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Commissioners Cancel Certain Special District Board of Trustees Elections, Declare Trustees Elected by Acclamation

The Board of Missoula County Commissioners canceled a number of May 3, 2016 Special District Elections, as set forth below. While the Missoula County Elections Office received many nominating petitions that resulted in election by acclamation, there are several board positions that remain unfilled. The Commissioners are seeking applicants to fill these trustee positions which will become vacant in May 2016. Applicants must be residents of Missoula County and at least 18 years of age. Residency requirements may also apply. All board positions are served on a volunteer basis.

- *Per Resolutions adopted by the County Commissioners on April 26, 2016, the following Special District Elections have been canceled:*

Bonner-Milltown Community Council: Nominees C. Burt Caldwell and Gary Matson elected by acclamation for three-year terms; write-in nominee Shelly Cook elected by acclamation for vacant two-year term.

Clinton Rural Fire District: Nominees Barbara Bartmess and James W. Bartmess elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

East Missoula Community Council: Nominees Dick Ainsworth and Lee Bridges elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

East Missoula Rural Fire District: One recently vacated three-year term is available.

Evaro-Finley-O'Keefe Community Council: One three-year term is available, as well as one recently vacated unexpired term to 2017. Acts as a liaison between the citizens of Evaro-Finley-O'Keefe area and the County Commissioners, and provides info deemed useful, beneficial and helpful in making decisions which affect this community. Applicants must live in Districts #39, #40, #41 #42 or #43.

Frenchtown Rural Fire District: Sean Meacham appointed by Commission to new three-year term.

Lolo Community Council: No filings for four vacancies: Applicants sought for two new three-year terms to 2019; one unexpired term to 2017; and one unexpired Commissioner-appointed member term to 2018. Acts as liaison between the citizens of Lolo and the County Commissioners, and provides info deemed useful, beneficial and helpful in making decisions which affect this community.

Missoula Rural Fire District: Nominees Cheryl Hanson and Dan Corti elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Seeley Lake Community Council: Nominees Klaus von Stutterheim and Jack Greenwood elected by acclamation for three-year terms. One Commission-appointed member term to 2019 is available. Acts as liaison between the citizens of the Seeley Lake area and County Commissioners, and provides info deemed useful, beneficial and helpful in making decisions which affect this community.

Seeley Lake Rural Fire District: Nominee Rachel Jennings elected by acclamation for three-year term.

Seeley Lake Swan Valley Hospital District: Nominee Walt Hill elected by acclamation for three-year term, and John Addis elected by acclamation to fill unexpired one-year term.

Swan Valley Fire Service Area: Nominee John Mercer elected by acclamation for three-year term.

West Valley Community Council: Nominee Jeri Delys elected by acclamation for three-year term. One three-year term is available, as well as one two-year unexpired term to 2018. Promotes the interests and welfare of its citizens in the western portions of Missoula County, including Frenchtown, Huson, Six Mile, Nine Mile, and Upper Nine Mile.

- ***Irrigation District Elections Canceled:***

Big Flat Irrigation District: One three-year term expiring. District to reappoint Peter Shinn for new three-year term.

Clinton Irrigation District: Nominee Shellie Nelson elected by acclamation for three-year term.

Frenchtown Irrigation District: Nominee Dick Lucier elected by acclamation for three-year term.

Missoula Irrigation District: One three-year term expiring. District to appoint new member for three-year term.

These elections were canceled pursuant to the following state statutes: [MCA 7-5-2101](#), [MCA 85-7-1702\(3\)](#) and [MCA 13-1-304](#).

Applications for vacant positions are available [online](#) or in the County Commissioners' Office, located at 199 West Pine Street. Submissions may be filed electronically, emailed to bcc@missoulacounty.us or faxed to (406) 258-3943. Deadline for applications is Thursday, May 26, 2016 by 5 p.m.

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