

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group 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	Clay
Last Name	Pehl
Today's Date	2/2/2024
Street Address	
City	Lynden
Zip	98264
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	

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1. Name of Advisory Group	Agricultural Advisory Committee
Agricultural Advisory Committee Position:	Agricultural Products Consumer Rep
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. 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?	Yes
lf yes, please explain	I am an employee of CHS NW cooperative. I represent and consult many farmers of Whatcom county.
6. Have you declared candidacy(as defined by RCW42.17A.055) for a paid electedoffice in any jurisdiction withinthe county?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Field not completed.
7. Please describe your occupation (or former	I am an Agronomist of CHS NW where I have been employed for eight years. Prior, I was a seeds manager for Bayer in Arizona. I have a BS degree in Landscape

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occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	Architecture and minor in Horticulture from Washington State University. I attended Lynden public high school where I was on the heavily involved in the FFA. There I held a position of an officer as well as helping to pioneer the program's corn maze which is still a large part of the organizations fundraising.
8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.	I am interested in serving on the County Advisory Group as I believe family farms need all there support they can get right now. As a community and as a diverse industry, we are all facing challenges and future issues that I want to help overcome. The history of our community is losing its foundation, and we need to find common ground. As an advisor to many of our local family farms, it is my job to make recommendations that benefit their future and wellbeing. I would hope that I can have more of an impact in that respect that solely fertility and crop protection.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Derek Gavette Hereinen (, Leighton Overson Hereinen) , John Grubbs Herein
Appointment Requirements	I understand and agree
Signature of applicant:	Clay B Pehl
Place Signed / Submitted	Lynden, WA - CHS NW Agronomy Location