

Barbara Boyer

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**Candidate: Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District
Director**

Position: Zone #2

Barbara Boyer has represented SWCD Zone 2 of Yamhill County, McMinnville area since 2004. During this time she has served as the Vice Chair of the board. Gourmet Hay, owned by Barbara and husband Tom, was named Outstanding Conservation Cooperator of the Year in 2007.

She has lived in McMinnville for 15 years. She and her husband took over the family farm operations in 1999 and decided to steer away from the practice of using chemicals in order to keep the soil and water healthy. They have also created two smaller businesses on the farm; Gourmet Hay and a small CSA (community supported agriculture) where families pay to grow organic vegetables. One of Barbara's primary goals is to educate people on the programs available to assist them with restoring and repairing our tributaries. She and her husband have taken 23 acres of their own farm out of hay production to enhance their riparian buffer. They've planted trees to keep water cool in years to come in order to encourage salmon spawning for the benefit of future generations. Barbara has also participated in McMinnville Downtown Association, Volunteer of the Year 2004; Yamhill County Master Gardeners, the Master Gardener of the Year in 1999 and a life member in 2002; McMinnville Farmers' Market as a founding charter member; Yamhill County Parks board member; the Committee of Physical Activity and Nutrition educating kids and parents on healthy habits.

Leo E. Krick

503-843-4970

Candidate: Yamhill County Soil & Water Director

Position Zone #3

Background:

- * Age 46
- * Democrat
- * Resident Yamhill County for past 21 years
- * Active manager of a 209 acre family farm in Sheridan
- * Raising Free-Range Grass Finished Beef -Cow/Calf operation
- * Reforested 50+ acres
- * 2002 Yamhill County Conservationist/Farmer of the Year

Occupation: Captain with Portland Bureau of Fire & Rescue

Interests:

- * Wildlife Enhancement
- * Water Quality
- * Land use Planning
- * Private Property Rights

Goals:

* I would like the opportunity to serve as a District Director to assist this essential agency in helping other landowners in their conservation efforts. The Yamhill County Soil & Water District has been instrumental guide to our farming operation over the years in helping us make soil and water quality enhancements like fencing off livestock access to the streams that cross our property.

Michael J. Paine

503-662-5251

Candidate: Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District Director

Position: Zone #4

Occupation: Farmer, small business owner

Occupational Background: 10 years farming experience - 3 years international experience, 2 years as assistant farm manager and five years full-time farming in Yamhill County. As farm owner responsible for all aspects of farm systems design and implementation as well as day-to-day business. Our farm serves approximately 120 families directly through our community supported agriculture program; additionally we sell our produce at the largest regional farmers market and several restaurants.

Educational Background: Masters of Science, International Agriculture Development, University of California at Davis

Bachelor of Arts, Fordham University

Prior Governmental Experience: Currently finishing maximum term (4 years) as the only farmer on the City of Portland/ Multnomah County Food Policy Council. Food Policy Council is charged with advising city and county elected officials as to best practice and policy initiatives that relate to regional food and farming. United States Peace Corps Lesotho, worked with a diverse group of governmental and non-governmental organizations on both country wide and small scale agriculture initiatives.

As stewards of the land, our family has been dedicated from the outset of our farming operation to maintaining the highest level of conservation and innovation. As our farmed acreage has grown, so has our focus on water conservation, both how we store and use water and the quality of the water that leaves our land. We continue to look for ways to offset our energy footprint, including the production of biodiesel to power farm equipment and solar power as an energy source for our greenhouses. We are constantly looking for new solutions to enable the small-scale family farm to thrive, both learning from other farms and sharing our successes for the betterment and increased sustainability of other farms. This is an exciting and critical time for the county both for maintaining best practice strategies already in place and planning and acting towards a better future. It would be a privilege to be a contributor to both.

More information on our farm can be found at www.gaininggroundfarm.com.

Peter M. Gladhart

503-864-4610

Candidate: Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District Director

Position: Zone #4

Background and experience relevant to agriculture, natural resource economics and policy and voluntary organizations.

Experience and education in agriculture, human use of natural resources and public policy

Eight years participation in 4-H club animal husbandry projects. Four years experience as Peace Corps Volunteer in rural Ecuador working in areas of land reform, erosion control and community development. Master's thesis in International Economics and Development at Cornell University examined impacts of spontaneous land clearing and settlement in tropical lowlands of Ecuador. Ph.D. in Housing from Cornell University. Eighteen years on the faculties of Human Ecology and Resource Development at Michigan State University gathering and interpreting data on human resource use and it's relevance for public policy.

Service in voluntary and professional organizations.

Served five years as board member and treasurer of the American Association of Housing Educators.

In East Lansing, served as President of a neighborhood organization monitoring city council actions and advocating neighborhood interests before the council. Served 4 years as an appointed member of the East Lansing Housing Commission dealing with city housing issues and complaints and developing policy recommendations for adoption by city council.

Served as board member of the Oregon Winegrowers Association for 6 years and treasurer for four years prior to its reorganization into the present structure of the Oregon Wine Board.

Current activities and interests

Our family has operated a 45 acre vineyard in Yamhill County since 1990. It has been certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe by LIVE of Oregon (Low Input Viticulture and Enology) since 1999, the first year certification was available. We have been participants in the Conservation Security Program of the NRCS for the past five years. We are engaged in a partnership with YCSWCD to restore an Oak Savannah and native prairie on about 14 acres of our wood lands.

I am concerned about the preservation of native species habitat as sensitive hillside lands are developed for more intensive uses.

Gordon Cook

503-628-2468

Candidate: Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District Director

Position: Zone #4

NO BIO Submitted.

Sam Sweeney

503-864-2442

Candidate: Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District
Director

Position: Zone #5

Sam Sweeney has represented SWCD Zone 5 of Yamhill County, Dayton area since 1985. During that time he has served as Chair of the Board and lead several committees. Country Heritage Farms won the Conservation Cooperator award in 1984.

Sam farms a variety of irrigated and non-irrigated crops. Sam is a member of the Palmer Creek Irrigation District and is now retired from the board and served as secretary/treasurer for over thirty years. He is Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee for the Agriculture Water Quality Management Plan. Sam has worked on noxious weed and roadside vegetation management issues for over 20 years.

Currently Sam has been working with other landowners and public officials to fight the proposed LNG pipelines which threaten to impact many landowners in the county.