December 10, 2024

Trout Creek Elementary School District No. 6

4 School Lane

Trout Creek, MT 59874

RE: May 6, 2025 School Election

According to county records, there are three (3) Trustee positions up for election this year. The position, number of years of the term, and the Trustees currently holding those positions are:

1. Trustee, 3-year term, Scott Rasor
2. Trustee, 1-year unexpired term, Elizabeth Loyd
3. Trustee, 3-year term, Vacant

The other board members are:

1. Zachary P. Hannum
2. Marian Stonehocker

**If this is incorrect**, please let me know as soon as possible. I have enclosed Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy forms for anyone interested in filing as a candidate for this position. When accepting filings, please verify that the form indicates the correct number of years of the term (1, or 3 years) for the position for which they are filing. I will mail a copy of this letter and a Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy form to Scott Rasor and Marian Stonehocker. Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy forms must be filed with the District Clerk of Trout Creek Elementary School District No. 6.

**DEADLINE TO FILE IS March 27, 2025 by 5:00pm.**

The following statute states the requirements by which the Election Administrator may cancel an election.

 MCA 20-3-313. Election by acclamation — notice. (1) If the number of candidates filing for vacant positions or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under MCA 20-3-305(2)(b) is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustees may cancel the election.

 (2) If the election is canceled, the trustees shall give notice that a trustee election will not be held. Notice must be given no later than 30 days before the election.

 (3) If a trustee election is not held, the trustees shall declare elected by acclamation the candidate who filed for the position or who filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate.

 (4) An election for a trustee in a single-member district as provided in MCA 20-3-338 or in a trustee nominating district as provided in MCA 20-3-353 is considered a separate trustee election for the purposes of declaring election by acclamation as provided in this section. These laws help curtail election costs, while meeting the district’s needs.

Should you have any questions please call me at 406-827-3038.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Meagher, Election Clerk

cc: Scott Rasor

 Elizabeth Loyd