

Steve Dixon is Committed to Helping Environment

“We face so many environmental issues today that it can be overwhelming, but each person doing a little each day can solve most issues without looking to government to solve our problems.”

That environmental philosophy is one of the reasons Steve Dixon was attracted to service with ORSSAB. “We must realize that each tax dollar we spend takes away from a family’s income or some other community need, like clinics, schools, or roads.”



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Steve says each of us has a negative impact on the environment. “It is what we do to compensate for this that measures our character,” he says. “Hopefully the ORSSAB can be part of the cure.”

Steve has been a member since November 2004, and he currently serves as ORSSAB’s vice chair. He has chaired the Finance Committee, served on two nominating committees for board officers, and has been active in helping plan the board’s annual retreats.

Steve earned a bachelor of science degree in business with a major in accounting at the University of Tennessee-Martin. In 1977 he moved to the Knoxville area to attend graduate

school at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK), studying planning and finance.

Originally from Camden, S.C., he still owns part of the home place in South Carolina, where the family has been since the Revolutionary War. He currently lives on Fort Loudon Lake with his son Mark. Daughter Tara, a recent UTK graduate, is working on teacher certification at the University of Georgia.

While a graduate student at UTK, Steve worked starting community facilities for the developmentally disabled in several counties. He has also served as the state treasurer for the Tennessee Developmental Disabilities Association.

From graduate studies Steve went to work for the Metro Knoxville Airport Authority as its director of business. He left that position after the World’s Fair in Knoxville to become director of finance for the Knoxville Community Development Corporation. In 1987 he founded his own business and currently serves as president of two companies – Spectra Environmental Group (SEG) and Spectra Recycling (SRI).

SEG is a full-service environmental company that has served more than 1,000 customers in 16 states. SEG

provides turnkey services to small- and medium-size businesses that lack in-house environmental staff. Steve says Spectra provides customers with everything from permitting and contract site work to plant closure.

“SEG makes the money and SRI spends it,” he jokes. But SRI promotes his passion for recycling. He has funded and helped develop recycling programs in 51 schools in five counties, plus several churches and civic groups. SRI’s primary focus is on business and industrial recycling. He is currently forming a non-profit organization that promotes community-based recycling through free enterprise.

Steve is a long-time member of Ducks Unlimited and the Sierra Club. He is also on the advisory board for the Fort Loudon Lake Association, the UT-Little River Advisory Group, and is a partner in the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition. In his spare time he enjoys boating, hiking, gardening, the outdoors in general, and being a UT Volunteers fan.

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