



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 22, 2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Appoint two new members of the Marion County Planning Commission

Management Update/Work Session Date: March 31, 2026 Audio/Visual aids []

Time Required: 0 min Contact: Austin Barnes Phone: 503-566-4174

Requested Action: Appoint Terry Behrens and Kent Kaufman to the Marion County Planning Commission for four year terms ending May 1st, 2030.

Issue, Description & Background: Terry Behrens and Kent Kaufman both have experience that allow them to provide strong service on the Marion County Planning Commission. Therefore, Planning staff recommend the board appoint them as members as provided on the attached orders.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: Planning Commission Roster, Applications, Orders

Presenter: Austin Barnes

Department Head Signature: [Handwritten Signature]



Planning Commission

04/02/2026

Volunteer	City	Assignment	Assignment From	Assignment To
Stanley Birch	Salem	Planning Commission	07-02-2008	02-01-2029
Nick Harville	Silverton	Planning Commission	02-01-2025	02-01-2029
George Grabenhorst <i>(Chair)</i>	Salem	Planning Commission	11-10-2004	05-31-2029
Michael Long	Salem	Planning Commission	01-01-2012	02-01-2029
Daisy Goebel	Keizer	Planning Commission	02-01-2025	02-01-2029
Gary Monders	Salem	Planning Commission	01-11-2012	02-11-2029
Terry Behrens	Lyons	Planning Commission	05-01-2026	05-01-2030
Kent Kaufman	Salem	Planning Commission	05-01-2026	05-01-2030
Britany Randall <i>(Co-Chair)</i>	Salem	Planning Commission	05-24-2017	05-31-2029
Volunteer count: 9				



Advisory Board Application

Applicant's Name: **Terrence Behrens**
Adv. Board: **Planning Commission**
City of Residence: **Lyon** Zip: **97358**
Occupation: **Director of Global Technology, Arcadis**
Application Rcd: **February 19, 2026**

The reason I am applying:

Over the years, I've seen substantial change across Marion County, and especially throughout the Santiam Canyon. Serving on the planning commission would be both an honor and a meaningful way to give back to the community and landscape that have shaped my entire life.

More about my personal and professional interests:

I'm committed to helping make Marion County—and especially the Santiam Canyon where I grew up—a place where people can enjoy living, raising a family, working, and building their future.

Tell us more about your community involvement:

N/A

Previous board service at Marion County:

N/A

Qualifications and Skills:

Please See Resume

More about yourself and why you are applying:

I've worked in the Santiam Canyon in many capacities over the years—mills, logging, and farming. After the 2020 fire, I rebuilt my home and barns, completed extensive salvage logging, managed cleanup and replanting, and worked closely with agencies such as Marion County, NRCS, and the Santiam Watershed Council. That experience gave me a much deeper understanding of the complexity involved in managing land, natural resources, and the coordination required across multiple agencies to support recovery and long-term stewardship. I think with my professional experience working with private industry, various government agencies, planning boards and at personal level working with local agencies I bring a unique perspective that will help the commission and provide me an opportunity to give back to the community.

References:

- Sandeep Dave, Vice President at AMTS, professional colleague and friend
 - Tyler Freres, Friend
 - Jeff Begby, Friend
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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: **Kent Kaufman**
Adv. Board: **Planning Commission**
City of Residence: **Salem (MacLeay area)** Zip: **97317**
Occupation: **Owner/CEO, Heritage Business Group**
Application Rcd: **February 11, 2026**

The reason I am applying:

I have an interest in the logical/thoughtful growth and success of Marion County and it's people.

More about my personal and professional interests:

I am passionate about helping our community and the people in it (Marion County) to be a thriving and growing place to live and do business. I am 4th generation in this area and own/operate a 2nd generation business.

Tell us more about your community involvement:

Church boards, Trade/Industry boards

Previous board service at Marion County:

No

Qualifications and Skills:

Leadership, land development, construction, homeowner, landlord and tenant, familiar with zoning and permitting.

More about yourself and why you are applying:

I have an agricultural background/upbringing and am interested in the stewardship of land in Marion County as well as the healthy growth of our community.

References:

- Rick Massey. Rick has served on the Planning Commission for 12 years and is retiring at the end of his term at the end of February.
 - Mike Erdman, CEO, Marion/Polk Homebuilders Association.
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