



# **KRSL Russell Radio Election 2022 Candidate Questionnaire**

1. What is your name and what position are you running for?

Dean Haselhorst District 1 Russell County Commissioner

2. Talk briefly about your work experience; public service and private sector.

I have farmed most of my life. Currently, my wife, 2 sons, and myself own and operate our family farm, started by Walter and Agedia Haselhorst, located just outside of Gorham. I have worked in the oilfield for over 30 years. We also own and operate a custom fertilizer business and trucking company.

I have served on Ellis County Extension PDC board, Served 3 years on Ellis County planning and zoning, Served 12 years as an Ellis County Commissioner, Served on Kansas Association of Counties board representing all 105 Kansas Counties, Served on Northwest Kansas Highway officials board and also president. Served as project manager when building the new EMS Station, Fire Station, and a full remodel of the Court House and Jail.

3. Why are you running for this position?

I want to bring my experience and commitment to help Russell County grow. I like to see progress. So many of the small communities are located right on I-70, I would like to use that to its full potential. Russell has I-70 and 281 Hwy, having these main corridors are great avenues for revenue and growth.

4. What goals or ideas do you have that you would work toward if elected?

One of my goals is exploring ways to lower property taxes and maintain the same services we are all used to. I feel this is very obtainable through grant writing, and other sources of income other than just property tax and mill levy increases. Grant writing can help fund every department in the county. While serving in Ellis County, I helped initiate, accept, and bring in over 13 million dollars in grants that really helped to take the load off the taxpayers.

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5. Anything else about yourself you would like to mention?

I grew up as a Russell County resident. My wife, Julie, and myself have been married for 32 years. We have 3 children, Brianna, Kolby, and Collin. I graduated from Gorham High School. I have been very active in the Knights of Columbus on the local and state level. I enjoy being very active in my community and serving. Thank you for your vote on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dean Haselhorst