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STATE OF MONTANA LINCOLN COUNTY
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FOR: LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 512 CALIFORNIA AVE,

RESOLUTION 2025-08

A Resolution to Enhance Board Appointment Procedures and Compliance with MCA

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

1. Lincoln County relies on many citizen volunteers who serve on various boards and committees to participate in the operation of the affairs of the County.
2. In the spirit of public participation and transparency, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners created a Uniform Board Appointment Policy in 2015 through Resolution 933.
3. Resolution 2021-40 reaffirmed and updated certain aspects of the Uniform Board Appointment Policy to further clarify procedures for appointing members to boards and committees.
4. The Uniform Board Appointment Policy applies to the following boards: Airport, Ambulance, Board of Health, Cemetery, Dispatch, Fire Service Areas, Fair, Industrial Districts, Library, Park Districts, Planning, Port Authority, Tax Appeal, TV District and Weed.
5. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of adhering to the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), specifically MCA 7-13-2231 regarding the election option for Water and Sewer Districts, and MCA 7-33-2106 regarding the election and appointment process for fire districts with unfilled board positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners intends to ensure that all County board appointments are made in accordance with the Uniform Board Appointment Policy, including the provisions of MCA 7-13-2231 and MCA 7-33-2106 as they pertain to election options and the appointments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- i. The Clerk and Recorder shall maintain an updated list of all individual board members, including the expiration dates of current terms.
- ii. Prior to the expiration of a term of office for any board or committee member, the Clerk and Recorder shall publish an advertisement announcing upcoming board vacancies, encouraging the public to submit applications to serve on a board or committee.
- iii. After the deadline for application submissions, applications will be forwarded to the current board members for review at a public meeting. After review, the current board members shall forward their recommendation to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, who will then appoint a board member to fill the vacancy.
- iv. In compliance with MCA, if a fire or water and sewer district board does not have a candidate for one or more board member offices, the applicable governing body shall appoint



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board members as necessary to fill those offices. A board member shall serve the board member term of office as if that board member had been elected, ensuring the fire district or water and sewer district board remains fully functional.

- v. The final discretion to appoint board members shall reside with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, who will ensure appointments are made in a fair, transparent, and consistent manner.
- vi. This resolution shall repeal and replace any previously adopted resolutions regarding the uniform appointment process for boards and committees

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a provision of a previously adopted resolution, this resolution will prevail.
2. This resolution and its various sections, clauses and paragraphs are severable. If any part, sentence, clause, or phrase is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the resolution will not be affected.
3. This resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption, in accordance with § 7-5-123, MCA.
4. This Board directs that this resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair of the Board in accordance with § 7-5-121, MCA.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board 1-29-2025 Approved Disapproved Amended

Adopted this 29th day of January, 2025.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chair

ATTEST:

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board