

Missoula County Media Release

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

MISSOULA – Following election by acclamation of numerous candidates, the Board of Missoula County Commissioners canceled several May 8 Special District Elections, which are listed below.

While the Missoula County Elections Office received many nominating petitions, several board positions remain unfilled, as indicated in the list. Commissioners are seeking applicants to fill these trustee positions, which will become vacant in May. Applicants must be residents of Missoula County and at least 18 years old. Residency requirements may also apply. All board positions are served on a volunteer basis.

Applications for vacant positions are available [online](#) or in the County Commissioners' Office, located at 199 W. Pine St. Submissions may be filed electronically by emailing sbell@missoulacounty.us. The deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Per Resolutions adopted by the County Commissioners on April 10, 2018, the following Special District Elections have been canceled:

Bonner Milltown Community Council: Nominee Shelly Cook elected by acclamation for a three-year term. One three-year term to 2021 is available.

Clinton Rural Fire District: Nominee Todd Hughes elected by acclamation for a three-year term. One three-year term to 2021 is available.

East Missoula Community Council: Nominees Ryan Alter and Lisa Thomas elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

East Missoula Rural Fire District: Nominees Theodore Grant Dubuque, Richard Andrew Neff and Gregory Seitz elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Evaro-Finley-O'Keefe Community Council: No filings for two vacancies with three-year terms running through 2021. Volunteers act as liaison between the citizens of the Evaro-Finley-O'Keefe area and the County Commissioners, providing information deemed useful, beneficial and helpful in decisions that affect the community. Applicants must live in District Nos. 39, 40, 41 42 or 43.

Frenchtown Rural Fire District: Nominees Jon F. Mathews and Nate Evans Jr. elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Greenough Potomac Fire District: Nominee Leigh M. Kelley elected by acclamation for three-year term. One three-year term running through 2021 is available. One vacant term running through 2020 is available.

Lolo Community Council: Nominees Devin P. Jackson and Christopher Whiteman elected by acclamation for three-year terms. One vacant, commissioner-appointed position running through 2021 is available. Applicants must reside in Lolo School District No. 7 or Woodman School District No. 118.

Missoula Rural Fire District: Nominee Ben Murphy elected by acclamation for a three-year term. One vacant term running through 2021 is available.

Seeley Lake Community Council: Nominees Bruce Friede and Klaus von Stutterheim elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Seeley Lake Swan Valley Hospital District: Nominees Terryl Bartlett and Bruce W. Richardson elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Swan Valley Community Council: Nominees Kenneth C. Donovan and Kathleen Koors elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Swan Valley Fire Service Area: No filings for one vacancy, a three-year term running through 2021.

West Valley Community Council: Nominees Greg A. Hansen and Tom Tucker elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Irrigation District Elections Canceled:

Big Flat Irrigation District: One three-year term expiring. The district is to reappoint a new three-year term member.

Clinton Irrigation District: Nominee Sean Swartz elected by acclamation for a three-year term.

Frenchtown Irrigation District: Nominee Joseph W. Boyer Jr. elected by acclamation for three-year term.

Missoula Irrigation District: Nominee Shane Clouse elected by acclamation for three-year term.

Water and Sewer District Elections Canceled:

East Frenchtown Water District: No filings for three vacancies. Four-year terms running through 2022.

East Missoula Sewer District: Nominee Cecelia A. Christensen and Lee Bridges elected by acclamation for four-year terms.

Shelby Water District: Nominees Ron S. Adams, Phillip Eldeen and Scott Madgwick elected by acclamation for four-year terms.

Seeley Lake Water District: Nominees Freda Mae Grimes and Charles Hahn elected by acclamation for four-year terms.

Spring Meadows Water District: No filings for three vacancies of two-year terms running through 2020.

Sunny Meadows Sewer and Water District: Nominee Robert "Dusty" Deschamps elected by acclamation for a four-year term. One four-year term running through 2022 is available.

Target Range Sewer and Water District: Nominees Mitchell Ferm, Fred Jones and Norman Smyers elected by acclamation to four-year terms.

Turah Meadows Water and Sewer District: Nominee John M. Fitzpatrick elected by acclamation to a two-year term; nominees Norman Carey and Larry Tarver elected by acclamation to four-year terms. A two-year term running through 2020 and a four-year term running through 2022 are available.

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

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