



Cascade County

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Dear Elector of Fort Shaw Irrigation District:

An election is scheduled to be held in your irrigation district on May 4, 2021. This election is for the purpose of electing 1 commissioner; in district #5. The election will be conducted solely as a mail ballot election and we will mail out the ballots on April 19, 2021. In order to have a ballot mailed out, we need some information.

Per MCA 85-7-1710 (3), Whenever land is owned by co-owners, the owners shall designate one of their number or an agent to cast the vote for the owners. Whenever the land is owned by a single owner, the owner at the owner's discretion may designate an agent to cast the vote. Only one vote may be cast for each acre of irrigable land or major fraction of an acre by the voting individual. Whenever land is under contract of sale to a purchaser, the purchaser may vote on behalf of the owner of the land. When voting, the agent of a corporation, of a single owner or co-owners, of the co-owner designated for the purpose of voting, or of the purchaser of land under contract of sale shall file with the secretary of the district a written instrument of the agent's authority, executed and acknowledged by the proper officers of the corporation, by the single owner or co-owners, or by the owner of land under contract of sale, and upon filing, the agent or co-owner or purchaser is an elector within the meaning of this part.

*Per MCA 13-19-304, **Voting by nonregistered electors.** (1) For any election being conducted under this chapter by a political subdivision that allows individuals to vote who are not registered electors, such an individual may vote by appearing in person at the election administrator's office and demonstrating that he possesses the qualifications which entitle him to vote.*

(2) An individual complying with subsection (1) before official ballots are available may leave a card with the election administrator containing his signature and the address to which his ballot is to be mailed. The signature provided must then be used for verification when the mail ballot is returned.

(3) An individual complying with subsection (1) after official ballots are available and before the close of the polls on election day must be permitted to vote at that time.

If the designated agent is a registered elector of Cascade County, the following form can be returned to this office, either by mail or in person, and the ballot(s) will be mailed directly to the agent on April 19, 2021.

If the designated agent is **not** a registered elector of Cascade County, the following form must be completed and returned, **in person**, to the Election Administrator's office.

If a property is owned by a company, the following form must be completed and returned, **in person**, to the Election Administrator's office.



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Although you may have completed this form in the past for the Fort Shaw Irrigation District, you **MUST** complete a new form and return it to the Cascade County Election Administrator's office in order to receive a ballot for this election. When completing this form, **EVERY** co-owner of the property **MUST** sign-off on the form. The signatures on the form must be notarized. We will verify this information using the last legally recorded deed from the Cascade County Clerk and Recorder's records.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Election Department if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rina Ft Moore
Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator



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DESIGNATION OF VOTING AUTHORITY

The undersigned, being co-owners of land within the Fort Shaw Irrigation District, do hereby designate _____, who is one of the said co-owners, to exercise all rights which we may have for all voting and petitioning purposes involving elections of the Fort Shaw Irrigation District. This designation shall remain in full force and effect until the same has been withdrawn in writing and a copy of said written withdrawal has been personally delivered to the office of the Cascade County Election Administrator in Great Falls, Montana.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

STATE OF MONTANA
COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, personally appeared the above named candidate, known to me or proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above declaration, to me that he/she executed the same.

Notary Public of the State of Montana

Printed Name of Notary Public

Residing at _____
My Commission Expires _____, 20____

By: _____
Deputy(if not notarized)