

2023 KITIK Elections update 8/29/2023:

Our previous announcement stated “ALL registered voters will be able to vote in person regardless of if you are marked as an absentee or in person voter. We ask that absentee voters bring in their absentee ballot with them if they wish to vote in person, however, if you do not receive your ballot in the mail, you may come without it...” After further deliberation we have decided bringing in your absentee ballot is unnecessary. To clarify, if you received an absentee ballot, you could choose one of two options.

Option 1- Mail in your ballot. Your ballot must be received by the Horton post office no later than Tuesday, September 6, 2023. If it is received later than September 6, 2023, then it will not count.

Option 2- Vote in person. Bring your state ID and/or CDIB to the Golden Eagle Casino VIP room (follow posted signs and enter on the west side of the building) between the voting hours 7am and 7pm on September 9, 2023. Do not bring your absentee ballot, you will be issued a new one.

Anyone that did not receive an absentee ballot must vote in person.

We understand that your only desire is to have a fair election, we assure you this is our highest priority.

We hear your concerns.

After many concerned voters expressed that they were worried about people not receiving ballots we decided to default to an absentee ballot for most of our voters, this is why you have seen an increase in absentee ballots being received.

You were also concerned about your ballot not being handled correctly. Operating within Title 12 and our constitution we ordered more in person ballots and allowed anyone with an absentee ballot to choose to vote in person if they wish to. The mailed absentee ballots will be kept at the Horton Post Office in accordance with Section 605 of the Title 12 Elections Code. The Election Committee will only access them at 6:15am on Election Day to transport them to the polling place. The candidates will be given more information on this soon, they will then have the opportunity to make arrangements with us to have their poll watchers present during this process.

With good reason you are worried about people “voting twice”. All absentee ballots have a barcode and the name it was assigned to on the outer envelope of the ballot. Those barcodes will be scanned upon their arrival at the voting site. Scanning the barcode will not count the vote it will simply communicate to the tablet that we verify registration with that the voter has already submitted a vote, if we ignore it and hand them a ballot anyway the system will send an error message because an unverified ballot was submitted.

As a committee we have decided that remaining unbiased is a priority when conducting a fair election. To achieve this we will not and have not received direction or guidance from any of the current candidates or current council members. We do wish to communicate openly, please email us at electioncommittee@KITIK-nsn.gov as this is the best way for us to communicate in a timely and efficient manner. We address every email as a committee in our meetings.

We wish all candidates the best of luck.

With Respect,

Your 2023 KITIK Election Committee