

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

March 6, 2018

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 January 3, 2018 at 9:03 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on February 20, 2018 at 8:11 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 Tony Almaguer, Sheriff 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 February 16, 2018.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2018 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 March 6, 2018 Special Election, if needed.

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

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

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

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 March 6, 2018 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 6:02 p.m.

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

The Board determined that one ballot received by mail had not been properly notarized 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 thirteen affidavits were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the remaining thirteen absentee ballots. Mr. Russell seconded the

