

**Agricultural Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
July 17, 2024**

Start Time:	1:00 p.m.
Location:	Hybrid Meeting – Zoom & at Whatcom County Planning & Development

Meeting Highlights
There were 9 people in attendance (Voting members: 7 of 10, Staff members: 1, Ex-Officio: 1 Members of the public: 0).

Attendees – Members	Affiliation	Present
Chapman, Alan (chair)	Whatcom Conservation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kubalek, Roger (vice chair)	Ag Producer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
McDermott, Matthew	Ag Producer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harron, Elli	Ag Producer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Welch, Chantel	Ag Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Likkel, Fred	Whatcom Family Farmers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pehl, Clay	Consumer of Ag Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hawley, Roger	Ag Producer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steele, Eliza	Ag Producer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Del Giorgio, Isaiah	Ag Producer	<input type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	Ag Producer	
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Quorum Present	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Attendees – Ex-Official/Contributing	Affiliation	Present
Corina Cheever	Whatcom Conservation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benedict, Chris	WSU Extension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hall, Alex	NRCS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallberg, Brooklyn	FFA Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attendees - Staff	Present
Dakota Stranik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Others Present
none

Zoom Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/Jk7RADSIWaELpQtPAo7HKIzwQ-93KRJu9QH4dJ3-YtN6TE8ASwmIaG6PpeYbKGWcazmhbK0-1roRvKOQ.BwLt1tQPa5rqiiA-?canPlayFromShare=true&from=my_recording&continueMode=true&componentName=rec-play&originRequestUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2FJTyzl6nMKYHKDiJ1TBLVSbDH4TrWNs4pjdTOF_rhm8EXWdXX_XDo8tKz-pUHLzvG.0WxmDkGmw0hx2b8e

1- Roll call and introductions - starting at 00:00:13

WCC 2.34.040 establishes that "a quorum shall consist of at least half of the appointed voting members." A quorum was established with 7 of 10 appointed voting members present.

2- Agenda Review & Adjustments - starting at 00:01:17

Discussion of Fall Meeting Schedule was moved up to #4 after the Open Public Session.

3- Open Public Session - starting at 00:01:55

There was no public comment.

4- Discussion of Fall Meeting Schedule - starting at 00:02:01

It was agreed to resume meetings one month early this fall, re-starting meetings in September rather than October. The start time was also permanently changed to 2pm for all future meetings. Motioned by Fred, seconded by Roger, and passed unanimously with no objections.

5- Planning for Summer Subcommittee Activities - starting at 00:09:10

It was determined that there would be two subcommittees working over the summer.

- Subcommittee for Comp Plan Coordination
(Alan, Roger, Elli)
- Subcommittee for Review of VSP & Ag Strategic Plan
(Fred, Clay, Chantel, Eliza)

6- Staff & Member Updates – starting at 00:32:20

Alex Harris has been hired as Outreach Coordinator for the Conservation Easement Program

7- New business

There was no new business

8- Action items and next agenda

This item was not discussed

9- Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, September 11th from 2pm to 4pm. The meeting will be held as a hybrid between Zoom and in person at Whatcom County Planning & Development Services (5280 Northwest Drive).