

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____, _____.

Notary Public

Upon receipt of the petition the city auditor shall without fee place the name of the aspirant on the election ballot as a candidate for the office of director. The candidate or candidates, depending on whether one or two directors are being elected, receiving the highest number of votes are elected. The provisions of chapter 40-21 govern the election of directors from the city of Dickinson or Mandan for the southwest water authority.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 61-24.5-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

61-24.5-08. Term of office of directors - Oath of office - Bonds. Members of the board of directors of the authority hold office for a term of four years, until a successor has been duly elected and qualified. If the office of any director becomes vacant by reason of the failure of any director elected at any election to qualify or for any other reason, the director's successor must be appointed to fill the vacancy by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the vacancy occurs, or by the governing body of the city of Dickinson or Mandan, as appropriate. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the director whose office has become vacant, and until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Members of the board of directors elected from a county must be elected at the primary election and assume office on the first Monday in July following their election. Members of the board of directors elected from the city of Dickinson or Mandan must be elected at the municipal election and assume office on the first Monday in July following their election.

In 2002 all directors' terms are deemed to have expired, and each county shall elect one director to serve on the board of directors and the city of Dickinson shall elect two directors to serve on the board of directors. In 2002 one director from the city of Dickinson and directors from Adams, Billings, Dunn, Grant, Oliver, and Slope Counties must be elected for two-year terms and in 2004 and thereafter must be elected for four-year terms. In 2010 the director from the city of Mandan must be elected to a four-year term. All ~~other~~ subsequent directors elected ~~in 2002~~ must be elected for four-year terms.

Before assuming the duties of the office of director, each director shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by law for civil officers. The authority treasurer must be bonded in an amount as the board may prescribe.

SECTION 4. REPEAL. Sections 61-24.5-10, 61-24.5-11, 61-24.5-12, 61-24.5-13, and 61-24.5-14 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 4 of this Act is effective on January 1, 2020, unless before that date a majority of qualified electors within the southwest water authority voting on the question approve the continuation of the property tax levy for support of the southwest water authority."

Renumber accordingly