Commissioner Roles, Compensation and Benefits

Woodinville Water District provides water and sewer services to customers in the entire City of Woodinville, portions of the Cities of Bothell, Kirkland, and Redmond, as well as parts of unincorporated King County and Snohomish County. Our service area covers 30 square miles, consisting of 14,665 water connections and 3,411 sewer connections serving approximately 48,000 residents. Our water supply comes from the regional supply, as provided by Seattle Public Utilities. Sewage treatment is provided by King County. Since 1959 the District has served its customers through appropriate funding for effective service and quality customer service.

The District is governed by an elected five-member Board of Commissioners. Commissioners are elected to six-year terms. The Board represents the District in communicating perspectives on regional partnerships and issues of importance to the District, while also addressing the concerns of customers.

Commissioner Roles
A Commissioner fills several roles through participation on the Board of Commissioners. The Board establishes policy and oversees the General Manager, who provides direction to District staff so that the District operates efficiently providing safe and reliable service with responsible rates to its customers.

Commissioners may be appointed to represent the District on various committees, including: Sno-King Water District Coalition, Seattle Public Utilities Operating Board, Snohomish River Regional Water Authority, and the Water and Sewer Risk Management Pool.

Policy roles
- Establish District goals and objectives
- Study and review alternatives to determine best course of public policy
- Approve/amend operating and capital budgets
- Approve contracts
- Adopt resolutions and motions

Public leadership roles
- Communicate District’s vision and goals to ratepayers
- Participate on Regional, County, State and Federal committees
- Mediate conflicting interests while building consensus

Commissioner Compensation and Benefits
Compensation is currently $128 per meeting or day of work, as set by State law. The maximum meeting allowance is 96 meetings per calendar year, also set by State law. A State statute allows Commissioners the same healthcare benefits as employees with Board approval.