



## **Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board**

### **Application Packet**

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board. The Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board is seeking volunteers to fulfill 6 upcoming vacancies to commence in April 2018. The application process will close on December 15<sup>th</sup> and you will receive a communication at that point with next steps.

The Board advises and makes recommendations directly to the county council, county executive, the department of planning and development services, the public works department, and the department of finance. Early participation in the legislative process is an important function of the Board.

The Board serves in an advisory role on rural and agricultural policies, development regulations and other matters of related to agriculture which from time to time may be referred to the Board by the county council or county executive, or as may be raised by the Board.

Members must reside in Snohomish County, be engaged in commercial agricultural activities within Snohomish County, and fulfill the requirements of the specific position to which they are appointed. Members do not represent council districts. Snohomish County Charter Section 2.20 authorizes the County Council to confirm members of the Board nominated by the County Executive. Each Term is for 2 or 4 years. The Board currently meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. To learn more about the Agricultural Advisory Board please visit our webpage at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/130/Agricultural-Advisory-Board>.

Upcoming member vacancies on the board consist of the following industries:

- Position #1 – Nursery
- Position #3 - Livestock
- Position #4 – Commodity Crops
- Position #6 – Diking, Drainage & Flood Control Districts in the Snohomish River Basin
- Position #10 – Stillaguamish River Basin
- Position #11 – Snohomish River Basin

Snohomish County residents interested in serving on the Agricultural Advisory Board must complete and file an application with the County Executive's office. The next several pages contain the application and a supplemental questionnaire that is specific to the Ag Board. We look forward to receiving your application and feel free to contact Brandi Spores with any questions.

Options for returning application or asking questions:

1. Bring to an Agricultural Board Meeting before December 15, 2017
2. Email to Brandi Spores at [PDSAgBoard.SCD@snoco.org](mailto:PDSAgBoard.SCD@snoco.org)
3. Mail to: Snohomish County PDS

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## Candidate information:

Position Applying for: BEEF/LIVESTOCK

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Current Employer: FRITCH MILL & CHINOOK LUMBER

Occupation: OWNER/MANAGER

Education: BS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, WSU 1984

*Please initial next to each of the below statements to indicate that you meet these basic requirements.*

### Basic expectations of each Agricultural Advisory Board Member:

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1. Commit to attend monthly meetings. The Board usually meets 12 times per year, midafternoon on the first Tuesday of the month. Additionally, Board members may form subcommittees to review proposals and make recommendations and attend other meetings related to agriculture.

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2. Ability and willingness to communicate through county provided email. You will be provided with a county email address that is web based. The board occasionally does business through email and all agendas with meeting details are sent through email.

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3. Willing to attend a county Boards and Commissions Orientation within 90 days of appointment or re-appointment to the Agricultural Advisory Board.

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4. Ability to deal with topics of sensitive nature in a public format. The public is encouraged to attend all of the Board's meetings. These meeting are recorded and all information is subject to public disclosure. The Board can discuss topics that may solicit a variety of viewpoints.



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

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1. Possess qualifications for the position sought.
  2. Reside in Snohomish County and engage in commercial agricultural activities within the county.
  3. Do not currently serve on a county board or commission.

### Candidate questionnaire:

1. Why would you like to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Board?

WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY. I HAVE SERVED ON MANY NOT FOR PROFIT BOARDS, AND FEEL I HAVE MUCH TO OFFER THE AG. COMMUNITY.

2. The Agricultural Advisory Board consists of eleven positions to represent various aspects of the agricultural community. For the position are you applying for:

- a. What experience do you have that qualifies you to represent your industry as a member of the Agricultural Advisory Board?

I RAISED BEEF & POULTRY IN 4-H & FFA IN MY YOUTH. IN 2008 I PURCHASED A 132 A PARCEL IN THE SNOHOMISH VALLEY TO RAISE BEEF CATTLE AND RENT LAND TO BEGINNING FARMERS.

- b. How do you feel you can best represent the interests of the position you are applying for?

I BELIEVE MY BROAD EXPERIENCES GAINED FROM 30+ YEARS AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY AS WELL AS MY SERVICE ON SEVERAL CHARITABLE BOARDS.

3. Do you see any potential conflicts of interest that could emerge while serving on the

Agricultural Advisory Board? If a conflict arises are you willing to recuse yourself from relevant discussions and/or decisions?

I SEE NO CONFLICTS. YES, I WOULD RECUSE MYSELF IF EVER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES.

4. Each year the board puts together a work plan for the upcoming year. What items are you interested in seeing placed on the work plan and how would you assist in implementing those items?

I WOULD NEED LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNCTION OF THE BOARD.



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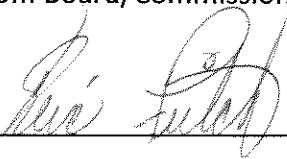
5. Please list community involvement/volunteer activities.

SNO. CONSERVATION DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD.  
SNO. EDUCATION FOUNDATION - FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - PAST BOARD MEMBER & SENIOR WARDEN  
PACIFIC LUMBER INSPECTION BUREAU BOARD & PAST PRESIDENT (PLIB)  
WESTERN BUILDING MATERIALS ASSOCIATION - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (WBMA)

6. Do you currently serve on any other Snohomish County board or commission?

No.

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: 

Date: 17 JAN 2018

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBER  
(RECENTLY ELECTED ~~AS~~ <sup>AS</sup> PLIB REPRESENTATIVE)  
MENTOR 4-H BEEF MEMBERS BY HOSTING PROTECT  
~~AS~~ ANIMALS AT OUR FARM (CHWOCK FARMS)