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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title Mr.

First Name Daniel

Last Name Dahlquist

Today's Date 1/31/2023

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Planning Commission

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 4
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 the following questions	Attached
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired),	I started working in the construction industry at 17 years old right here in Whatcom County, over summer breaks, setting forms and framing for garages or sheds. After graduating from Ferndale

qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

High School I mostly worked labor shooting grade, cutting swales, placing yard rock, laying foundations or installing landscaping. After several years I grew tired of the monotony and left for school. I graduated in the fall of 2019 with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Biology. A couple short months later COVID hit, the construction industry bounced back to work faster than most and my former employer had a position for me. I joined them as Assistant Project Manager in early 2020.

I have been Assistant Project Manager on several multi-million-dollar projects since coming into this role nearly 3 years ago. A project I have been very hands-on recently was a substation project we did for Whatcom County PUD #1 in Ferndale. We were a subcontractor on this project that included extensive civil work, concrete foundations, stormwater management, landscaping, and road install with a final contract value of \$2,035,688. Pre-project I helped estimate project takeoffs, acquired bids from subcontractors, coordinated with shareholders, and analyzed stormwater runoff for BMPs. My duties during construction included acting as lead safety manager, new employee orientations, toolbox talk lead, site deployment coordination, CESCL duties (install, reporting, maintenance, and removal), change order communications, material import/export, and aggregating data for post-construction debriefs, comps, and photogrammetry.

As time goes on my responsibilities have grown.

I have been performing all the estimations for several new energy projects. Awarded upcoming projects include a transformer replacement project in Centralia (~\$2,058,600), and large greenfield project in Buckley (~\$3,782,800), both for Puget Sound Energy. We were also just awarded the first major substation defense upgrade project which includes 20-ft tall opaque barriers, anti-ram gates, landscaping for obscurity and more. I took lead on estimating and proposal development for this project and secured (what should be) record margins for my company.

My process for early project management includes the utilization of Bluebeam Revu for material takeoffs, AutoCAD LT for 2D drafting, Sketchup for design, ArcGIS for mapping, then aggregating timelines and utilizing Gantt charts to visualize project flow. I then layout proposals with Adobe InDesign to ensure quality. I have also begun incorporating ChatGPT into my workflows as possible, speeding up monotonous tasks. The biggest trouble I have seen people get into in this industry is blowing out their timeline and running months over schedule, the added costs can be crippling, and the issue can usually be drawn back to poor planning from the onset.

I am a member of PMI taking PMP classes and, upon becoming eligible later this year, will be taking my PMP certification exam. A position like this would also help me justify furthering my education with an MSc Civil Engineering program (already been in contact with the construction management department at the University of Washington).

I have a working knowledge of local codes, zoning regulations, and comprehensive plans.

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

I am interested in serving on this committee because I believe my formal education, professional experience and passion for responsible growth management make me an ideal candidate to serve this community.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Mark Pottle (Pottle & Sons PM) - 3603841543

Nick Sturlaugson (Bellingham PD) - 360-393-9764

Signature of applicant:

Daniel J Dahlquist

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

Daniel J Dahlquist



Expertise

Skills

Project Management
Contract Negotiations
Project Estimation
Supply Chain Management
Shareholder Presentations
Market Research
Data Analysis
Google Analytics
SEO & SEM
Photogrammetry

Technology

Proficiency

Google Suite
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Premiere Pro
Sketchup
AutoCAD
BlueBeam Revu
ArcGIS
Microsoft Excel
Wordpress
Mailchimp
Hootsuite
3D-Printing
Drones

Certificates

CESCL
First-Aid
OSHA-30
PMP (*in progress*)
Google Ads Certified

Experience

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(April 2020 - Present)

Assistant Project Manager & Communications Manager

- P&S is a general contractor specializing in electrical infrastructure, civil engineering and concrete projects.
- As APM I streamlined our project proposals, estimate project takeoffs, utilize sketchup / autocad / bluebeam during the design phase, coordinate with clients & subcontractors, establish regulatory compliance, manage imports and exports, and ensure project deliverables are completed on time. Experience on several multi-million dollar projects.
- I redesigned the company website from scratch, setup schema for proper SEO, aggregate drone and 3D walkthrough footage for shareholder meetings, and curated new marketing media.
- Developed and implemented our COVID mitigation plan which turned into an overhaul of the entire safety program: gathering data, designing posters, new-hire onboarding safety orientations, and weekly safety meetings. Supervisorial experience over several workers.

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(Jan 2010 - Dec 2016)

Labor ; I.T.

- My construction experience started working through summer in high-school. That developed into working labor on various projects over the years.
- As general labor I was responsible for shooting grade, setting / tearing down forms, hauling materials, spotting for operators, cutting swales, laying yard rock, placing foundations, landscaping etc.

Education

Washington State University • Pullman • WA

(Jan 2017 - Dec 2019)

BA, Business Administration

Minor, Biology

- Honor Roll / Dean's List (GPA 3.5+)
- WSU Writing Portfolio Graduation Requirement: Pass w/ Distinction (90th Percentile)
- CAPSTONE (senior project) involved curating market research, developing surveys, leading focus groups, analysing data and presenting the findings to local developers in a private shareholder meeting.