

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

April 5, 2022

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 8, 2021 at 10:22 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on March 21, 2022 at 10:00 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 Travis Daugherty, 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 11, 2022.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2022 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 April 5, 2022 Board of Education General/ 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 6:02 p.m.

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

The Board determined that one ballot received by a nursing home voter could not be counted because the affidavit had not been signed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to reject this one absentee ballot and not count it. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. The rejected affidavit was set aside and separated from those to be counted.

The Board determined that eighteen ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the eighteen 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 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.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 5, 2022 Board of Education General Election results for the following districts which Blaine County is the parent county Election Board:

Okeene School District
Geary School District

Member-Board of Education-Office No. 2
Member-Board of Education-Office No. 1

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

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 5, 2022 Board of Education General Election results for the following school districts which Blaine County is the affected county Election Board:

Thomas Fay Custer School District

Member-Board of Education-Office No. 2

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

5. Canvass the April 5, 2022 Special Election results for the following municipality which Blaine County is the parent county Election Board:

City of Geary

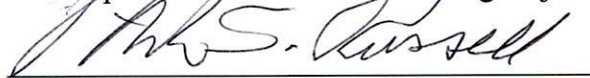
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of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

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

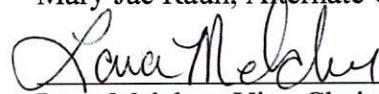
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Friday, April 8, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Contest of Candidacy Hearing on April 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. County filing Contest of Candidacy is scheduled for April 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the mini courtroom, if needed.

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 4:30 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 8:35 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman


Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

