

**Carver County**

**2022 Elections Update**

**August 16, 2022**



# Agenda

1. Introduction: Gayle Degler, Board Chair
  2. Election Update: David Frischmon, Property & Finance Director
    - A. Absentee Ballot Box/Slot
    - B. Absentee Ballot Board
    - C. Updating “Voter History”
    - D. Software Features Not Used Mn
    - E. Misc. Elections Topics
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# Absentee Ballot (“AB”) Drop Box

- ▶ 2020 Election: Carver County did not use an AB Drop Box:
  - ▶ Separate line staffed by two Absentee Ballot Board members
  - ▶ 30-60 minute wait
  - ▶ Many voters requested AB Drop Box option
- ▶ 2021 MN Legislature: New MN Statute allows AB Drop Box:
  - ▶ Secured, Camera surveillance, etc.
  - ▶ More reliable (direct), quicker AB delivery than Post Office

# Absentee Ballot (“AB”) Drop Box/Slot

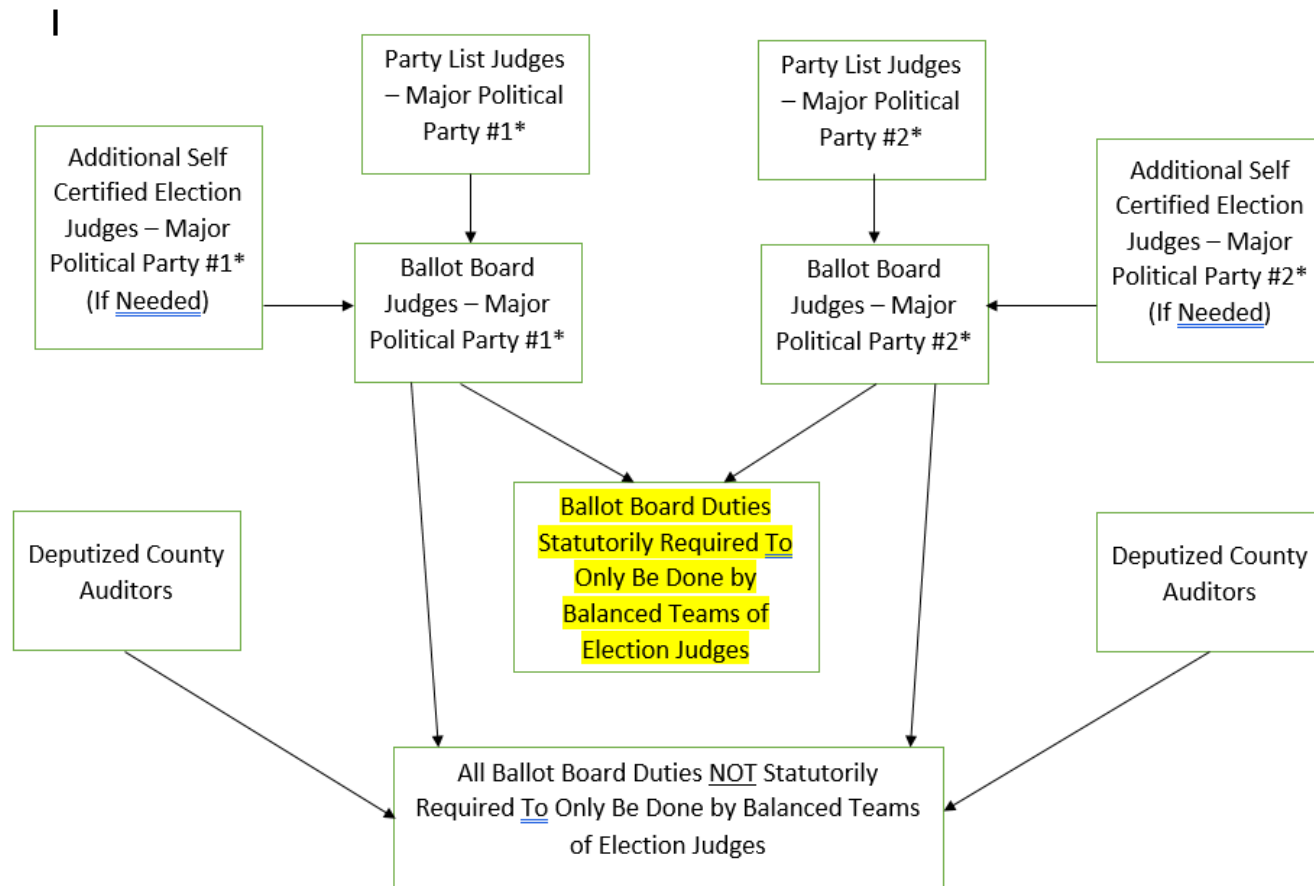
## 2022 Election Staff Recommendation:

1. Use internal Govt’ Center AB Drop Slot:
  - A. Eliminates separate AB line at Gov’t Center
  - B. Drops directly into Election Dept. safe
  - C. Open M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (Gov’t Center hours)
  
2. Do not use external AB Drop Box
  - A. Assess other counties use of AB Drop Box following the 2022 election

# Absentee Ballot Board “ABB”

1. Types of ABB Members:
  - A. Election Judges:
    - i. Party affiliated election judges on major party lists
    - ii. Party affiliated election judges **not** on major party lists
  - B. Deputized County Auditors: Non-party affiliated
  
2. 1/22/08 County Board Resolution – Established ABB:
  - A. Deputized county auditors and election judges
  - B. References old Mn statute and old County staff title
  
3. Primary & General Election Main Duties (2020: 35K AB/3K hours):
  - A. Phase I: Accepts/rejects AB for **46** days
  - B. Phases II & III: Process all AB 7 days before Election Day
  
4. March 2022 MN Supreme Court Ruling ABB Tasks:
  - A. Exclusive tasks for election judges only:
    - i. Signature verification, duplicating ballots, etc.
      - a) Tasks can't be done by deputized county auditors

# Flowchart for ABB Duties – Exclusive to Election Judges



\*There are currently 4 major political parties in Minnesota. The use of 2 major political parties in this example is for demonstration purposes only.

# **Absentee Ballot Board**

## ***Recommended 2022 ABB Resolution***

1. *Update references to:*
  - A. Mn Statute 203B.121 and
  - B. Delegating ABB appointment authority to “Elections Administrator”
    - i. March Supreme Court ruling
  
2. *To the extent possible, use election judges from major party lists for ABB tasks, like signature verification, that must be done by election judges.*

# Updating “Voter History”

1. Mn Statute allows counties 6 weeks after Election Day to update “Voter History”
2. Consensus of MN counties:
  - A. After Election Day, required to complete precinct-by-precinct reconciliation/verification for all votes before “Pushing the Button” to update “Voter History”

## Staff Recommendation:

No change to current process





# Software Features Not Used in MN

- ▶ “Ballot Image Capture”/“Cast Vote Record”/etc.:
  - ▶ County’s current election software version has additional features used in other States
  - ▶ Not needed in Mn = “paper” ballots
  - ▶ Features not tested by County staff
  
- ▶ “Voter Receipt”:
  - ▶ County’s DS200’s don’t have this option

## 2022 Election Staff Recommendation:

- ▶ Keep software features not used in MN turned off

# **Misc. Elections Topics**

## **Elections Security:**

Hardware/software most updated security available: County follows all Federal best practices, State laws and vendor guidelines.

## **Software Updates:**

MN Elections Director: Software updates do not trigger the statutory notifications which are required when using new tabulators for the first time.

## **Federal EAC Certification:**

Mn requires counties to use State certified equipment and software: Federal EAC certification is voluntary and used by very limited # of MN counties.

## **Elections Data Requests:**

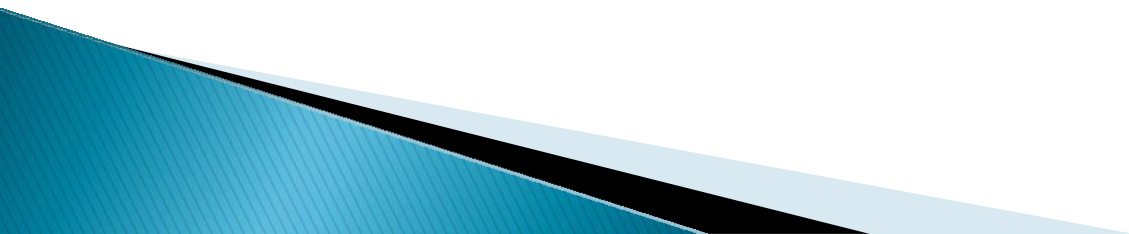
Staff provided data we have and provided a contact/link for data we don't have:  
i.e. "List of people who requested a 2020 AB"

# **Public Input During a County Board Meeting**

Please address the County Board with your comments.

Please limit your comments to Carver County elections.

Please limit your comments to 5 minutes in length.



# Board Action Requested

1. Motion for 2022 General Election to use Absentee Ballot Slot within Gov't Center Building and do not use Absentee Ballot Box.
2. Motion to adopt the Absentee Ballot Board Resolution included in Board Packet:
  1. Update references to:
    - A. Mn Statute 203B.121,
    - B. Elections Administrator
  2. To the extent possible, use election judges from the major party lists to do the ABB tasks that must be done by election judges.