

April 28th, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes Tele- Conference

Resolution for Mail in ballots for 2020 Elections

The Special meeting was called to order by Ryan Ide at 8:02 am via Tele-Conference.

Board members present were Chairman Ryan Ide, Vice Chair Harlan Mathews, Supervisor Francis Burch, and Clerk Tiffany Eggert.

With encouragement of the Secretary of State, McLeod County urges Bergen precinct to consider adopting a resolution for the August and November 2020 elections (ONLY) to conduct the elections by mail ballot. The purpose is to ease your burden of administering the elections given the current state of emergency of the State of Minnesota due to the COVID-19 outbreak and to ensure the health and safety of our election judges and voters.

The Bergen Board had many questions regarding this topic. We conferenced in Janet Betsinger and Connie Kurtzweg from McLeod County for clarity. McLeod County provided answers to all of our questions and exceeded our expectations by answering our questions so thoroughly.

FAQ's will be added to the Bergen Township website in the weeks to come.

For this year alone, the mail ballot system will be to protect the integrity of the elections while maximizing voter participation and providing voters the right to cast a ballot without concerns for their health and well-being.

Francis Burch made a motion to adopt Resolution #04282020 to Conduct Elections by Mail. The mail in ballot Resolution will be ONLY for the Primary and General 2020 elections. Harlan Mathews 2nd the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn:

Harlan Mathews made a motion to adjourn. Francis Burch 2nd the motion. All in favor. There was no discussion. All in favor. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.

Chairman:

Clerk: Tiffany Eggert