

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**County Board of Canvassers: Elections**  
**March 18, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Elections Manager Asa Gray, Elections Clerk II Rose Carlson, Elections Clerk III Angela Paules and Christina Olesen, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda
- C. Business (Action):**

**Canvass of March 9, 2021 School Election – Pursuant to Idaho Code - 1205**

Elections Manager Asa Gray introduced his team: Elections Clerk II Rose Carlson, Elections Clerk III Angela Paules and Christina Olesen and praised their efforts. He noted that Elections Clerk II Linda Buffington was not present but had performed very well also.

The Commissioners also offered their compliments to the Elections staff.

Mr. Gray called the Commissioners' attention to the abstracts and narrative submitted. He stated that the logic and accuracy test was performed, as required, with Chairman Fillios and Treasurer Steve Matheson present. He said it went smoothly.

Mr. Gray said the turnout was much higher than that of March 2019, with a County-wide average of 18.3% voter turnout this time, as opposed to 12.3% in 2019. He commented that there were 18,249 votes cast in the Election, including 5,361 early and absentee ballots. He noted that there was 100% accuracy with the check-ins and machine count on Election Night. He offered details of several minor discrepancies that were observed, but stressed that none had any effect on results.

Mr. Gray stated there had been 427 people that voted using Election Day Registration. The only instances that were flagged were when people entered their social security numbers incorrectly or had not updated their names from their social security cards or drivers' licenses.

Mr. Gray said that they expected higher than average voter turnout for the May Taxing Districts Election; they have already had almost as many absentee requests for May as were sent in March. He listed the items that would be seen on the May Ballot.

Mr. Gray commented that there were a number of bills introduced in the Legislature that could affect the Elections Office. He said there had been one to remove the August

Election date, but that one failed in a Senate Committee yesterday. He added that there was a bill that was to be heard this morning to move City Council, City Referendum and Mayoral Elections to November of even-numbered years. He said he did not know if that passed or not.

Mr. Gray stated that there was another piece of Legislation being reviewed that would make provisional ballots an option for Counties, for use in Election Day registrations.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan moved that the Board certify the canvass of the March 9, 2021 School Election. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

**D. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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