CBC #1265579 June, 2022.

- **Development Manager Tuscola Commons LLC, 5600 Tuscola Blvd., North Port Florida**

March, 2016 – 2020 - Oversaw and coordinated all GC's for Tuscola Commons, 15 acre new commercial development that included from clearing and underground utility installations - Hampton Inn, Culvers, Moe's Restaurant, Aspen Dental, Great Clips, MUV, MedExpress, Mattress One. Worked with permitting and inspections with Building Department, also City Planning, Building, and Economic Development offices. Negotiated Impact fees with City.

Owner: Dan O'Berski 239-293-4544

Fort Myers, FL

- **Designed and built 4000 sq. ft. timber frame home 1999-2000 with Homeowner permit – 2983 Stephanie Ct., Waterford, Michigan**

Riverbend timbers, Insulspan SIPs, ICF basement, concrete roof tiles, Tulikivi fireplace, with air exchange system.

- **Michigan Residential Builder – License #2101114759 – July, 1993 – May, 2008.**

- **Real Estate Broker, Michigan License # 6502129550** Scott Hudson Green Developments

1995 – Present

Waterford, Michigan

- **Waterford School Board** Waterford, Michigan

2005 – 2011

Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

- **eBlind!** - Founder 501(c)3, Pontiac, Michigan  
1999 – 2012 Non-profit to teach blind & visually impaired emerging technologies;  
Operated from Oakland County Courthouse in conjunction with Michigan Department for the Blind, teaching doctors, lawyers, students, homemakers
- Wrote **screenplay “Birth of a New Freedom”** about energy efficient housing, stand alone energy generation, and how communities can improve liveability, and affordability, by not focusing on investor owned utilities (Jamaica).
- **Buckminster Fuller’s Dymaxion House.** Researched, found, and marketed 1927 house by Fuller (at no cost) that was built by Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas – hurricane, earthquake, flood proof house, cost same as Cadillac automobile – to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. The only artifact in world class museum with its own tour. The #3 most popular item, after JFK’s limousine that he was assassinated in, and Rosa Park’s bus.
- **Wrote “Neighbors” - 1987** – a commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Franklin Roosevelt’s Rural Electrification Administration, telling story of 1350 mile horse and buggy trip with solar panels through 6 states.
- **Cherryland Electric Cooperative Board of Directors – 1982 – 1990 (3 terms)**
  - Elected when purchasing home on cooperative lines
  - 7 distribution co-ops formed Wolverine G&T cooperative. Wolverine had just signed a contract with DTE/Detroit Edison to buy 20% of Fermi II nuclear plant for \$1 billion. This would have bankrupted all involved co-ops.
  - **FACT:** most cooperative Board members are non-utility people and rely on recommendations of investor owned utilities. Wolverine had agreed to a bill-of-goods.
  - Of approximately 49 Board members, 2 thought there were other ways to achieve purchased power, **INCLUDING** energy efficiency, expanded services, programs to encourage a low cost loan program to make buildings and equipment more efficient. I made the suggestion that if we were to **BUY** into such a plant, the least we should do was to tour the plant under construction. We toured Fermi II, including inside the core.
  - 7 amendments to the original contract we modified it in such a way as to provide more affordable electricity to our members.
  - At one point I had gone to a national NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) and saw an early LED light bulb. I took it to the next Cherryland Board meeting and described it to the Board and Manager. The manager said, “Scott, you don’t understand. We are in the business of selling electricity”. Electric cooperatives are much the **SAME** as Publicly Owned Utilities (GRU) – they are democratically owned, non-profit, and not driven by profit. The manager’s comment was proof that too many people who are in charge of such efforts do not understand and strive to provide as they must. Affordable and Reliable power. AND to work for a sustainable world. It took years but

finally one of the services was for Cherryland to offer for sale energy efficient lightbulbs in their office headquarters.

- We began selling and marketing heat pumps, offering energy audits and low cost loans, providing telecommunications to members at no profit, added energy efficiency department, time-of-use devices on hot water heaters, and included efficient product businesses at our annual meeting.

- Air Traffic Controller                      FAA      Traverse City, MI  
1981 – 1985
- Commercial Pilot 1980 - 1981      Century Airlines                      Waterford, MI  
DC-3 freight

Summary: I have done many things in my life:

Restaurant manager – Rocket Restaurant, Pontiac, Michigan

Planning Commissioner, Waterford and Pontiac, Michigan - 12 years

Found and acquired Dymaxion House by Buckminster Fuller/Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas 1990;  
worked for acquisition of house for the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan

Member of Pontiac, Michigan Lions Club 14 years; President 1999 – 2002

Michigan State University, B.A. Communications - 1971

Peace Corps – Designed and oversaw construction of Himalaya rural water system – Nepal, 1975