

Unified Towns and Gores

Special meeting Minutes

October 19, 2010

Approved by DL

Which was legally warned and published as follows:

The registered voters of the Unified Towns and Gores are hereby warned of a special meeting on Tuesday, October 19, at 7 PM at the UTG Municipal Building at 233 East Brighton Road, Ferdinand, to consider the following article:

Shall the residents of the Unified Towns and Gores of Essex County vote to elect two additional members to the Board of Governors for terms of two years each in accordance with 24 VSA 1351a(b)?

There were 32 of 39 registered voters in attendance, see check sheet attached. Cheryl Conley from Ferdinand was also present as was a reporter from the Colebrook Sentinel.

Dave Lafoe had been elected moderator in August at the annual meeting and assumed the role once again for this meeting, which began shortly after 7 p.m. George Ackerson made a motion to move the question to the floor for discussion, seconded by Roger Okeefe. There was discussion both for and against adding members to the board. A call for a written ballot paper vote was made with the moderator quickly counting a majority in favor of paper vote.

Next the voters were directed by the moderator to vote YES if they desired two more board of governors as warned in the question, or to vote NO if they did not want more board members. 19 voted yes and 13 voted no, with 17 voters being from Averill, 2 from Warren's Gore, and 13 being from Ferdinand for a total of 32 voters.

There was some discussion on whether or not it was now time to vote for the two new board members. An email opinion from the UTG attorney indicated there could be a question in the future on the validity of the vote since it was warned only one way, not indicating choosing the nominees. The email said to warn a second meeting for the vote. The audience assembled did not agree however, and chose to vote for the two new board members immediately. Pat Wiggett motioned to "nominate and elect two new board of governors tonight, and if it is not legal to warn a meeting for the 20th." Motion seconded by several crowd members.

The moderator asked for nominations for the two year term to end at annual meeting in 2012: George Brothers and Craig Nolan nominated Ray Royce. Howard Walker seconded by Roger Okeefe nominated Doug Jenks. Written vote with 18 for Royce and 14 for Jenks. It should be noted that Peter Rodin was nominated but refused the nomination.

Nominations for the one year term to end at the annual meeting in 2011 were Patrick Kerin nominated by George Brothers and Craig Nolan. Nomination for Doug Jenks by Barb Walker and seconded by Roger Okeefe. Written vote with 19 for Kerin and 13 for Jenks. There being no other business, the meeting ended about 8:25 PM. The new Board of Governors Royce and Kerin were given the oath of office by the Supervisor. There is a digital audio copy of this meeting available upon public request.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hanlon

Attest
Dave Lafoe, Moderator