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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	Henry
Last Name	Bierlink
Today's Date	1/17/2025
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 Conservation Easement Program Oversight 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 2

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 [RESUME16.docx](#)

7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education *Field not completed.*

8. Please describe why Help keep farming viable

you're interested in
serving on this
Advisory Group.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

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Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Henry Bierlink

Place Signed /
Submitted

Lynden, WA

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Henry Bierlink
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Education:

Western Washington University, M.A. 1990
Political Science/Public Administration
Whatcom Community College
Word Processing, Summer 1988
Farm Management, 1980-1986
Dordt College, B.A. 1978
Secondary Education: History\English

Employment History:

Administrator, Ag Water Board

204 Hawley Street, Lynden, WA 98264
October, 2013 – July, 2024

Facilitate board, provide administrative services, organize and implement WID referendums, provide assistance to WIDs.

Administrator, WA Seed Potato Commission (contractual)

204 Hawley Street, Lynden, WA 98264
April, 2004 – December, 2024

Administration, oversee governmental affairs, locate and apply for available grants, communicate with growers.

Executive Director, WA Red Raspberry Commission (contractual)

204 Hawley Street, Lynden, WA 98264 (360) 354-8767
May, 2001 - present

Oversee governmental affairs, administer research and marketing contracts, locate and apply for available grants, communicate with growers.

Executive Director, Whatcom Farm Friends

1796 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264 (360) 354-1337
March, 1993 – September, 2013

Represent Whatcom County farmers at the State and local levels, ag representative for watershed planning, develop political contacts, organize volunteer efforts, write and edit newsletter, lobbying.

Program Director\Technician, Whatcom Conservation District

6975 Hannegan Road, Lynden, WA 98264 (360) 354-2035
June, 1994 – May, 2001

Responsible for dairy waste planning, development of water quality programs, farm/urban interface issues. Familiar with computer modeling and design. Assisting farmers in coming to terms with increasing number of environmental regulations. Activities include: developing farm plans, seeking new funds through grants and contracts, public speaking, developing contacts with political leaders, organizing meetings, and writing educational articles.

Owner\Operator, Heron Delight Heifer Farm

9713 Double Ditch Road, Lynden, WA 98264 (360) 354-3514
April, 1993 – August, 2005

Raised replacement heifers for local dairy farm.

Nutrient Management Program Director, Washington State University Cooperative Extension

1000 North Forest Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 (360) 676-6736

February, 1991 - June, 1994

Coordinated Whatcom County Manure Management Committee, represented dairy industry on State Dairy Waste Advisory Committee, organized educational seminars and small group "kitchen meetings", conducted numerous presentations to diverse audiences.

Executive Director, Concerned Christian Citizens

August 1986 - December 1989

Responsible for: writing, administration, public relations, lobbying, teaching, and editing CCC's newsletter, Communique. Developed and coordinated comprehensive educational program.

Ministries Coordinator, First Christian Reformed Church

August 1986 - August 1988

Responsible for church administration and direction setting. Directed the education curriculum of church with over 700 members.

ABC Dairy Owner\Operator

August 1980 - July 1986

Managed the employees, maintained records, implemented state-of-the-art procedures, and monitored purchases of com-modities and marketing of products.

Group Home Parent, Hope Haven, Rock Valley, Iowa

August 1979 - August 1980

Cooperated with counselors, therapists, and vocational trainers in a residential treatment center for mentally disabled and emotionally disturbed youth.

Assistant Editor, Rock Valley Bee

September 1979 - August 1980

A part-time position involving reporting, writing, layout, editorials, and photography.

High School Teacher, Dakota Christian High School

July 1978 - June 1979

References:

Vern VandeGarde – Chair, Bertrand WID

Marty Maberry, Greg Ebe, Jason Vander Veen – former chairs, Whatcom Farm Friends

Rob Dhaliwal, Adam Enfield – former chairs, WA Red Raspberry Commission