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## MGEC Executive Board Candidate Information 2019-2021 Term

Office you are running for							
Director			Secretary			Vice President	X

Name: James Utecht

Job Classification: Engineering Specialist

Current Agency/Office your work in: MNDOT Property Mgmt./RW Permits

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Professional Licenses:

Previous/Current offices held with MGEC ( <i>list years</i> )	<i>Board Member</i>			<i>Officer</i>		
	<i>Negotiations</i>			<i>Committee Member</i>		
	<i>Contact person</i>			<i>Instructor</i>		

Number of years working for the State	8	Number of years a full MGEC member	6
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**Why are you running an MGEC office?** I try to stay in touch with what is happening in MGEC and want to be more involved.

**Additional information you want to share with members:** I was previously involved in AFSCME Council 5. I was a Transportation Worker for 20 years. During this time, I was Chief Steward of our Local Union. I served on the Unit 7 Technical Committee during 5 Master Contract negotiations. The last 2 contracts I served on I was Unit 7 Chair and was involved in the Health Care Committee negotiations and successful reallocation efforts. In 1998 I accepted a position with MnDOT District 4, Detroit Lakes Property Management/Right of Way Permits section. In

2008 I was promoted to Supervisor of this section with an Engineering Specialist Classification. We currently serve a 12-county area of West Central Minnesota.

My duties include overlooking various permits such as Utility, Driveway Access, Drainage, & Special Event. I manage Trail Systems, Rail Bank, Maintenance Agreements, Landscape Partnerships, Living Snow Fence, and Limited Use Permits for right of way requests. My office performs reviews on all District 4 State and State Aid projects. I also perform reviews on all planning and zoning requests. I believe my experience can be beneficial to MGEC.