

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

February 13, 2018

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR 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 November 9, 2017 at 10:24 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on January 22, 2018 at 11:07 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 Robert Cancemi, 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 September 15, 2017.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held September 15, 2017 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 February 13, 2018 Annual School/Special Elections, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to approve the following substitute precinct official for the February 13, 2018 Annual School/Special Elections:

Precinct 060022-Darlene Kennedy (Rep) for Joanne Sinclair (Rep)

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: Approve resignation of permanent precinct officials and in-person absentee/nursing home board members, if needed.

Patsy Davis submitted her resignation as Absentee Nursing Home Board Member.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the resignations of Absentee Nursing Home Board Member be accepted. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

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

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

5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the February 13, 2018 Annual School/Special Elections 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 6:03 p.m.

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

The Board determined that one ballot received by mail from physically incapacitated voter had not been properly witnessed by two persons as required by law. Mrs. Melchor made a motion that the one ballot be rejected and not counted. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. The affidavit was set aside and separated from those to be counted.

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

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the February 13, 2018 Annual School Elections board member returns for the following districts which Blaine County is the parent county Election Board:

Canton School District I-105

Member-Board of Education-Office No. 3

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

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the February 13, 2018 an Annual School Elections board member returns for the following districts which Blaine County is the affected county Election Board:

Fairview School District I-84

Member –Board of Education-Office No. 3

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

8. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the February 13, 2018 Special Election returns for the following municipality which Blaine County is the affected County Election Board:

Town of Hydro

1 Propositions

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

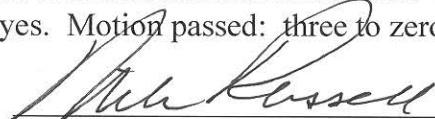
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of 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.

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

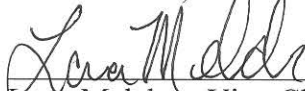
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Friday, February 16, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on February 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, February 16, 2018 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 8:47 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

