

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

September 10, 2019

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL meeting at 6:00 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 July 11, 2019 at 10:40 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on August 21, 2019 at 8:27 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, Chief Clerk, Jana Loewen, Clerk and Dwight McGee, deputy were also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held August 13, 2019.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held August 13, 2019 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:** Approve Secretary's report of substitute precinct officials for the September 10, 2019 Special Election, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to approve the following substitute precinct official for the September 10, 2019 Special Elections. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. See Attachment.

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Approve resignation of permanent precinct officials, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: No Action.

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Appoint permanent precinct officials, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: No Action.

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the September 10, 2019 Special 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 6:05 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for four absentee ballots submitted by mail and one nursing home ballots.

The Board determined that all five ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mr. Russell moved to accept and count the five absentee ballots. Mrs. Melchor 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 Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor, Jana Loewen, Clerk and Tammy Edsall, Chief Clerk scanned all mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the September 10, 2019 Special Election results for the following school district which Blaine County is the Parent County Election Board:

Canton School District I-105

1 Proposition

ACTION TAKEN: None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the September 10, 2019 Special Election returns for the following school district which Blaine County is the affected County Election Board:

Hinton School District I-161

1 Proposition

ACTION TAKEN: None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

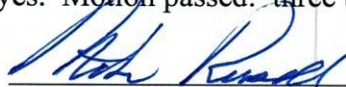
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of sealed ballot transfer cases from precincts and sealed ballot transfer cases containing counted absentee ballots into the custody of the Sheriff. The Board also examined tabulation reports and unofficial certification reports.

8. **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 Friday, September 13, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on September 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

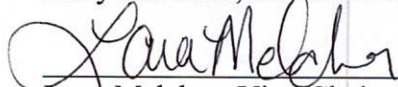
12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 4:45 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 8:34 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

