

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

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	Jeffrey
Last Name	Kelly
Today's Date	11/9/2025
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
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	

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory
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Group	Committee
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 3
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
If yes, please explain	I am the General Manager of Savage's Rail and Transload Division in the Western US. We perform contract rail operations inside several customer- owned facilities in Northern Washington, including one in Whatcom County.
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	Attached
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications,	I am the General Manager for Savage's rail and transload operations across the Western United States, overseeing large-scale logistics, infrastructure, and maintenance projects. I have extensive experience managing capital-intensive operations,

professional and/or
community activities,
and education

coordinating emergency response and recovery efforts, and leading teams to deliver safe, efficient, and sustainable outcomes. My background has given me a strong understanding of regional infrastructure, environmental impact, and the importance of proactive planning and collaboration in protecting communities from flooding and other emergencies.

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

I'm interested in serving on this Advisory Group because I live in Everson, close to the Nooksack River, and I've seen firsthand the importance of effective flood management in protecting our community. As a new parent, I want to take an active role in shaping a safer, more resilient future for local families. With my background in infrastructure management and emergency response, I hope to contribute practical experience and a collaborative spirit to support the committee's work.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Jeremey Miller, Operations Manager
Lynn Holden, Metallurgical Engineer

Appointment
Requirements

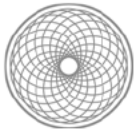
I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Jeffrey A. Kelly

Place Signed /
Submitted

(Section Break)



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Safety-focused supply chain and logistics professional with a career-long record of leadership, compliant operations, and customer success for large and small organizations.

A dynamic, motivated, compassionate senior supply chain professional with the training background and proven work ethic to guide and support the completion of complex projects while communicating and coordinating with cross-functional stakeholders. Strategic thought leader who is known for delivering excellence in fast-paced environments, with the skillset to analyze complex information, manage key projects, build partnerships, and lead diverse individuals. Out-of-the-box thinker who is comfortable working in teams or independently to ensure solutions consistently meet or exceed organizational goals. Exceptional training and qualifications.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Safety and health
- Leadership
- Supply chain management
- Logistics solutions
- Vendor relations
- Stakeholder engagement
- Incident management
- Conflict resolution
- Operational readiness
- Regulatory compliance
- Project management
- Communications

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SAVAGE, MIDVALE, UT (REMOTE)

GENERAL MANAGER, WESTERN REGION RAIL AND TRANSLOAD JULY, 2021 – PRESENT

- Champion safety as a core value, maintaining a consistent sub-1 incident rate and striving for zero incidents.
- Drive strategic decision-making through data analysis, optimizing operational and financial outcomes.
- Truly partner with clients, managing all facets of the relationship.
- Cultivate a high-performance culture by modeling excellence and mentoring leaders to adopt best practices.
- Deliver operational efficiencies and business growth through strategic planning and execution, achieving a massive year-over-year increase in revenue from FY23 to FY24.
- Find and develop opportunities for business expansion both in the United States and internationally.
- Lead a team of leaders who support 140+ employees at 8 locations in 6 states.
- Direct rail and transload startups and acquisitions across six states, ensuring seamless integration and operational success.
- Engage in field operations to provide real-time coaching and development, enhancing frontline performance.
- Collaborate across business units to foster innovation, share expertise, and strengthen industry positioning.

FULCRUM SIERRA BIOFUELS, RENO, NV

LEADER, OPERATIONS AND LOGISTICS AUGUST, 2019 – JULY, 2021

- Developed and implemented comprehensive safety, process, and administrative policies, fostering a culture of operational excellence.
- Liaised with domestic and international partners to guide the delivery, installation, and startup of specialized components, meeting stringent project timelines.
- Evaluated supplier options and executed cost-effective, operationally-aligned procurement decisions based on company guidelines.
- Oversaw vendor management from orientation through project completion, ensuring adherence to quality and safety standards.
- Coordinated spec feedstock manufacturing and transportation, optimizing supply chain efficiency.
- Led the commissioning team for the startup and testing of specialized equipment, ensuring seamless operational readiness.
- Directed cross-functional investigations of contractor incidents, auditing safe work practices, and implementing preventative measures to minimize future risks.
- Designed and implemented permit systems and critical control programs, strengthening regulatory compliance and operational control.
- Fostered and managed strategic relationships with local emergency responders, enhancing incident response capabilities.

KELLY, SHUTT, AND ASSOCIATES AT KELLER WILLIAMS SIERRA NEVADA, SPARKS, NV

DIRECTOR, KW LUXURY HOMES INTERNATIONAL, SPARKS, MARCH, 2017 – JANUARY, 2020

TEAM OWNER/ MANAGER MARCH, 2017 – JANUARY, 2020

- Fostered collaborative relationships with industry professionals, including lenders, inspectors, and legal counsel, to streamline transactions and enhance the client experience.
- Drafted, negotiated, and executed multi-million-dollar real estate contracts, ensuring compliance and risk mitigation.
- Managed profit and loss to ensure the team maintained consistent success, positioning the business to adapt effectively to market fluctuations.

- Recruited, trained, and mentored top-performing real estate agents, driving them to exceed sales and productivity targets year-over-year.
- Advised clients with transparency and integrity, leveraging deep market expertise to guide informed decisions in a competitive landscape.
- Implemented data-driven market analysis to identify emerging trends, driving strategic adjustments.
- Developed and executed targeted marketing strategies that boosted client acquisition and retention.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, MAY, 2014 – MARCH, 2017

LEAD CONDUCTOR/ FOREMAN

- Coordinated inbound/outbound cars for multiple trains and yard inventory.
- Created and implemented daily, weekly, and monthly work plans.
- Supervised train crews performing switching and over-the-road operations.
- Safely moved over 10 million tons annually of freight to customer facilities, using remote-control and conventional locomotives.
- Built personal relationships with customers, winning the 2015 “Golden Spike” award from the President and CEO for exceptional customer service.
- Clearly communicated safety information to other employees, managers, and train dispatchers.
- Coordinated resources and took charge during emergencies.

DRUMMAC, INC, SAN JOSE, CA, AUGUST, 2013 – MAY, 2014

MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT

- Lead safe work practices during tests, inspections, and repairs on Amtrak passenger trains and locomotives.
- Lead a team of leaders who supervised a total of more than fifty employees.
- Presented reports to senior Amtrak and California DOT officials.
- Trained and mentored employees to achieve success.
- Championed communication at all levels.
- Set standards of excellence and held employees and supervisors accountable to these standards.

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

GRADUATED 2006

GRANADA HIGH SCHOOL, LIVERMORE, CA

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE, RAILROAD CONDUCTOR

GRADUATED 2013

MODOC RAILROAD ACADEMY, MARION, IL

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

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| • Executive Management | • Incident Command (ICS 100, 200, 700, 800) | • HAZWOPER 8 |
| • Project Management Essentials | • Multiple FEMA Incident Management Certs | • Emergency Planning |
| • Project Management- Lean Process | • Hazardous Materials Technician | • Emergency Management |
| • Six Sigma Green Belt | • Hazardous Materials Decontamination | • CAT Operator II |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technical Proficiencies: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Office, Project, Teams), Google Suite, Mac OS, Paychex, ADP, Slack, Salesforce, Windows,

Interests: Camping, hiking, boating, and spending days outside.

References available upon request