## Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Agricultural Advisory Board
New Appointment
Snohomish County
Steven Losleben
Monroe
WA
98272
Werkhoven Dairy
Dairy Farmer
Bachelor's of Science - Geology
Field not completed.
Farming was not a family profession for me. My grandparents' dairy farmed in Snohomish County until the early 2000's with no one to take over the operation. I began working at the dairy

	farms close or greatly reduce their capacity. I have built relationships with several former dairy farmers that share their experiences navigating key obstacles such as urban sprawl, the market, and regulatory environment. I have been fortunate to be a part of a team with a bright future of farming in Snohomish County. I would like to serve on this board to advocate for the importance of farming. Farming has an important role in the community serving as a floodway capacity, scenic and recreational areas, and most importantly, as a sustainable food security to the region. I would like the ability to share the experiences and general desires of my colleagues in the dairy industry.
Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.	I worked as a geologist for an environmental consulting firm for a number of years. During that time, I represented private individuals and entities to provide professional recommendations for navigating State and Federal regulations. I had the opportunity to provide services in several states throughout the U.S. This gave me the opportunity to familiarize myself with State laws and regulations across the nation that were created for a similar goal and purpose (to protect the environment), but in practice, were executed in very different ways. This experience has shaped my understanding that rules, regulations, and opinions have both predictable and unforeseen consequences and that the lens through which it is viewed, will have a profound effect on the outcome.
	Most importantly, my experience as a young dairy farmer gives me a unique perspective on the board. I am at the beginning of my agricultural career and am facing many of the obstacles faced by my predecessors. I am of the opinion that this field should be held to a high standard, the business should be challenging; however, I also believe that the opportunity to succeed should be available. My perspective, from someone who served in the environmental field and later chose the life as a dairy farmer, will be of value to the board to as I hope to increasing the viability of future farming in the region.
Please list community involvement/volunteer activities	Past Highschool Youth Group Leader at New Hope Fellowship, Monroe
How did you learn of this opportunity?	Linda Neunzig informed me that this position would become available and recommended I apply.

\*2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:

(1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony;

(2) If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;

(3) Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.

\*\*People joining identified boards and commissions will be required to complete a background check. Boards and commissions identified as subject to requiring background checks include Children's Commission, Community Services Advisory Council, Council on Aging, CDMH (Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Program Advisory Board), Climate Action Advisory, Developmental Disabilities, Evergreen State Fair, Human Rights, Marine Resouces, Performance Audit, and Planning Commission.

By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature	Steven Losleben
Date	1/19/2025
Please attach resume if available and either submit this form or print it and mail to	Field not completed.

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