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One recount ordered in Nebraska primary

LINCOLN – Twenty-eight percent of voters cast a ballot during the primary, according to the Secretary of State’s office. Of the 1,152,144 people registered to vote in Nebraska, 324,227 did so.

While a majority of people opted to vote at the polls, 59,958 people voted early during the primary, either by mail or by going to their county election office. Nearly two thousand provisional ballots (1,831) were cast during the election.

At a meeting this afternoon, the Nebraska Board of Canvassers certified the outcome of all races during the primary, with the exception of one recount for the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District, Subdistrict 4. Results of that recount will be presented for certification during the next meeting of the Board at 11 a.m. on June 18.

That recount was ordered based on an oversight that resulted in more than 1,000 voters not receiving the race on their ballot.

“The Upper Big Blue NRD utilizes an election process where candidates file for office by subdistrict, but are elected at large,” explained Neal Erickson, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections. “In this instance, the race was left off some ballots. Unfortunately, even though the county election clerk tried to remedy the problem

by reprinting and distributing corrected ballots, it's estimated that 1,056 people in York County did not get to vote on that race."

The results of the election indicated that Stan Boehr received 3,422 votes. Eugene Ulmer received 2,870 votes and Becky Roesler received 2,852 votes. The recount was ordered because the margin between the second and third place candidates fell within the automatic recount provision. In races where the total votes cast is more than 500, the trigger for a recount is one percent or less of the first place candidate's vote total. In this instance, the difference between Ulmer and Roesler was 18 votes.

The recount will be conducted on Wednesday, June 11 and the results will be presented to the Nebraska Board of Canvassers on June 18 in the Governor's Hearing Room at the State Capitol.

Members attending today's meeting included: Governor Dave Heineman, Chief Deputy Secretary of State Cathy Danahy, State Treasurer Don Stenberg, State Auditor Mike Foley and Chief Deputy for the Nebraska Attorney General David Cookson.

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