

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Date: April 17, 2014**

SUBJECT: Canvass of StoneRidge CFD Election - April 8, 2014

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk Department

PREPARED BY: Diane Russell, Town/District Clerk

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Resolution No. 33, b) Statement of Expenses & Results, and c) Notice of Election

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: The StoneRidge Community Facilities District Board called for an election at its February 27, 2014 meeting (Resolution No. 32) to decide whether or not the remaining authority for unissued bonds (previously authorized by vote on Nov 13, 2001) should be rescinded. The election was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Specifically, said election involved the following question:

SHALL THE REMAINING UNISSUED AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BONDS
(ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000,000 ON NOVEMBER
13, 2001) BE RESCINDED?

The official results of the election:

Yes	601
No	32

Some 633 valid ballots were cast, resulting in a 49 percent participation level.

Five ballots were rejected at the Signature Verification level.

This polling place election was administered by contract with Bill Doyle of Election Operations Services (EOS) working in conjunction with the District Clerk's Office. The polling place located at the StoneRidge Community Center was open from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Notification of the Election (Exhibit C) was mailed to 3,621 registered voters in the Yavapai County Buck Precinct 215 in which the StoneRidge CFD is located. Notice of the Election was physically posted in 12 locations within the StoneRidge CFD in accordance with ARS §48-707(a). In addition, the notice was published in the Prescott Courier once for two consecutive weeks. And, information about the election was posted on the Town's website, including the purpose for the election, the qualified electors, the early balloting period, and polling place location, date and time. A Registered Voter List and Signature Roster for the CFD were created in-house using the Buck Precinct 215 Registered Voters list and Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) supplied by Yavapai County. This list was used for tracking participating early voters and to verify voters on election day at the polling place.

Twenty-six days prior to the election (March 13, 2014), the qualified voters on the Yavapai County PEVL that reside within StoneRidge CFD were mailed early ballots (including affidavits of residency) in

accordance with ARS §16-541. For qualified electors not on the PEVL (who did not receive an early mail ballot), an early voting polling place was opened on March 13th in the District Clerk's Office. As voters casting ballots came and went, recordings of the same were made to the Early Voting List/Signature Roster. As batches of voted ballots were received in the Clerk's Office, they were hand-carried to the Yavapai County Voter Registration Office for affidavit signature verification, then secured in the Clerk's Office until they could be tabulated on election day. Early/absentee balloting was closed April 4 at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with §16-542(e). On election day, directional signs pointed the way to the ADA accessible Polling Place. Mr. Doyle (EOS) provided an Election Board and the ballot tabulating equipment for use on election day.

Now it is proposed that the StoneRidge CFD Board adopt Resolution No. 33 setting forth the official canvass of the results of the April 8, 2014 election.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: The Council may adopt this resolution approving the official canvass of the election, modify said resolution prior to adoption, or decline to adopt this resolution.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Chairman (or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman) to sign Resolution No. 33 approving the official canvass of the April 8, 2014 StoneRidge CFD election, **OR** Motion not to approve Resolution No. 33. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 33 approving the official canvass of the April 8, 2014 StoneRidge CFD election.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Cost of this election to the StoneRidge CFD was approximately \$10,008.97. To the extent funds for the election were not available in the FY 2013-2014 budget, the costs will be paid by the Town of Prescott Valley under the February 13, 2003 IGA between SRCFD and the Town. The Town will then be reimbursed from funds budgeted by the SRCFD Board in FY 2014-2015.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____