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Local government terms in office:

William L. Clarke, Jr.



William L. Clarke, Jr., an Everglades real estate broker and organizer of the Everglades Volunteer Fire Department in 1924, relocated to Naples from Everglades in 1928.

He was elected to Naples Town Council in 1930, during the first two year term of Mayor James K. Hamill, Jr.

Hamill was re-elected mayor in 1934, but was only able to serve the first four months of that two-year term and Clarke assumed the role of mayor.

In 1936, Clarke was elected to the first of 10 consecutive two-year terms as mayor, the last one ending in 1946.

Therefore, Clarke was Mayor of Naples from 1934-1946.

Clarke served as Collier County Commissioner from 1929-1951.