MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

August 30, 2024

The Blaine County Election Board met in a Special meeting at 1:00 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 June 20, 2024 at 12:09 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on August 5, 2024 at 2:04 p.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. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

- 1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Call to Order and announcement of a quorum. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Russell, Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
- 2. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held August 27, 2024. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2024 be approved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.
- 3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass and count verified provisional ballots for the August 27, 2024 Runoff Primary/Special Elections. The Board opened the verified provisional ballot affidavits and secrecy envelopes. Ballots were counted using a voting device designated for this purpose. A total of one provisional ballot were cast in the August 27, 2024 election. This ballot will be counted. ACTION TAKEN: None. Board action not required.
- 4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Recess meeting, if necessary, and reconvene. Mrs. Melchor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. and reconvene at 4:45 p.m. in the same location. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: two to zero.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:45 p.m. in the Blaine County Election Board office Room 6 and called to order by Mr. Russell. All members were present.

- **5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the August 27, 2024 Runoff Primary Election returns for federal, state and county offices. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to certify the results of the above election. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. (One copy of the Official Certification Report is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)
- **6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the August 27, 2024 Special Election for the Hinton School District I-161 proposition. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to certify the results of the above election. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes.

Motion passed: three to zero. (One copy of the Official Certification Report is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

7. 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 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and the Contest Hearing for September 6, 2024 was cancelled.

8. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.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 5:00 p.m.

Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Larson, Alternate Chairman

Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Karen Gilliland, Alternate Vice-Chairman

Brenda Rice, Secretary