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## **How to be Elected as a Director for the West Dakota Water Development District 2026, generalElectionInformation2026wdwdd.docx**

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**Links to the Secretary of State web site for petitions and instructions can be found on our web site.**

### **Step 1: Identify your Area**

If you are interested in being a Director for the West Dakota Water Development District, first identify which Area you reside in. A description of each Directors Area is included in this package.. Maps can be found on our web site.

### **Step 2: Determine when the Election is**

The terms of even-numbered director areas (2, 4, 6, 8) expire at the end of the calendar year 2020, 2024, etc. The terms of odd-numbered director areas (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) expire at the end of the calendar year 2022, 2026, etc. The elections occur the year of the term expirations.

### **Step 3: File a Nominating Petition**

A link to the petition is on our web site. A director candidate may be nominated by a petition signed by at least 25 registered voters in the director area to be represented by the candidate. We recommend collecting more than 25 signatures in case some are not valid due to the signer not being registered, or living in a different area. A nominating petition is included in this packet. They are also available at the WDWDD office, the Secretary of State's office, and the Pennington County Auditor's office. The nominating petition must be filed with the Secretary of State not prior to 8:00 am January 1<sup>st</sup>, and not later than 5:00 pm the last Tuesday of March prior to the date of the primary election. Signatures cannot be gathered before January 1<sup>st</sup>. If a petition is mailed to the Secretary of State's office by registered mail by 5:00 pm the last Tuesday of March prior to the primary election, it is considered filed. Detailed directions for circulating the nominating petition are included in this package,

### **Step 4: Check Election Results**

Congratulations if you won the election! You will be sworn in as a Director at the January WDWDD meeting following the election.

A packet of the following helpful materials is included:

- The Description of each Directors Area – These are from the Administrative Rules of South Dakota.
- Nominating Petitions – To gather the requisite 25 valid signatures, you will need to use at least two forms, as each has space for only 20 signatures.

- Instructions for Circulating the Petition Forms – Please read these carefully. There is a prescribed sequence for having the petition forms completed, particularly regarding when the forms must be notarized.

**74:05:05:21. West Dakota water development district director areas.** The director areas of the West Dakota water development district are as follows:

- (1) Director 1: representing Pennington County precincts 4-1, 5-1, 5-3, and 5-5;
- (2) Director 2: representing Pennington County precincts 1-1, 3-5, DT, HR, JS, and RK; those portions of Pennington County precinct WP not contained within precincts 3-4 and 3-5; those portions of Pennington County precinct VF within 1-1; and census tract 11004 block 1016;
- (3) Director 3: representing Pennington County precincts 1-2, 1-5, 2-1, and 2-4;
- (4) Director 4: representing Pennington County precincts CA, HC, KY, and LS; those portions of Pennington County precinct RV not included within director area 7; those portions of Pennington County precinct VF not within precinct 1-1; those portion of Pennington County precinct 1-6 within precinct CA; and census tract 10906 block 2014;
- (5) Director 5: representing Pennington County precincts AW, BE, NU, WS west of the Cheyenne River, and VV;
- (6) Director 6: representing Pennington County precincts 3-2, 3-4, 5-2, SR, and CL; those portions of Pennington County precinct WP that are adjacent to precincts 3-4 and 3-5; census tract 11300 blocks 2027, 2035, 3025, 3026, and 4006; and census tract 11004 block 3002;
- (7) Director 7: representing Pennington County precincts 1-4, 2-2, 2-3, 2-5, and NH; those portions of Pennington County precinct RV that are within precinct and 2-3; census tract 10906 blocks 1031 and 1032; census tract 10907 blocks 1043 and 1079; and census tract 10908 block 4009;
- (8) Director 8: representing Pennington County precincts 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, and 4-5; and census tract 11400 blocks 2005 and 2034;
- (9) Director 9: representing Pennington County precincts 1-3, 3-1, 3-3, and 5-4.

**Source:** 11 SDR 72, effective November 25, 1984; 13 SDR 129, 13 SDR 141, effective July 1, 1987; 18 SDR 148, effective March 22, 1992; 28 SDR 123, effective March 11, 2002; 36 SDR 27, effective August 20, 2009; 38 SDR 9, effective August 4, 2011; 40 SDR 14, effective July 29, 2013.

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**Law Implemented:** SDCL 46A-3B-1 to 46A-3B-3.