



Aldersperson Rex Owens, District 1

1. How long have you lived in Sun Prairie?

Alder Owens has lived in Sun Prairie for six years.

2. Please describe your work history.

In the early years of his career, Alder Owens served as a budget analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Department of Administration. After concluding his time in state government, he held the position of administrative officer and served in a variety of different departments and programs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During his time with the university, he developed the first campus-wide recycling program. Before retiring, Owens transitioned to work as a contract specialist and transportation manager at Care Wisconsin. Alder Owens is also an author and has published several historical novels.

3. Please describe your educational background.

Alder Owens graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree with a double major in Political Science and Urban Studies. He then went on to receive a Master of Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University with his thesis on Metropolitan Budgeting.

4. Which boards, commissions, and/or committees do you currently serve on? Which have you served on in the past?

Alder Owens has served on the Sun Prairie Public Library Board of Trustees since 2016 and has been president from 2018 – 2025. Alder Owens currently serves on the BID Board, Media Center Commission, Finance Committee, and Personnel Committee.

5. Please describe any civic activities you are engaged in besides serving as an alder.

Alder Owens was appointed to serve as board member on the South Central Library Services Board from 2018 – 2021 and is also a member of the Dane County Library Services Board from 2016-2025 where he served as President from 2018 – 2024. Alder Owens has been involved with the Sun Prairie Civic Theatre (2208-2015) and is a member of the Wisconsin Writer's Association (2008 – present). He is a producer at the Sun Prairie Media Center and host of the podcast *My World and Welcome to It*. He is a lifetime member of the Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library and was on the Board of Directors from 2016-2020. Alder Owens served as a member of the Library Next Chapter Committee from 2021 – 2024 and is on the Capital Campaign Committee with the Sun Prairie Public Library Foundation (2023 – present). Alder Owens is a Sun Prairie Rotary Club member and member of the Friends of Sun Prairie Parks where he participates in the



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annual Spring Park clean-up for Earth Day. He is also a core member of the Sun Prairie Action Resource Coalition (SPARC) since 2024 and organized both the 2025 Spring Candidate Forum and the Community Conversation on Zoning – the Reimagine Sun Prairie Project on April 9, 2025. Alder Owens is also a participant in the 2025 Sun Prairie Fire/EMS Citizen Academy.

6. What is your favorite thing to do in Sun Prairie?

Alder Owens's favorite activity is visiting the parks with his grandchildren and sledding in Sheehan Park in the winter with them.

