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Gusty Kanakis was born and raised in Minturn and has lived here all except for 4 years. Gusty and Jill have been happily married for 43 years and counting.

I enjoy restoring vintage cars & snowmobiles as well as outdoor activities. My work history has been mostly in the automotive and facilities industry. This includes Town of Vail, Eagle River Water and Sanitation District and Eagle County over my 40-year career. I retired in 2020. The entire time I was working and living in Minturn, I always knew I wanted to “give back” to the town I so love.

When I retired, the opportunity to “give back” occurred. I put my name in the hat, registered to run in the election and in 2020 I became member of the Minturn Town Council. I have learned a great deal and remained very true to the residents of Minturn. I am very diligent in my Council duties. I have been on the Water Committee & was very involved in getting the new 600,000-gallon concrete water tank in place that should serve Minturn for the next 100 years. I have served on the Railroad Committee, QQ-Regional Water Quality and Quantity, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Minturn Community Plan, Minturn Snowplow Committee, and the finishing stages of the Shooting Range Committee. I have volunteered my time in the Minturn Community Gardens during the summer months. In years past, I served on the town’s Planning & Zoning Commission.

Minturn’s deteriorating water system is one of the biggest issues for the town, I support coming up with a reasonable solution for the town’s water system and how to cover the costs for the upgrades. This will likely involve some phasing and a number of improvements to shore up what we have and some type of new water plant in the future.

I do not support Holy Cross Energy’s above ground transmission lines. They should bury the lines from Dowd Junction to the S curve on Battle Mountain.

I support responsible development at Dowd Junction. This resource can help regionally with transit needs and provide Minturn a tax generating source, while preserving access to the recreation opportunities Meadow Mountain offers. (hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, snowmobile access, Nordic ski, and snowshoeing and more).

I understand there will be some development, but I believe in smart growth that minimizes the impact to existing neighborhoods.

I am committed to the residents and the Town of Minturn making the best decisions for all. I truly care about the town and am proud to live & represent this great community to protect Minturn’s small-town character and charm.

I take the position of being a council member very seriously. I would like to continue to serve on Mintun Town Council for another term and I would truly appreciate your vote on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns that I can answer for you.