

**BACKGROUND FOR APPOINTMENT TO
LEWIS COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

1. The Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board consists of five voting members, each of whom are appointed by the county legislative authority (the Board of County Commissioners).
2. The county legislative authority divides the County into five sections, known as weed districts, of the same approximate population size and appoints a voting member from each section.
3. At least three of the voting members shall be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products, meaning they are involved in the direct production of food, feed, fiber, and other plant and animal products using the resources of the land, including air, water, and soil.
4. There shall be one non-voting, ex-officio, member on the county's Noxious Weed Control Board. This person shall be the WSU County Extension Director or an Extension Agent appointed by the same.
5. Each voting member is appointed to serve a term of four years.
6. Notice of board member openings will be published at least twice, and at least ten days, before nominations.
7. Applicants for Noxious Weed Control Board positions must reside in the district from which they are seeking appointment.
8. A person interested in appointment to the weed board shall make a written application that includes the signatures of at least ten registered voters, each of whom must reside in the same weed district.
9. After nominations are closed, a hearing is conducted by the Noxious Weed Control Board. The nominations are then forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners, with the recommendations of the Weed Board. The names of nominees are also posted on the county website and in the courthouse.
10. Within sixty days (hopefully sooner) following the receipt of the list of nominees, the Board of County Commissioners appoints one of the nominees from each weed district.
11. Meetings are held as determined by the Weed Board, but must be held at least quarterly, usually in February, May, August, and November.
12. Noxious Weed Control Board positions are non-paid, volunteer positions. Mileage to and from the meetings, and other "actual and necessary expenses," may be reimbursed.
13. Applications for appointment to the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board must be submitted to the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board Office, mailing address: 351 NW North St, Chehalis, WA 98532, and physical address: 19 SW Cascade Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532.

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
LEWIS COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

Name of Applicant

Arthur Smith

Applicant's Residential Address

602 SE 1st St., Winlock, WA 98596

1. Are you engaged in the primary production of agricultural products?

Yes _____ No X

If yes, please give a brief description of your agricultural activities:

While I am not an agricultural producer myself, I am directly engaged w/ producers throughout the county through my work w/ the Conservation District, and I am intimately familiar w/ the challenges that noxious weeds pose to them.

2. In addition, please attach a brief description of your relevant background, including why you are interested in seeking this appointment and why you are qualified to do so.

Please See Attachment A

Attachment A:

I am a career habitat and natural resource management specialist and have managed noxious weeds at the local scale as a private contractor for landowners, on the community level as a habitat management technician for a municipal government, and at the watershed scale as a project manager for a Conservation District. I am a resource for plant identification and vegetation management practices and am well versed in developing management plans which incorporate integrated pest management strategies. Additionally, I have a strong academic background in the botany and ecology of the Pacific Northwest.

I am a lifelong resident of Lewis County. I grew up in the Toledo area and have worked on farms for my entire life. From a young age, I have had a personal vendetta against the suite of common noxious species that many manage across our region such as Himalayan blackberries, tansy ragwort, and Scotch broom. I have a deep, personal understanding of what noxious weeds mean for our ecosystems, our economies, and our communities. I am familiar with the species in our area which are the most problematic and require ongoing, systemic management, and with the species that pose the greatest emerging threat but are not yet widespread. It is no coincidence that I have pursued a career that allows me to engage with these challenges and develop effective strategies to address them.

I do believe that the Noxious Weed Board's mission to effectively steward the natural and agricultural lands of Lewis County against the harm of noxious weeds is attainable, and I would be honored to offer my services to help accomplish it.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application for this appointment to your board. I look forward to speaking with you all further about this opportunity.

3. Provide at least ten signatures from registered voters in your weed district in support of your application. Please use the attached signature list.

REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1. <u>Averi Foster</u>	<u>602 SE First St, Winlock WA 98596 Averi Foster</u>
2. <u>Sara Te'o</u>	<u>602 SE First Street, Winlock WA 98596 Sara E Te'o</u>
3. <u>Seth Nichols</u>	<u>PO Box 1254, Toledo, WA 98591 Seth Nichols</u>
4. <u>Bruce Nichols</u>	<u>PO Box 1254 Toledo WA 98591 - Bruce Nichols</u>
5. <u>Colton Hill</u>	<u>103 Tory Lynn Dr Winlock, WA</u>
6. <u>Heather Allender</u>	<u>103 Tory Lynn Dr. Winlock, WA</u>
7. <u>Tamie McCrandall</u>	<u>103 Tory Lynn Dr Winlock WA</u>
8. <u>Allison Kirby</u>	<u>3002 Orange Ct Winlock WA Allison Kirby</u>
9. <u>Kim BURD</u>	<u>106 SE Ash St Winlock WA 98596</u>
10. <u>Brooke Kimbrough</u>	<u>183 Backstrom Rd Winlock WA 98596 Brooke Kimbrough</u>

Attach additional signatures and addresses if desired.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board
(mailing) 351 NW North Street
(physical) 19 SW Cascade Avenue
Chehalis, WA 98532-1900

Questions concerning the district you reside in should be directed to the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board Office at (360) 740-1215 or weeds@lewiscountywa.gov.

Name:

Address:

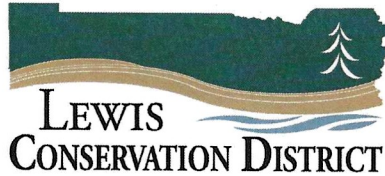
Signature:

Austin Crawford 3002 Orange Ct Winlock wa 98596 Austin Crawford

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Lauren Sayers 906 SE Front St Winlock WA 98594
Lauren Sayers

Gabriel Fuentes 411 Augustus St. Toledo, wa 98591 Gabriel Fuentes



2057 SW Salsbury Ave, Chehalis, WA 98532 – (360) 996-4560

Supervisors

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<u>M. Courtney</u>	Vice-Chairman
<u>D. Moir</u>	Secretary/ Treasurer
<u>C. Aldrich</u>	Member
<u>B. McDonald</u>	Member

Dear Lewis County Noxious Weed Board:

This reference letter is provided at the written request of Arthur Smith, who has asked me to serve as a reference on his behalf. It is my understanding that Arthur Smith is being considered by your organization for the position of Area 3 Board Representative.

I have known and worked with Arthur Smith for the past 2 ½ years as he has planned and managed Riparian areas throughout Lewis County. He has a passion for the environment and goals of restoring habitat. As his co worker and now manager, I have had an opportunity to observe his knowledge of the environment and it is extensive. Arthur has a very mild temperament and befriends most people. I believe he would be a good fit for this position. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nikki Atkins

District Manager

Lewis Conservation District

To: Lewis County Noxious Weed Board
Re: Recommendation for a position on the
Noxious Weed Board

I have a farm that borders the
Devanah River. Having this property that
borders the river I have had the need for
guidance on how to deal with the challenges
that the river causes. In dealing with
these issues I have used LCCD for help
and guidance. Arthur Smith has been
one of the employees at LCCD that
has worked with me. I find Arthur Smith
knowledgeable and easy to talk to, and
willing to tackle my problems with good
initiative. I also attend LCCD monthly
meetings and had the opportunity to talk
to Arthur about various topics that affect
our local environment, he is open minded
willing to do extra research on questions
I ask.

I believe Arthur Smith to be a
good addition to the position of Area
3 Board Representative.

Regards

Tracy Spencer