

RIM TRAIL DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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Board Members:

Chairperson: David McKibben
Secretary: Gary Richardson
Treasurer: Ray Tanner

Management:

Manager: HDJ Management, LLC
Operator: A Quality Water Company

TO: Rim Trail Voters
FROM: Harry Jones, HDJ Management, District Manager
SUBJECT: Election Results
DATE: 11-20-14

Now that the election for members of the Board of Directors of Rim Trail Domestic Water District has been canvassed (certified) by the Gila County Board of Supervisors, the results can be reported as official.

The major reason the delay in reporting results occurred is that the Elections Department has finally located and corrected for the following two significant errors that occurred:

- The elections personnel (whole new staff this year) at the Whispering Pines precinct accidentally handed out 30 ballots containing the Rim Trail candidates to precinct members that live in communities outside of Rim Trail. Those 30 ballots were finally identified and found to contain 27 votes that were ultimately subtracted from the 75 votes on the ballots that the County still shows on its website, which nets to only 48 ($75 - 27 = 48$) total votes by those qualified electors that actually live in Rim Trail.
- Additionally the elections staff in Globe for two weeks has failed to consolidate the 163 valid votes cast by Rim Trail property owners that live outside of the water district with the 48 votes from the voters that live in the Rim Trail District. Even today, these 163 valid votes are still not properly consolidated and posted to the County website which still indicates a total of only 75 votes cast (includes the 27 invalid votes).

Disregarding the obvious errors on the Gila County website, the total votes as corrected are apparently 211 ($48 + 163 = 211$).

Having spent dozens of hours helping Gila County straighten out this situation (mainly caused by lack of training of local poll workers and the newness of the Election Department staff in Globe), I believe the errors are all straightened out, and the actual vote counts are as follows:

Buddy Rice:	36
Gary Richardson:	72
Ray Tanner:	72
Jay Tenison:	<u>31</u>
Total:	211

Therefore Richardson and Tanner will retain their current Board membership for four-year terms that end 12-31-18, with McKibben remaining for two more years to fill out the term that ends 12-31-16.