



MEETING DATE: May 21, 2022
AGENDA ITEM: 5.B . Coconino County Elections response
DATE: May 14, 2022
TO: Chair and Members of the Board
FROM: Prepared by Mike Bourne
SUBJECT: Information topic – no action or motion

BACKGROUND:

There has been several interpretations on the election process over the past year. Patty Hansen, Coconino County Recorder who is responsible for the elections, provided the following response to the question of how to register out-of-County property owners to vote in the upcoming General election for the BRDWID Board members:

I received your inquiry about registering to vote in the BRDWID election. Eligibility to vote in a Domestic Water District election is based on property ownership in the district or voter registration for eligible people **residing in the district**. The number of registered voters, 242, is the number of registered voters residing within the boundaries of the DWID. This number does not provide you the entire number of eligible voters for the DWID election because it does not include property owners that do not reside in the district or property owners that may not be registered to vote. I've attached a set of procedures that I've received from Yavapai that explain how the DWID election is conducted. I cannot tell you the number of eligible property owners in the district because we won't know that until we request the list from the County Assessor's office. That will be done if there are enough candidates that file for an election to be held. The Elections Department will tell us that after the candidate filing period ends.

Citizens that reside in the boundaries of the DWID and are not property owners can register to vote by going to www.servicearizona.com. They will be eligible registered voters for all elections in Coconino County.

Eligibility to vote in the Fire District election is based solely on being a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the district. Property ownership does not make a person eligible to vote for members of a fire district. This is different than the requirements to be eligible to vote in a DWID.

The Elections Department is the county office that is responsible for conducting the elections for DWIDs and Fire Districts. I've copied Esler Musta, Elections Director, on this email so you can direct your questions to him regarding the conduct of the election. His department is also the department that will be able to provide you the candidate information to run for a member of the board of directors for the DWID and the Fire District.

I hope this information is helpful. Take care.

Patty Hansen

Coconino County Recorder
110 E Cherry Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 679-7889

ALTERNATIVES:

Provide alternatives to the recommended motion along with impacts if any.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

ATTACHMENTS:

1 – VR DWID Procedure - Yavapai County 2021.