

Lewis County
Citizen Advisory Boards/Commissions/Committees
Application

Appointment will require regular meeting attendance that is usually held monthly and in the evening. You may attach a resume or other relevant information if desired. If you are not chosen at this time, would you like us to keep your application on file for future appointments? **Yes, thank you.**

Return completed form to: BOCC@lewiscountywa.gov

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Occupation: Owner/Operator of a small Dairy Processing Facility (Willapa Hills Cheese) & even smaller livestock operation (Willapa Hills Lowline Cattle Company).

Commissioner District #: 2

How many hours are you willing to commit? Flexible. As many as necessary.

One note: As the lead sales representative (until we grow a bit) for our companies there are two or three key events that take place out of state each year that I will need to attend. I know dates well in advance and will communicate in a timely fashion any potential conflict. I schedule the bulk of my sales activities and will be able to work around most meeting dates.

Which Advisory Board/Commission/Committee interests you? Planning Commission

Briefly describe why you would like to serve:

We have been residents of Lewis County since 2005. Our farm, business and family are finally at a point where my wife and I have some time to contribute to the larger community. I also have an interest in county planning and land use, especially as it relates to supporting existing and fostering new agricultural/livestock/farming businesses. I believe that variations on traditions farming activities as well as new or alternative agricultural practices and activities have the potential to play a role in enhancing economic activity within the county.

Like so many others in our community, I would like to contribute to the creation of sustainable employment opportunities – especially for our young people – and I believe thoughtful intentional planning is crucial. Growing up in an urban environment (Seattle) and prior to moving to Lewis County living in a semi-rural environment (Kitsap County), I have been struck by the need for sustainable living wage jobs in my local area (west Lewis County) and throughout Lewis County.

What community organization do you currently volunteer with or have you volunteered with in the past?

My volunteer experiences have been very limited in the last ten years as we started our family and worked to build a sustainable farm-based business from scratch. We are involved at our children's grade school (St.

Joseph's, Chehalis,) and participate in some local civic events (ex. Rotary Wine & Cheese). We also regularly donate cheese for charitable events sponsored by schools and other non-profit organizations.

Describe your qualifications and skills that would be of benefit:

In my prior life I worked for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle for 23 years, first in youth and young adult ministry within local congregations and then in various administrative/management roles. The last 10+ years of service was a member of the Archdiocesan administrative staff. Duties included staffing and eventually overseeing Archdiocesan Leadership and Transition Services, a program that engaged many of our 170+ communities throughout Western Washington. This included the utilization of strategic planning processes and included work with outgoing and incoming pastoral leaders. I also worked closely with our multi-cultural communities and inclusion ministries. In the last five years at the Archdiocese I served as the Archbishop's Delegate for Youth & Young Adult Ministry, working with a team of staff to support ministry development in local congregations, management of an athletic programs for Catholic grade schools and a multi-faceted outdoor ministry program that included retreat offerings, summer camp programs and environmental education programs taking place at two year-round and one seasonal residential camp facilities.

List your educational background and area of study:

BA in Humanities with a Pre-Professional Emphasis in Public Administration

Matteo Ricci College, Seattle University, 1988

Masters of Theological Studies

Institute for Theological Studies, Seattle University, 1996

Additional Training & Education:

Various classes and workshops in the areas of Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, Organization Change, Leadership Transition, Multicultural/Diversity Awareness, Conflict Management, etc.

And more recently:

WSU's Cheesemaking Short Course (WSU), Food Safety & HACCP Programs, Livestock Management, etc.

Current Memberships/Associations:

1. American Lowline Registry/Western States Lowline (member)
2. Association for Temperate Agroforestry (member)
3. ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture (subscriber)
4. Lewis County Beekeepers Association (member)
5. Pollinator Partnership (registered habitat)
6. Washington Native Plant Society (member)
7. Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network (member)
8. Washington Tilth (member)

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