

Town of Red Cedar

MINUTES OF TOWN CAUCUS

January 16, 2017

The Town of Red Cedar held Caucus on January 16, 2017 at the Town Hall in Rusk. At 6:02 p.m., the Town Chairman, Pete Prochnow, called the meeting to order and provided introductions and instructions to those present. 31 people were in attendance, including the Town Chairman and Clerk. All those present at the caucus were town residents. The Town Chairman indicated he was up for re-election and that the electors would need to select a Caucus Chairman by nomination and second.

A motion was made by Cheryl Miller to nominate Doug Miller as Caucus Chairman; motion seconded by Mark Fenton. No objections. Doug Miller was appointed as Caucus Chair. The Caucus Chair explained the rules of caucus and that electors would need to select two ballot clerks by nomination and second.

A motion was made by Pete Prochnow to nominate Kris Leable as a ballot clerk; motion seconded by Doug Prochnow. No objections.

A motion was made by Cheryl Miller to nominate Jill Haldeman as a ballot clerk; motion seconded by Dave Leach. No objections. The tellers were appointed.

A motion was made by Pete Prochnow to use paper ballots with the first paper ballot being the nominating ballot and the second ballot being the official ballot; motion seconded by Dan Schauer. No objections. Nominations opened.

Town Chairman:

Tellers distributed ballots and tallied the results as follows:

First Ballot/Nominations Announced – Pete Prochnow (29), John Govin (1), and Bob Cook (1). Bob Cook declined the nomination. Two candidates remained. Nominations closed.

A motion was made by Pete Prochnow to declare the nomination ballot the official ballot; motion seconded by Mark Fenton. No objections. Nomination ballots were destroyed. Pete Prochnow and John Govin were nominated for office at the April, 2017 election. The required paperwork was provided to Pete Prochnow. John Govin was not present. The Clerk will forward the required paperwork to him as required by statute.

Supervisor 1

Tellers distributed ballots and tallied the results as follows:

First Ballot/Nominations Announced – John Govin (9); Jeff Heitkamp (3), Deb Gotlibson (18); and Don Hayden (1). Jeff Heitkamp declined the nomination. Nominations were closed.

A motion was made by Pete Prochnow to destroy the nomination ballots; motion seconded by Tara Prochnow. No objections. Nomination ballots were destroyed. Three candidates remained, and a vote to reduce the number of candidates to two was taken.

Tellers distributed ballots and tallied the results as follows:

Second Ballot/Vote Drawn and Announced for Supervisor 1 – Don Hayden (5), John Govin (11), and Deb Gotlibson (13).

A motion was made by Mark Fenton to destroy the official ballots; motion seconded by Pete Prochnow. No objections. Deb Gotlibson and John Govin were nominated for office at the April, 2017 Spring Election. Deb Gotlibson provided the required paperwork and was certified for office. John Govin was not present. The Clerk will forward the required paperwork to him as required by statute.

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Supervisor 2

Tellers distributed ballots and tallied the results as follows:

First Ballot/Nominations Announced: Bob Cook (18); Deb Gotlibson (1); John Govin (1); Jeff Heitkamp (8); and Rhonda Erickson (1). Nominations were declined by Rhonda Erickson and Deb Gotlibson. Nominations were closed.

A motion was made by Pete Prochnow to destroy the nomination ballots; motion seconded by Dan Schauer. No objections. Nomination ballots were destroyed. Three candidates remained, and a vote to reduce the number of candidates to two was taken.

Tellers distributed ballots and tallied the results as follows:

Second Ballot/Vote Drawn and Announced for Supervisor 2: Jeff Heitkamp (9); Bob Cook (20); and John Govin (2).

A motion was made by Pete Prochnow to destroy the official ballots; motion seconded by LuAnn Prochnow. No objections. Bob Cook and Jeff Heitkamp were nominated for office at the April, 2017 Spring Election. Bob Cook and Jeff Heitkamp provided the required paperwork and were certified for office.

At 6:33 p.m., a motion was made by Pete Prochnow to adjourn; motion seconded by Cheryl Miller. Caucus adjourned.

At the caucus, the Clerk provided required forms and written notifications of nomination to Pete Prochnow, Bob Cook, Deb Gotlibson, and Jeff Heitkamp. Deb Gotlibson, Jeff Heitkamp, and Bob Cook returned the required paperwork immediately following adjournment. The Clerk will forward the required forms and written notification of nomination to John Govin. The Clerk will conduct a drawing of lots for each office to determine the order in which candidates' names will be placed on the Spring Election ballot as required by Statute.

Cheryl Miller, Clerk

Date: _____