Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title	Mr.
First Name	Richard
Last Name	Donahue
Today's Date	10/11/2023
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
Mailing Address	
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	
Email Address	
Step 2	

1. Name of Board or Committee	Forestry Advisory Committee
Forestry Advisory Committee Position:	Citizen with forestry expertise
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 3
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	No
8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to	Field not completed.

the following questions

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I have been a self employed financial advisor since 1966. Prior to that, I graduated from Washington State University with a BS in Forest Management and a minor in Journalism. Following graduation, I worked for the State Department of Natural Resources from April 1, 1965 till May 31. 1967. During that time I was assistant forest manager for the Whatcom County area with a primary responsibility of forest management including preparing timber sales - cruising, evaluating, etc. I also spent 3 summers during college - one doing forest inventory in Eastern Washington, the second as a summer aide at the base of Mt. Adams in Glenwood with a number of duties including fire control, and the third a a youth camp operated jointly by the DNR and the Department of Institutions called Spruce Canyon - East of Colville - with a primary responsibility of working with youth crews on timber management projects including fire control, thinning, etc.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I always say you may take the Forester out of the forest but you don't take the trees out of the Forester. I have continued to pay attention to the issues facing good forest management. I believe we need to have a broad based perspective on management of the forest resources. This is a very valuable crop and it needs to be managed properly - that includes thinning, fire control and sale of mature forests. The proceeds from proper management at dedicated to our Counties, Universities, Public Schools, etc. Mismanagement or undermanagement of the resources means those revenues need to come from other sources.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	I can be reached on either my cell phone - 360-319-2839 or my office phone - 360-733-1200
Appointment Requirements	I understand and agree
Signature of applicant:	Richard C. Donahue
Place Signed / Submitted	
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