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**GRAVELLY FORD WATER  
DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO.  
2024-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD WATER  
DISTRICT PROP “218” TAX ASSESSMENT/PROP 26 ELECTION PROCESS  
CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT LANDOWNER BALLOTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Gravelly Ford Water District (GFWD) Board of Directors authorized by Resolution No. 2024-03 Amended (Errata Corrected) a landowner vote for a proposed Proposition “218” Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election that will collect funds to cover initial and annual expenses for Water Purchases, Operations and Maintenance of District Facilities and the District’s local share of Grant Funded Improvement Projects and for continued Implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ballots provided votes on a “per acre” basis for benefits received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ballots for each parcel of land within GFWD were sent by registered mail to all landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ballots for the Election had to be returned to the District on or before July 15, 2024 either by mailing to the District or by submittal at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on July 15, 2024 at the O’Neill Agri-Management Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the District scheduled a Public Hearing for the District’s proposed Proposition “218” Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election to receive Public Testimony, to receive the mailed Ballots, to accept any additional Ballots, and to count and certify the Ballots received; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Paul Stewart opened the Public Hearing for the Proposition “218” Assessment at 1:40 PM; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_ landowners or landowner representatives were in the audience (in person or telephonically) and \_\_\_\_ spoke for and \_\_\_\_\_ spoke against the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Paul Stewart called for any additional Ballots and \_\_\_\_\_ were presented; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Paul Stewart declared the Public Hearing closed at \_\_\_\_ PM; and

**WHEREAS**, the “218” Election Ballots received by the District were given to designated “Neutral Observers” (Stephen Dotta and Roy Catania) for an Official Ballot Count ; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Ballot Count was completed with the following results for the 8,288.22 total votes being counted:

YES	NO	NOT VOTING (received or not returned)
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**WHEREAS**, for Proposition “218” Assessment/Prop26 Election to be defeated, 50% of the Ballots plus one would have to be “NO”; and

OPTION (a)

**WHEREAS**, 50% of the Ballots plus one voted “NO”; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the 2024 Proposition”218” Assessment Election was defeated by the Ballots cast; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution No. 2024-04 establishing the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Assessment Rate shall remain in effect.

OPTION (b)

**WHEREAS**, a majority of Ballots contained a “Yes” vote; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the Proposition”218” Assessment Election was approved by a majority of the Ballots cast; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the Proposition “218” Ballot Process/Prop 26 Election be implemented immediately; and

OPTIONS (a) & (b)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Manager be directed to notify all landowners and grower representatives by letter as well as everyone on the District’s correspondence email list of the Ballot results; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the General Manager be directed to save and store the Ballots in a secure location for a period of three years; and

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The foregoing Resolution 2024-06 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of July 15, 2024 upon the motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_ and second by Director \_\_\_\_\_ upon the following vote:

AYES: Directors

NOES: None

ABSENT: S Kirk

ABSTAIN: None

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Seth Kirk, President

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Diane Kirk, Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Deputy Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-06 adopted July 15, 2024.

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Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary