

CITY OF DELANO



REQUEST FOR ACTION

<u>Department Head</u>	<u>City Council Date</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
Marlene Kittock, City Clerk	June 15, 2010	

Adopt Resolution R-10 Appointing Election Judges for the 2010 Primary and General Election, Designating polling Place and Setting of Polling Hours and adopt Resolution R-10- Establishing a Absentee Ballot Board for the Purpose of Accepting and Rejecting Absentee Ballots for the City of Delano

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BACKGROUND

Once again it is Election Season in Delano, the State Primary Election will be held on August 10, 2010 and the State General Election will be held on November 2, 2010. State Law requires that the City Council appoint election judges prior to the State Primary Election and the State General Election.

Staff has placed a press release in the local papers, sent out letters to anyone that had served or has expressed on interest in serving as an election judge. In accordance with law, the County Auditor's Office has supplied the City with the lists from the DFL and IR parties of those individuals that has also indicated their willing to serve in the upcoming election. The letter along with an application has been sent to these individuals as well.

Staff has prepared the adoption resolution along with an Exhibit A of those individuals recommended for appointment. Closing for applications was May 21, 2010 in order for the request of action to be prepared. Should any additional candidates apply or the need arises for additional election judge City Staff will submit an amending resolution for additional judges for the October 5 Council meeting. The City needs to maintain an equal party balance between the major political parties.

As a side note the City of Delano is one of the host sites for the annual election judge training on July 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. RSVP is required for preparation of the training material only. The County is hosting numerous alternate sites throughout the county for maximum training opportunities. This list is available at City Hall and at the County Auditor's Office in Buffalo.

In addition, the City will conduct absentee voting for both the Primary and General Election for ease of the Delano voting public. Only residents of Delano will be able to vote here. Residents of Franklin Township and other jurisdictions should contact Gloria Gooler's (Gloria.Gooler@co.wright.mn.us or 763-682-7578) or her assistant Lanette Pauman (Lanette.Pauman@co.wright.mn.us or 763-682-7692) at the Wright County Auditor's Office or check the county web site for absentee voting locations at <http://www.co.wright.mn.us/departament/audtreas/election/electionB.htm> (763-682-3900). As is required by law absentee voting for Delano residents will be during normal business hours, plus on Saturday from 10am to 3pm on the followings Saturday, August 7, 2010, and October 30, 2010. Absentee voting applications are available at City Hall, Wright County Courthouse, the Secretary of State Office, and at your local political parties headquarters as well of their web sites.

As part of the new legislation, the City in order to administrator Absentee ballot voting for its residents needed to be designated by the county as absentee voting site and the City Council must adopt a resolution establishing an Absentee Board that will meet at least every 5 days up to 14 days before the election and at least 3 days for the remaining 14 days to accept or reject absentee ballots. Any rejected ballots the clerk will resend a new ballot to the

voting with the reason for the rejection and allow the voter to correct their ballot. If the ballot is accepted the Clerk will enter the information into the Statewide voting system software SVRS. Once that ballot is accepted into the system the voter will no longer be eligible to cast another ballot. City Staff is currently being trained by the Secretary of State's Office in the operation of the SVRS voting software via a webinar and video conference call. This process is the direct result of the issues that arose from the recount of the 2008 Franken Coleman seat. For the primary election the city intends on using staff for absentee board as the training of balance of our judges will not occur until July which is well after the first day that an absentee ballot can be cast. For the General election addition election judge may be needed for the Absentee Board. A workstation with specific hardware and software has been installed at the service counter of city hall to better serve the public in this absentee voting process. The City Council will also need to appoint a head election judge. In the past the City Clerk as acted as the Head Election Judge and I in turn have selected an election to be the shift head election judge. The head election judge must work and be present all day long from the opening to the closing of polls and counting process thereafter (which includes returning the required ballot material to the County Offices that evening).

Staff is requesting adoption of the two attached resolution entitled. Adopt Resolution R-10 Appointing Election Judges for the 2010 Primary and General Election, Designating polling Place and Setting of Polling Hours and adopt Resolution R-10- Establishing a Absentee Ballot Board for the Purpose of Accepting and Rejecting Absentee Ballots for the City of Delano

ATTACHMENTS

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