

NEWS RELEASE

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Board of Supervisors Election

The Mason Conservation District is governed by a five member volunteer board. Three of the board positions are elected and two are appointed by the [Washington State Conservation Commission](#) (WSCC), an agency that assists with conservation District activities. Mason Conservation District elections occur annually during the first quarter of each calendar year.

The Conservation Commission fills two positions on the District Board by appointment. The next Commission appointment to the District Board will take place in May 2025.

Conservation districts are subdivisions of state government directed by a board who represents landowners and the general public while directing the efforts of a professional staff who provide technical assistance on natural resource issues to Mason County landowners. Board members identify local natural resource needs, set goals and direct the efforts of the staff to implement Best Management Practices designed to protect soil, water, wildlife and other renewable natural resources.

The Mason Conservation District will be conducting an election for one Board position during Conservation Month on March 20, 2024, by mail-in ballot only. The elected position is currently held by Andrea Miller of Shelton. Local residents interested in seeking election to this unpaid volunteer position must file candidate information with the District before February 18, 2024, to be placed on the March ballot. Individuals interested in the elected position must secure registration materials from the Mason Conservation District. Information can also be requested by calling the district at (360) 427-9436, extension 116. Successful candidates will serve a three-year term as a District Board member.

To be eligible for either the elected or appointed position candidates must occupy land or be an operator of a farm within the conservation district boundaries. This includes all residents of Mason County outside the incorporated boundaries of the City of Shelton. A candidate may also qualify through the possession of land within the district as an owner, lessee, renter or tenant.

Registered voters in Mason County who desire to vote in this election must submit a request for a mail-in ballot as well as and voter eligibility information to rnydegger@masoncd.org by February 28, 2024. Voters may also request ballots at the native plant sale being held on February 23rd and 24th by the district.

All future information will be posted to the Mason Conservation District website: www.mason.org.