

**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, there were no landowners or landowner representatives in the audience (in person or telephonically) that spoke for or that spoke against the proposal; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Paul Stewart called for any additional Ballots and 6 individual Ballots and 1 envelope containing Ballots were presented; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Paul Stewart declared the Public Hearing closed at 2:18 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

WHEREAS, the Ballot Count was completed at 3:28 PM with the results as follows:

YES	NO	NOT RETURNED
4,780.76	144.57	3,362.62

WHEREAS, for Proposition "218" Assessment/Prop26 Election to be defeated, 50% of the Ballots plus one would have to be "NO"; and

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

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

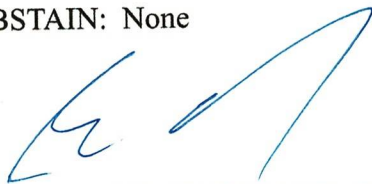
The foregoing Resolution 2024-06 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of July 15, 2024 upon the motion of Director P Stewart and second by Director N Davis the following vote:

AYES: Directors P Stewart, N Davis, M Naito, D Kirk

NOES: None

ABSENT: S Kirk

ABSTAIN: None



Seth Kirk, President



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.



Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary

