



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development

Analyst: Ryan Countryman

ECAF: 2023-0883

Proposal: Proposed Motion 23-321

Date: August 15, 2023

Consideration:

Motion 23-321 would confirm the appointment of Valera Storey to the Agricultural Advisory Board (Ag Board) for a first term ending April 1, 2027.

Background

This Nomination: The Ag Board position representing Agricultural Direct Marketing is currently vacant. The County Executive has nominated Valera Storey to be the Agricultural Direct Marketing representative. Valera is a poultry farmer and volunteers with the Arlington Area PTA. She is a resident of Council District 1 and is well-qualified to serve on the Ag Board.

About the Board: The Ag Board is a volunteer advisory body to the County Council, County Executive, Planning Commission and Hearing Examiner ([SCC 2.06.010](#)). [Amended Ordinance 91-122](#) created the Ag Board to support agricultural preservation. Specific provisions regarding membership requirements and duties have changed several times since 1991 to stay current with state legislation and industry trends, but throughout, the basic purpose of supporting agriculture remains. Membership consists of eleven positions as follows:

- Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5: One person engaged in each of the following industries: dairy, nursery, livestock, commodity crops, and agricultural direct marketing.
- Position 6: One person representing the diking, drainage and flood control districts located in the Snohomish River basin.
- Positions 7: One person representing the diking, drainage and flood control districts located in the Stillaguamish River basin.
- Position 8: One person who resides in the county and is engaged in the equine industry.
- Position 9: One person recommended by the Snohomish County Farm Bureau.
- Position 10 & 11: One person each residing in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish River basins.

[SCC 2.06.030](#) provides for member terms, which shall be staggered by year and may be for periods of either two or four years. Other details apply and no Ag Board member may serve for more than twelve consecutive years.

Current Proposal: Motion 23-321 would appoint Valera Storey to the Ag Board.

Handling: Normal

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session August 23 for consideration.