

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Sophie DeGroot, Noxious Weed Coordinator

DATE: October 9, 2023

SUBJECT: **ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT** re: Noxious Weed Control Board; Four (4) Year Term to Expire October 9, 2027; District No. 5 Representative, Dr. Thomas Backman

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The Noxious Weed Control Board consists of 5 seats – each representative of the 5 Weed Districts of Jefferson County. Currently, Districts 4 and 5 are vacant and seeking Board Members. Filling Board seats with qualified and engaged community members means better representation of Jefferson County residents.

ANALYSIS:

Brinnon resident Dr. Thomas Backman has applied to be the Weed Board Representative for District 5. He cultivates his land to be productive for both vegetables and forestry practices. His background is very relevant to work with the Weed Board as he formerly worked as the Weed Coordinator for Kitsap County and has experience teaching about bio control measures. His primary work has been in marine botany and fisheries research. Dr. Backman has a lot of relevant experience to bring to the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

With increased Board representation, the Weed Board can continue to make informed and thoughtful decisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners appoints Dr. Thomas Backman to the Noxious Weed Control Board as the Representative for Weed District 5 for a 4-year term.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

10/2/23
Date