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Memorandum

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services
THROUGH: Dakota Stranik, Planner II – Staff Support for Agricultural Advisory Committee
DATE: February 21, 2024
SUBJECT: Membership Adjustment for Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recently received an application for the Consumer of Agricultural Products seat. However, that seat is already filled, and the applicant does not meet the requirements to fill any Agricultural Producer seats that are available. The applicant has relevant experience as a local agronomist and many community connections within the agricultural community that will enable them to be a valuable member to the AAC if appointed by Whatcom County Council.

Elli Harron, who currently fills the Consumer of Agricultural Products seat does have applicable farming experience as an Agricultural Producer and currently owns a farm acreage in Whatcom County. Elli has agreed to be moved into an Agricultural Producer seat in order to make the Consumer of Agricultural Products seat available for the new applicant. This transition will facilitate fewer vacancies and increased participation on the AAC, which will enable it to be a more effective committee in service of Whatcom County agriculture.

Attachments:

- Clay Pehl AAC Membership Application