

Temporary Process for the Election of the Elected Member of the Conservation Commission

The Washington State Commission (WSCC) has adopted a temporary Interpretive Statement 20-01 describing the process of the district representative to the Commission to accommodate for the WACD annual meeting being held in a hybrid style with in-person meetings and options to participate in the meetings online.

For 2023, the central Washington district elected position on the Conservation Commission is up for election.

Consistent with the temporary WSCC Interpretive Statement 20-01, and due to the uncertainty of in-person participation, the following process will be used for the 2023 election of the elected member of the Conservation Commission:

- 1. The Commission shall issue a notice of opening for candidates for elected Commission member by Friday, September 29, 2023.
- 2. Interested candidates will submit their interest in the elected Commission position no later than close of business on Friday, November 17, 2023. Interested candidates must use the form provided below to access the form or call the WSCC for a paper copy.
- Commission staff will distribute via email the list of all candidates who submitted their interest to the conservation district supervisors by close of business on Monday, November 20, 2023.
- 4. Since all conservation district supervisors are eligible to vote for the Commission elected position nominee, even if the conservation district is outside the area of the elected member, conservation district supervisors are encouraged to discuss the position and candidates at the area meetings.
- 5. This year's annual meeting will be conducted in a hybrid style with options to participate in person or online. Conservation district supervisors will have the opportunity to meet the candidates who submitted their interest in the position in a virtual or in-person (dependent on applicant's preference) setting on Monday, November 27, 2023.
- 6. Nominations will be taken directly from the floor and online. Nominations will be accepted during the meet and greet on Monday, November 27, 2023.

Individuals interested in being a candidate for the elected commission member position are requested to complete the following form: https://www.formstack.com/forms/?2135162-0xZB7kTiMe and providing it to Commission staff no later than close of business Friday, November 17, 2023. Individuals who are unable to access a computer for the web link may call the WSCC at 360-407-6200 for a paper copy.

The only requirement in statute for the position is that the candidate resides in central Washington for the central position. Candidates can provide other information which will help district supervisors with their decision on the election.

Forms may be mailed to (and must be *received* at the Commission office by close of business Friday, November 17):



Washington State Conservation Commission c/o Elected Member Process PO Box 47721 Olympia, WA 98504

<u>Please Note</u>: Voting will begin on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and will close promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. All Supervisors may cast their vote electronically via a secured link provided by WACD for the elected commission member during the 48-hour window announced above. Winner of the election will be announced no later than 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening via email.

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