

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

October 31, 2020

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL meeting at 2:00 p.m., in Basement Room 6 of the Blaine County Courthouse. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on September 11, 2020 at 9:02 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on September 11, 2020 at 8:56 a.m. One copy each of the notice and agenda is attached. The following members were present: Mike Russell, Chairman; Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman; and Brenda Rice, Secretary, Tammy Edsall, Assistant Secretary, Jana Loewen, Clerk were also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held July 3, 2020.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held July 3, 2020 be approved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

2. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the November 3, 2020 General Election including opening the outer envelopes and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing the affidavit envelope, opening the secrecy envelope, and counting the ballots. The process began at 2:05 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for Two Hundred sixty absentee ballots submitted by mail.

Rejection # 1-3: When opening the envelopes, the Board rejected three Standard ballots because the voters did not include an affidavit envelope.

The Board followed procedure to mark six Substitute Ballots faxed by military voters. The Chairman read the ballots to the Vice-Chairman who marked the ballot. The Board reviewed the substitute ballots and we agreed that the substitute ballots were marked exactly as the original ballot submitted by the voter.

The Board had to remark a ballot because the eScan keep kicking it out with a message of not able to read the ballot. The Escan would not let us cast the ballot. The Board followed procedure to remark.

The Board determined that Two Hundred fifty-seven ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the absentee ballots. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting. The Board observed as County Election Board Tammy Edsall, Assistant Secretary and Jana Loewen, Clerk scanned all mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board Meetings.

ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board

Meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and Friday, November 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. if needed a Recount Hearing on November 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the mini courtroom.

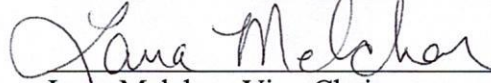
4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. Meeting Adjourned at 4:26 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

