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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application
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Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

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Title	Mr.
First Name	Clinton
Last Name	Wertz
Today's Date	1/6/2025
Street Address	████████████████████
City	██████████
Zip	████
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	██████████
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee

Group

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 5

4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group

No

5. 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

6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?

No

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

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7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I currently work as an Infrastructure portfolio manager for the US Dept of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. I've served in Leadership roles with local, state and federal government since 2000. At Reclamation I ensure mission requirements for water and power delivery projects in the Pacific Northwest OR and WA are met. I oversee a portfolio of 200 + O&M, construction and environmental restoration projects over \$100M including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. I'm also a Project Manager for O&M facility construction and fish passage efforts. My master's

degree is in Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis on land use planning at a county/state level where I worked for 10 years.

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

I've served on both local and state level commissions in the past and found it incredibly rewarding to give back to my community and utilize my expertise and education. As an exclave Point Roberts's possesses desirable rural characteristics and a unique settlement history but it also faces adjacent urban growth pressures from Canada. There's challenges regarding the community viability in economic terms and impacts to its permanent and seasonal residents. The community was hit hard during Covid due to its isolation and border closure and is still recovering. There's critical infrastructure needs and economic development pressures on Point Roberts that need careful consideration and planning. Undoubtedly Whatcom County has concerns about providing services to its small population in such a remote location. I've lived and worked in very remote corners of the west and understand these challenges as it relates to maintaining community viability in a sustainable manner. Like many places Point Roberts residents' range in perspective from wanting guided growth to keeping things just the way they are which are both equally challenging. Serving on this committee and finding this balance in a thoughtful manner would provide me an opportunity to engage in solutions for a better future.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Candy McKinley- current supervisor at Reclamation [REDACTED], Ian Simpson - [REDACTED] former land use planning colleague, Rachel Birr- former co-worker at Reclamation [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Clinton Wertz

Place Signed / Submitted

Point Roberts Washington

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Resume for Clinton E Wertz

Education:

Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning
Portland State University, 2000

Graduate Studies in Natural Resources Management
University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1990-1992

Bachelors Degree in Recreation and Parks Management
Pennsylvania State University 1990

Bureau of Reclamation Columbia-Cascades Area Office Program Coordinator Yakima WA 2017 – Present

Leadership Support:

- Advises Area Manager and Leadership Team on portfolio development and reporting for Oregon and Washington Reclamation Projects.
- Provides logistical and program analyst support and ensures adherence to service agreements and business practices.

Infrastructure Program Coordination:

- Manages implementation of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act programs.
- Advises on program funding and administrative matters, reporting metrics to various stakeholders.

Portfolio Management:

- Consults on multi-year and 10-year work plans, monitors project progress, and recommends improvements.
- Utilizes the Concept to Implementation (C2i) framework for project analysis, management and budgeting.

Project Management:

- Serves as Project Manager for key projects including the Bend Field Office Relocation and Clear Creek Dam Fish Passage Ladder.
- Collaborates with the CCAO Project Mgt Supervisor on project tracking.

Financial Management:

- Coordinates with Budget Officer to align workload with budget needs, managing life cycle cost data.
- Conducts annual training for program and activity managers on budget databases.

Program Coordination:

- Coordinates land, water, and environmental management activities between offices.
- Leads facility operation and maintenance coordination, ensuring timely project completion.

Reporting and Liaison Activities:

- Prepares reports and briefings for the Area Manager.

- Serves as mission coordinator, ensuring alignment with Department of Interior strategic metrics and agency and office workload.

Bureau of Reclamation
Columbia Basin Project- Field Office Manager
Ephrata, WA 2015 – 2017

Staffing and Organization:

- Led reorganization and hiring of over 30 staff, including 5 supervisors, fostering culture change.
- Developed the EFO Roadmap for organizational realignment, workload planning, and training.

Management Protocols:

- Established management team protocols for decision-making and program coordination.
- Formulated clear written expectations for office staff.

Operational Oversight:

- Documented standard operating procedures for various functions including budget, finance, and maintenance.
- Managed operational changes for project water delivery systems.

Project Management:

- Oversaw Columbia Basin Project, Quincy Groundwater Program, and managed a budget of approximately \$12 million.
- Coordinated multi-year work planning for about 100 work plans.

Budget Review Committee:

- Represented the Pacific Northwest Region on the Budget Review Committee and presented budget-related findings.

Compliance and Coordination:

- Developed NEPA compliance assessments and coordinated with irrigation district managers and agency staff.
- Attended monthly board meetings, ensuring timely support and coordination with water users.

Bureau of Reclamation
Land Resources Program Manager
Boise, ID 2013 - 2015

Program Management:

- Led Realty, Wildland Fire, Recreation, GIS, and Cultural Resources programs.
- Provided technical assistance to regional and field offices and developed short- and long-range land resource plans.

Planning Oversight:

- Developed the GIS Strategic Plan and Historic Properties Management Plan.
- Managed property acquisitions for significant water conveyance projects.

Collaboration:

- Engaged with tribal, federal, state, and local entities, addressing various water and power delivery issues.

- Responded to inquiries from public, congressional, and media sources regarding reclamation operations.

Compliance and Review:

- Managed cultural resources compliance for habitat restoration projects.
- Contributed to compliance reviews for the Midnite Mine Superfund activities.

Leadership:

- Created the Regional Realty Group to improve training and business practices.
- Supervised 12 FTEs and directly managed 4 staff members.

Budget Oversight:

- Justified and tracked expenditures, making necessary budget adjustments.

Bureau of Land Management
Assistant Field Manager
Caliente, Nevada 2010-2012

Management and Supervision:

- Acts as field manager, supervising six staff and conducting performance appraisals.
- Participates in the budget team; develops and tracks the annual budget and work plan.

Resource Programs Oversight:

- Manages renewable resource programs (rangeland, wildlife, wild horses, etc.).
- Oversees compliance with regulations and policies, creates work plans and schedules.

Conflict Resolution:

- Resolves resource conflicts and coordinates with government entities to achieve goals.

Project Oversight:

- Supervises monitoring of special projects (wilderness areas, groundwater development).
- Reviews Environmental Assessments and Impact Statements under NEPA compliance.

Special Legislation Projects:

- Oversees resource management projects and joint land selections under federal acts.

Lincoln County, Nevada
Planning Director 2006 – 2010

Department Development & Management:

- Established the Planning Department, overseeing a300K in projects.
- Supervised up to three staff and a seven-member planning commission, managed project contracts, and developed annual work plans.

Federal Policy Review:

- Reviewed NEPA documents and federal land use actions and negotiated long-term development agreements on federal lands.
- Responded to legislative inquiries and developed land use plans for special legislation.

Fiscal Operations:

- Managed contracts for fiscal studies and evaluated county business practices; created budgets for the Lincoln County Fire District.

Interagency Coordination:

- Fostered partnerships with various governmental and non-governmental entities, successfully negotiating land use development projects.

Planning Projects:

- Supervised over 40 land use projects; wrote and received over \$150,000 in grant funding; developed master plans and land management policies.
- Created GIS needs assessments, managed GIS databases, and supervised various mapping projects.

Communications:

- Provided press releases and represented the county at various meetings; developed staff reports and conveyed research to county commissions on land use and fiscal policies

State of Nevada
Division of State Lands
Senior Planner
Carson City, NV 2004 - 2006

Advisory Support:

- Supported the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council; organized the Nevada Rural Planning Conference.

Technical Assistance, Research and Analysis:

- Developed policy guidance documents and provided planning support for Nevada School Trust Lands; assisted rural counties with land use plan development.
- Researched and resolved complex land use issues; evaluated federal development proposals through the Nevada State Clearinghouse.

Training, GIS and Communication:

- Conducted planning training sessions for local officials, prepared analytical reports and white papers for legislative bodies.
- Provided GIS analysis for land use proposals; contributed to statewide GIS capabilities and coordinated GIS activities.

Legislative Involvement:

- Monitored state legislative activities; assisted in drafting new land use planning statutes; tracked federal land use laws and litigation.

Multi-Agency Coordination:

Collaborated with various government agencies on land use initiatives; communicated complex issues requiring political support.

Budget and Planning:

- Assisted in budget development and annual work plans; disseminated socio-economic data to local entities.

Wasco County, Oregon
Associate Planner
The Dalles, OR 2000 - 2003

Short-Term Planning:

- Reviewed 300+ land use proposals; interpreted regulations related to historic reviews, endangered species, and tribal consultation.
- Assisted in management duties; provided zoning information; resolved conflicts with property owners regarding regulations.
- Monitored land use violations; consulted with officials on land use issues; prepared reports and graphics for planning applications.

Long-Range Planning:

- Monitored and reviewed the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan, revised county ordinances for legal compliance.
- Implemented endangered species protections, managed planning applications and updated ordinances.
- Tracked land use planning litigation and coordinated with legal counsel on appeals.

GIS Duties:

- Trained staff on GIS ARCVIEW; created zoning maps and developed a planning database.
- Conducted GIS analysis for land potential, environmental data, and development impacts; coordinated with wildlife officials on best practices.
- Analyzed agricultural soil capabilities for non-farm parcels; collaborated on urban interface rules and transportation studies.

City of Portland
Research Assistant 1998 - 1999

Communication, Research and Outreach:

- Researched the Clean Water Act and state water quality laws; studied historic land use and conservation efforts for the Columbia Slough Watershed Council.
- Developed a slideshow and exhibit board for the Columbia Slough Watershed; served as a public contact for land use policies.
- Gathered socio-economic demographics of the watershed population; applied university research to conservation activities.
- Conducted GIS mapping of land use patterns in the Columbia Slough area; documented watershed stewardship events through photography.

Collaboration and Public Education:

- Fostered partnerships with public and private organizations; coordinated with stakeholders to achieve conservation goals.
- Conducted outreach on City of Portland surface water management regulations; participated in interpretive displays and public events.

Clean Water Services
Washington County, OR
Hillsboro, OR
Public Affairs Intern 1997 – 1998

Data Analysis and Reporting:

- Analyzed stakeholder survey data; wrote an executive summary for the Beaverton Creek Watershed Plan; prepared reports on watershed best management practices.

Program Oversight:

- Managed the agency's small grants initiative; implemented the Beaverton Creek Watershed Plan.

Public Relations and Outreach:

- Supported communications and media relations; developed public outreach materials for land use and water quality programs.
- Maintained an outreach database; organized media coverage for agency events.

Research and Coordination:

- Researched Clean Water Act programs; coordinated public outreach meetings; developed white papers on natural resource topics.

USDA- Tongass National Forest
Forest Ranger Interpreter
Juneau, AK 1992 - 1993

Key Responsibilities:

- Conducted interpretive programs for groups up to 150.
- Researched and coordinated Elderhostel programs on forest management.
- Provided public lands information and lived onboard Alaska Marine Highway ships.
- Interpreted cultural aspects of Southeast Alaska and forest management activities.

Denali National Park
Denali Park, AK
Park Ranger Interpreter
1988 – 1991 (Seasonal)

Key Responsibilities:

- Presented weekly slide programs to audiences up to 300.
- Conducted campground talks, hikes, and managed program schedules.
- Created displays for new visitor center and offered VIP tours.
- Managed visitor information and ensured safety.
- Opened and closed Eielson Visitor Center.