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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	Mrs.
First Name	Shawna
Last Name	DeKriek
Today's Date	2/3/2022
Street Address	417 Fish Trap Way
City	Lynden
Zip	98264
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	3603190771
Secondary Telephone	3607396550
Email Address	dekriek@yahoo.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee

Committee

Flood Control Zone
District Advisory
Committee Position: Alternate

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 *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 graduated BTC's Dental Assisting Program in 2004 and afterwards studied Behavioral Science at Ashford University. I worked in general and pediatric dentistry as well as Oral Surgery. I now work in elder care and as a bookkeeper for the small trucking business my husband and I own. When we started our trucking business six years ago, our first contract was hauling racking (large trees with the root balls still attached) for salmon restoration to the Upper Nooksack River Forks. This was a two year contract with the Lummi Tribe. Note: Our contract to haul this racking ended 4 years ago.

My community interests and activities are further described in question number ten. But to summarize, my interests involve volunteering in my community and the history of Whatcom County. We all came to Whatcom County to make this our home at different times. Three of my great grandfathers came in the late 1800's and homesteaded along the Nooksack River. I am also part Nooksack Indian, my native great grandfather was a Nooksack Indian—born in Canada—who homesteaded at Northwood (Lynden) through the Indian Homestead Act of 1884. With these deep historical and family ties, I am very invested in living and growing in this incredible place we get to call home. I believe in preserving space for everyone, from all walks of life, human and animal to enjoy this place as they desire.

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

I am applying for an Alternate position on the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee so that I can participate in the process of river management. As an Alternate, the County Council has the authority to appoint me to fill empty positions (as they become available) temporarily or permanently, in any geographical location, within Whatcom County. Before this flood there were numerous vacancies on this committee and community involvement was minimal. I believe maintaining several Alternates is important to keep the Flood Committee full—with active community involvement—long term.

The Nooksack River, it's tributaries, and drainage areas require a diverse approach by a committee of people with ideas that represent the needs and safety of our community as a whole. The Nooksack River has always been life giving to this valley. And we have a duty to ensure it stays that way.

Thank you for your time in considering my application. I have learned so much during my time becoming involved, and look forward to discussing the complicated task we have before us.

Shawna DeKriek

References (please

Nick DeKriek (360) 739-6550

include daytime
telephone number):

Alexandra Williams (360) 441-5838

Signature of applicant:

Shawna DeKriek

Place Signed /
Submitted

Lynden, Washington

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