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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my interest in the open Lynden Airport Advisory Board position. The following is a bulleted list summarizing my background and experience in aviation.

- 2001 – FAA Private Pilot Certificate (SEL), with high performance endorsement
- 2001 – Member, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA)
- 2002 – FAA Instrument Rating
- 2002 – Member, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 404
- 2001 – Member, Washington Pilots Association – Paine Field Chapter
- 2014 – Present, Aircraft Owner, Diamond Star DA40 (N243DS)
- 2015 – Present, volunteer pilot for Angelflight
- 2019 – 2023, Volunteer driver for Mukilteo Food Bank
- 2021 – FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate
- 2021 – Present, Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART)
- 2020 – Present, "Aviation Vacation" YouTube Channel about traveling via GA
- 2022 – 2023, Volunteer driver for Catholic Community Services
- 2024 – Present, Attendee at monthly Airport Advisory Board meetings
- 2024 – Present, Lynden Municipal/Jansen Field airport homeowner
- 2024 – Present, Docent at the Spark Museum of Electrical Invention in Bellingham

In my 27 year career with Verizon Wireless I led teams through many complex technical projects. This position aligns well with my background and experience. I welcome this opportunity to be involved with the Lynden Municipal Airport and my community. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,


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Objectives

Enjoy a rewarding, productive retirement. Be involved and connected with my community .

Education

Associate of Applied Sciences – Electronics Technology | 1980 | North Seattle Community College

Licenses Held

FAA Commercial Pilot certificate obtained in 2021 - 2,100+ hours total flight time
Instrument Rating - high performance endorsement
FAA Part 107 Unmanned Aerial Systems Remote Pilot 2018
FAA Private Pilot certificate 2001
FCC General Radiotelephone license
FCC 2nd Class Radiotelegraph license with ship radar endorsement

Leadership

Past Treasurer, Vice President & President of the Washington Pilots Association – Paine Field Chapter, Everett, WA
President of the US West New Vector Group Amateur Radio Club, Bellevue, WA

Experience

SENIOR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ENGINEER | VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE, WA | 1996 – 2018

Responsibilities included the integration and optimization of a large urban cellular system with multiple technologies. Duties included commissioning of new cell sites, interference location and mitigation, handoff optimization, parameter audits, drive testing, data collection & analysis, and tower site location testing and evaluation. Also evaluated designs of In-building repeater/DAS systems and optimized them. Heavy use and familiarity of test equipment including: spectrum analyzers, CDMA PN & LTE PCI scanners, RF power meters, RF data collection, etc. Always innovating and improving processes and performance. Added LNA's (low noise amplifiers) to multiple sites that greatly reduce dropped call percentage and improve customer experience.

Hobbies & Interests

- Aviation – Aircraft owner – Diamond Star DA40 – N243DS
- Drone Pilot
- Amateur radio – Callsign NA7P
- Digital photography and videography (YouTube)
- Long distance cycling
- Hiking & camping
- Technology
- Worldwide travel – have visited all 7 continents