



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 23, 2025

Department: Public Works

Title: Consider Appointments to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee (MWQAC)

Management Update/Work Session Date: 03/18/2025 Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 15 minutes Contact: Cory Swartwout Phone: 503-365-3178

**Requested Action:**

1. Approve an order appointing Richard Walker to the MWQAC as an at-large member.
2. Approve an order appointing Brent Stevenson to the MWQAC, representing the Marion County Agricultural Industry.
3. Approve an order appointing Angela Plowhead to the MWQAC, representing the Marion Soil & Water Conservation District.
4. Approve an order appointing Lyle Schellenberg to the MWQAC as an at-large member.

**Issue, Description  
& Background:**

Richard Walker is seeking appointment as an at-large member. Brent Stevenson is seeking appointment for the Marion County Agricultural Industry position. Angela Plowhead is seeking appointment for the Marion Soil & Water Conservation District position. Lyle Schellenberg is seeking appointment as an at-large member.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners formed the MWQAC on July 28, 2010. The committee membership consists of six at-large positions and five positions consisting of community stakeholders from Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, Local Home Builders Association, Marion County Agriculture Industry, Land Development and a local Watershed Council.

**Financial Impacts:**

None.

**Impacts to Department  
& External Agencies:**

None.

**List of attachments:**

Board Orders, Applications and MWQAC Roster

**Presenter:**

Stephanie Pulvers

**Department Head  
Signature:**

Brian Nicholas

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FOR MARION COUNTY OREGON**

In the matter of appointing )  
Richard Walker to the Marion )  
Water Quality Advisory Committee. )

**ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 23, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Commissioners on July 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Richard Walker is willing and qualified to serve on the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee as an At-Large member; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Richard Walker be appointed to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2028.

This appointment shall be for term beginning April 23, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2028. The appointed members are to serve at the pleasure of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair

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Commissioner

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FOR MARION COUNTY OREGON**

In the matter of appointing )  
Brent Stevenson to the Marion )  
Water Quality Advisory Committee. )

**ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 23, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Commissioners on July 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Brent Stevenson is willing and qualified to serve on the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee as the Marion County Agriculture Industry representative; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Brent Stevenson be appointed to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2028.

This appointment shall be for term beginning April 23, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2028. The appointed members are to serve at the pleasure of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FOR MARION COUNTY OREGON**

In the matter of appointing                     )  
Angela Plowhead to the Marion             )  
Water Quality Advisory Committee. )

**ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 23, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Commissioners on July 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Angela Plowhead is willing and qualified to serve on the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee as the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District representative; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Angela Plowhead be appointed to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2028.

This appointment shall be for term beginning April 23, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2028. The appointed members are to serve at the pleasure of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FOR MARION COUNTY OREGON**

In the matter of appointing                    )  
Lyle Schellenberg to the Marion        )  
Water Quality Advisory Committee. )

**ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 23, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Commissioners on July 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Schellenberg is willing and qualified to serve on the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee as an At-Large member; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lyle Schellenberg be appointed to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2028.

This appointment shall be for term beginning April 23, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2028. The appointed members are to serve at the pleasure of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

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## Advisory Board Application

Applicant's Name: **Richard Walker**

Adv. Board: **Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee**

City of Residence: **Turner**

Occupation: **Principal, AKS Engineering & Forestry**

Application Rcd: **03/10/2025**

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### The reason I am applying:

#### The reason I am applying for this adv board:

The information in this section is considered public record and will be made available to the public as part the appointment process if you are selected to serve.

Required \*

My current term is expiring

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### More about my personal and professional interests

#### Tell us more about the interests that prompted you to apply for this advisory board.

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Required \*

I am a licensed Professional Engineer and bring technical expertise to the committee.

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### Tell us more about your community involvement

#### What community, school or special activities have you participated in? Please include specific details about your role.

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Required \*

I have been volunteering on the committee for more than a decade.



# Advisory Board Application

## Previous board service at Marion County

**Have you ever served on any other Marion County board, commission, committee, council or task force: If so, please explain below or enter N/A.**

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Required \*

NA

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## Qualifications and Skills

**Please list the qualifications and skills you have which you believe would be valuable if you are appointed to this volunteer position. Please include relevant skills, activities, training and/or education.**

The information in this section is considered public record and will be made available to the public as part the appointment process if you are selected to serve.

Required \*

Licensed Professional Engineer

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## More about yourself and why you are applying

**Tell us more about yourself and why you are applying.**

Your answers to the narrative questions in this section will be included in Board Session paperwork if you are selected to serve and an appointment is made.



## Advisory Board Application

### Signature

#### Agreement Statement:

I give my permission for the named references to be contacted, either verbally or in writing. All the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I understand I am applying for a volunteer position with Marion County.

I understand that appointed members of a Marion County advisory board, commission, committee, or council are considered public officials under Oregon law. Marion County will provide orientation and more information upon appointment.



I Agree \*



## Advisory Board Application

Applicant's Name: **Brent Stevenson**

Adv. Board: **Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee**

City of Residence: **Salem**

Occupation: **General Manager, Santiam Water Control District**

Application Rcd: **03/06/2025**

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### The reason I am applying:

#### **The reason I am applying for this adv board:**

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Required \*

I value irrigated agriculture as a backbone of our country, and our county. I can bring the experience of a lifelong career related to water and agriculture to the committee. I also value the social and environmental aspects of Oregon's waters.

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### More about my personal and professional interests

#### **Tell us more about the interests that prompted you to apply for this advisory board.**

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Required \*

I have been on the committee for many years. Originally volunteering because I felt my effort would be beneficial in helping the county commissioners and staff understand and navigate new water quality rules and laws, their implementation and how the agricultural community would be impacted and or helpful.



## Advisory Board Application

### Tell us more about your community involvement

**What community, school or special activities have you participated in? Please include specific details about your role.**

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Required \*

I am a board member of Oregon Water Resources Congress and served as its president in 2020-2021. I am the vice-president and represent the agricultural interest on the North Santiam Watershed Council. I served on Oregon DEQ's mercury TMDL advisory committee. I am a licensed Certified Water Rights Examiner.

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### Previous board service at Marion County

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Required \*

I have been a member of the Marion County water quality advisory board for many years. When first appointed I represented our local watershed council but felt I could better represent the agricultural perspective.

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Required \*

I have spent a lifelong career in the Irrigation industry and understand water, stormwater and the TMDL process well.



# Advisory Board Application

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I Agree \*

**Note: Information on this page is considered public record and may be made available upon request.**

Name: Angela Plowhead

City of residence: Salem, OR

**Business information:**

Occupation/business Business owner/Capacity Solutions LLC

Business address 2755 Commercial St SE #101-258

City Salem , Oregon Zip code 97302 Business telephone 503-896-0297

Business e-mail aplowhead@capacitysolutionsllc.com

Business fax

I would like to be considered for the \_\_\_\_\_ position on  
the WQAC  
(lay or representative designation)

The reason I am applying for this appointment is  
(name of committee, board, council, task force or commission)

The MSWCD has appointed me to represent the board on this committee.

The personal and professional interests that prompted me to apply for this appointment are

I have been an appointed associate director with the MSWCD board since September 2022. I am also a land owner in Marion County.

Have you served on any other Marion County board, commission, committee, council, or task force? (If yes, please list)

1. Senior Advisory Council

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list qualifications and skills you have which you believe would be valuable if you are appointed to this position (include relevant skills, activities, training, and education)

Business owner, Land owner and Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Associate Director. I have access to technical advice through the staff at MSWCD and have attended conferences and trainings related to soil and water conservation as an MSWCD associate director that have prepared me for understanding water quality concerns.

What community or school activities, committees or special activities have you participated in?

I run a veteran non-profit, run a full-time behavioral health practice and serve on a number of committees, boards and am a member of a number of community organizations.

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Name: Lyle Schellenberg

City of residence: Salem

**Business information:**

Occupation/business Retired

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Business telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Business e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Business fax \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for the At-Large position on  
the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee (lay or representative designation)

(name of committee, board, council, task force or commission)

The reason I am applying for this appointment is

I believe that my background is well suited for this position. Besides my four decade plus years as a utility contractor, I have also served on a State Board, State & National Association boards, Corporate boards, and a National Foundation Board. These broad array of experiences has taught me to work in a collaborative manner with others, even those with different perspectives.

The personal and professional interests that prompted me to apply for this appointment are I have a long history of promoting good environmental practices. I have twice provided testimony before congress on EPA clean water issues. I now have the time to switch my focus from the broader national level to my local community.

Have you served on any other Marion County board, commission, committee, council, or task force? (If yes, please list)

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Please list qualifications and skills you have which you believe would be valuable if you are appointed to this position (include relevant skills, activities, training, and education)

Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. Past CEO of a utility construction company licensed in five states. Former NCCER Certified Instructor at the NW College of Construction. Recipient of the 2004 National Ditchdigger of the year for the long standing commitment to advancement of the utility construction industry.

What community or school activities, committees or special activities have you participated in?  
Founding member and first President of the NW Utility Contractors Association 1998-1999 & 2010. President of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) 2009. Appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to the Oregon Utility Notification Center State Board 2001-2004. Past Treasurer of the NUCA Foundation for Education & Research. Represented NUCA in a consortium of six associations- create national best practices.

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Application Rcd by: S. Lintner Dept: HR/VS Date: 07/18/2024

## Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee Roster

NAME	REPRESENTATION	TERM END DATE
Mark Grenz	Home Builders Association	09/30/2026
Rick Massey	Land Developer	12/31/2026
Richard Walker	At-Large	02/10/2025
Brent Stevenson	Marion County Agriculture Industry	02/10/2025
Brenda Sanchez – Vice Chair	At-Large	12/31/2026
Gary White – Chair	At-Large	10/09/2026
Jeff Crowther	At-Large	06/30/2027
Jake Hush	At-Large	06/30/2027
(Vacant)	Local Watershed Council	-
(Vacant)	Marion Soil & Water Conservation District	-
(Vacant)	At-Large	-

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Rocky Toepfer	(503) 365-3127	rtoepfer@co.marion.or.us
Ryan Wade	(503) 365-3149	rwade@co.marion.or.us
Cory Swartwout	(503) 365-3178	cswartwout@co.marion.or.us