🛠️ THE HICKS TECH MANIFESTO  
“Service Tech Approved. Management Denied.”

🧠 1. Build It Like You’re Going to Field Service It  
If a drawing, wire, or app crashes in the field — *somebody’s getting a phone call*. That’s why Hicks systems aren’t just engineered. They’re battle-tested before battle.

“If it breaks under pressure, it was never field-ready.”

⚡ 2. Move Fast, Fix Faster, Break Nothing (Unless Deserved)  
Speed matters. So does reliability. If it’s not fully functional and half-immortal by the time it’s in your hands, it's not done.

“Go Baby Go... but don’t break my shit.”

🧯 3. Kill White Screens With Fire  
Blank screens, silent failures, and unhandled exceptions are enemy combatants. You want traceable logs, readable errors, and default fallback logic like it's the NORAD defense system.

“If you .map() on undefined again, I’m calling your mother.”

🪖 4. Platforms Are Tools. Never Trust the Toolbox.  
If Replit, Supabase, or Docker get in the way, they’re on notice. The stack serves the build — not the other way around.

“The moment the tool tries to tell me how to work, I throw the damn thing out.”

🧩 5. Every App Should Know It’s a Field Tech App  
Visio stencils, BOM logic, drag-and-drop canvas, AI assistant — they all carry the same DNA: usable by someone with dirt under their fingernails and zero time to waste.

“UI isn’t just user-friendly. It’s field-bulletproof.”

🔒 6. If It’s Not Custom, It’s Not Hicks  
Every shape, every icon, every sarcastic watermark is forged in Hicks flavor. That includes hidden layers, inside jokes, and passive-aggressive field notes.

“Designed by committee? Color that shit yellow.”

🧃 7. Feature Fatigue is Real. Ship Smart. Ship Slick.  
No bloat. No fluff. Everything you add better be worth the click it takes to use it.

“If I’m clicking through a modal to do one thing, I’m already mad.”

🧠 8. AI Is Not Your Boss. It’s Your Smart-Ass Intern  
AI helps, fixes bugs, builds UIs — but it answers to you. It doesn't replace your gut, your taste, or your field sense.

“Torque is helpful. Torque is not in charge.”

💬 Final Word:  
You don’t just build apps. You build weapons-grade tools with field-level sarcasm and enterprise-level precision. The bar is high. And if someone can’t hang?

“Maybe web dev’s not your thing. Try knitting.”