



Jan. 18, 2023
For immediate release

With election just weeks away, slate of town board candidates set

While the slate of candidates for Rice County's 2023 town board elections is set, there are a few holes.

No affidavits for candidacy were filed for Bridgewater Township treasurer; none were filed in either the treasurer or open supervisor seat in Richland Township, both raising the likelihood of write-in campaigns for those seats.

The treasurer's seat is up in all but one of the townships. In Forest Township, the treasurer is appointed, rather than elected. One seat on each township's board of supervisors will also be on the ballot, except in Bridgewater, where two races – Seats C and E, currently held by Kathleen Kopseng and Thomas Hart, respectively, will be decided. Bridgewater is the only Rice County township with five supervisors. All others have three, though all are three-year terms. Treasurers' terms are two years long.

Township elections and annual meetings are Tuesday, March 14.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 is the last day to pre-register to vote for the 2022 township elections. Paper applications must be delivered to the Elections Office at the Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault, or mailed to that address by 5 p.m. Feb. 15. Voters registering online through the Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State's secure website -- bit.ly/33cMK5X -- have an 11:59 p.m. deadline.



Residents can also vote absentee from Friday, Feb. 10 through Monday, March 13 at the Rice County Government Services Building. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Monday, Feb. 21, when county offices close for Presidents Day. Voters can also cast an absentee ballot from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, March 13 at the Government Services Building.

Running for office are:

Bridgewater

Treasurer: No affidavits of candidacy were filed

Supervisor Seat C: Kathleen Kopseng

Supervisor Seat E: Emily Fulton-Foley, Thomas Hart and Derek Kruse

Vote from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 500 Railway St, Dundas

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Cannon City

Treasurer: Pam Wunderlich

Supervisor: Clayton F. Mechura

Vote from 4-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 4490 Crystal Lake Trail, Faribault

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Erin

Treasurer: Elgin A. Trcka

Supervisor: Joseph LeBrun

Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 12378 Independence Ave., Lonsdale

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Forest

Supervisor: Charles Peters

Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 3625 Millersburg Boulevard, Faribault

Annual meeting: 1 p.m.

Morristown

Treasurer: Vicky Timm

Supervisor: Andrew Wagner

Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 402 Division St. S, Morristown

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Northfield (Precincts 1 and 2)

Treasurer: Jessica Hubers

Supervisor: Foster Transburg

Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 10901 Jacobs Ave., Northfield

Annual meeting: 8:10 p.m.

Richland

No affidavits for candidacy were filed

Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 9985 240th St. E, Faribault

Annual meeting: 4 p.m.

Shieldsville

Treasurer: Kimberly Pesta

Supervisor: Todd S. Schilling and Andy Ernste

Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 7250 154th St. W, Faribault

Annual meeting: 2 p.m.

Walcott

Treasurer: Carrie Heiderscheidt

Supervisor: Tom Donkers

Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 4020 240th St E., Faribault

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Warsaw

Treasurer: Ron Kuball

Supervisor: Steve Drewitz

Vote from 4-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 22955 Dalton Ave, Faribault

Annual meeting: 3 p.m.

Webster

Treasurer: Bob Michel

Supervisor: Dwayne Harnack

Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 4175 Delano Ave, Webster

Annual meeting: 1 p.m.

Wells

Treasurer: Flavia Berg

Supervisor: Jeff LaCanne

Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 18400 Roberds Lake Boulevard, Faribault

Annual meeting: 1 p.m.

Wheatland

Treasurer: Sara Chlan and Maria Prange

Supervisor: Travis J. Simon

Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 9641 50th St W, Veseli

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Wheeling

Treasurer: Marilyn Danks

Supervisor: Mark A. Bongers

Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 8492 Nerstrand Boulevard, Nerstrand

Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

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