

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

July 1, 2022

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR meeting at 4:30 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 June 10, 2022 at 11:19 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. Jana Loewen, Clerk, was also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held June 28, 2022. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held June 28, 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: Canvass and count verified provisional ballots for the June 28, 2022 Primary Elections. ACTION TAKEN: Secretary Rice stated that one provisional ballot was cast in one precinct on election day. The information provided on the one provisional ballot affidavit was verified by the County Election Board personnel and that ballot has been approved for counting. Mrs. Melchor moved to count the one provisional ballot. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Board members no longer vote to accept provisional ballots. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection to these activities.

The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting by first opening the provisional ballot affidavit and removing and opening the ballot envelope. The Board members prepared the ballot for counting and observed while County Election Board Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor and Clerk Jana Loewen scanned the ballot through the eScan voting device. The Board examined tabulation reports and unofficial certification reports.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Certify the June 28, 2022 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.)

4. 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, August 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. and the Contest Hearing for July 6, 2022 was cancelled.

5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:30 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 5:03 p.m.

Mike Russell

Mike Russell, Chairman

Lana Melchor

Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Brenda Rice

Brenda Rice, Secretary

