



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title	Mr.
First Name	steven
Last Name	Groen
Today's Date	2/1/2020
Street Address	1000 barnhart Rd.
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	3607082123
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	sgroen.sg@gmail.com
1. Name of Board or Committee	Agricultural Advisory Committee
Agricultural Advisory Committee Position:	Agricultural Producer
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 the following questions	resume.pdf - attached
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	Skagit Farmers Supply certified crop advisor and agronomy sales manager, dairy farm owner, beef producer, Whatcom county dairy and crop producer for 27 years.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I am interested in the practical, wise management of our agricultural and resource land and industries. I want a voice and have a wide range of experience that would serve Whatcom residents very well ranging from heavy construction, dairy and crop production, consultation, specialty fertilizer production and sales,
References (please include daytime telephone number):	see attached
Signature of applicant:	Steven Groen
Place Signed / Submitted	1000 Barnhart RD, Lynden, WA 98264

STEVEN J. GROEN

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- G&G Farms** 1983-1984
- dairy herdsman
- Ferndale Grain** 1984-1985
- feed mill operator
- Hidden Acres Dairy** 1985-2017
- owner and co-manager
 - forage, pasture, cattle, business, and crop management
 - bred and developed one of top Jersey cow herds in the United States
 - extensive experience in cattle and crop merchandizing
 - national renown for innovative forage and pasture techniques concerning dairy production
 - vegetable, forage, grain production management
- J & S Progressive Inc.** 1993-1999
- custom tillage , harvesting, and seeding
 - co-owner, sales and construction project manager
 - heavy equipment operator
 - retail seed sales and dairy management consultation
 - landfill management and record keeping
- Wolfkill Feed and Fertilizers** 1997-2002
- contracted agronomy consultant
- Northwest Independent Milk Producers board of directors**
- director of a 52 member co-op marketing specializing in the procurement of and marketing of members' milk to numerous processing plants in the PNW resulting in highest pay prices to dairy producers in the US throughout this time period
- Elenbaas Co.** 2000-2011
- agronomy sales and consulting
 - dairy feed and dairy supplement sales and consultation
 - developed forage, corn silage, specialty crop fertility and crop protection programs specifically for dairies
 - consultation and sales to fruit producers, grain farmers, and seed producers
 - create and implement with farmers soil fertility and crop protection programs
 - advise dairy, row crop, specialty crop farmers on nutrient management issues
 - .advised and developed financial statements with fruit and dairy farmers to secure financing including lender and third party financial statements
 - national renown for development and implementation of relay cropping practices in PNW corn silage production
- K-oss Inc.**
- President and co-owner of a heavy construction company specializing in state and federally funded demolition projects, trucking, and the management of a construction and demolition landfill
- 2006-2009
2012-2017
- Nachurs Alpine Solutions**
- Oregon, Washington, and Alaska district sales manager
 - advised retailers, crop consultants on the complete Nachurs fertility product line and agronomic practices on all forage and food crops
 - 2015-2016 company leader for growth of specialty fertilizer sales and development
- Skagit Farmers Supply** 2012, 2016-2020
- agronomy sales and consulting, regional sales management
- Hidden Acres Farm and Consulting Inc** 2018-2019
- Successfully assisted federal bankruptcy court on all issues dairy and farming through a chapter 11 dairy bankruptcy with all creditors satisfied and assisted and consulted throughout the management and asset recovery process

EDUCATION

Lynden Christian High

Seattle Pacific University
Western Washington University

COMPUTER AND OTHER SKILLS

Basic Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher

International Certified Crop Advisor certified by the the American Society of Agronomy

Licensed WA state commercial pesticide consultant, agriculture weed, insects and disease, aquatics, public right of ways, turf and ornamental

Employee management which includes large construction projects, landfill construction and agronomy department management

Extensive knowledge of soil fertility, agriculture, agriculture economics, innovative cropping and animal hi specializing in dairy production, agriculture machinery, and crop protection and cultural practices

Construction project management

Effective communication skills relevant to clients and co-workers

Ability to develop and publish marketing newsletters and literature

Public speaking and Ppt. presentations and create accredited agronomy presentations to industry peers

References

Ben Elenbaas

Greg Ebe 360-815-5255

Rod Tjoelker 360-815-2013

John and Karen Steensma

Larry Stap 360-319-2321

Gordon James 360-815-1356