

First Mailing of Pelican Bay MSTBU Advisory Board Election Ballots Declared Invalid

On February 12, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) declared the first mailing of Pelican Bay MSTBU Advisory Board Election ballots invalid and approved a second mailing of ballots to all residential property owners. The BCC also adopted a revised election schedule. The second mailing of ballots will be completed by February 20th and all completed ballots must be received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, by mail or in person, no later than 5:00 PM on March 22, 2013.

The Property Appraiser has now provided the Clerk with a corrected list to use to send out a second ballot to all Pelican Bay residential property owners. The second ballot is printed on colored paper and each ballot contains a unique property identification number and security code to ensure that every ballot is verified before being counted.

Please note that every ballot from the first mailing is invalid and property owners must fill out a second ballot (the one printed on colored paper) and return it following the instructions on the ballot for their vote to be counted in the election.

The BCC will appoint the new elected Advisory Board members at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26th.

Clerk of Courts, Dwight Brock, discovered that the list of record title owners provided to the Clerk by the Property Appraiser and used to mail ballots for the Pelican Bay MSTBU Advisory Board election was incorrect. The Clerk became aware of the problem after receiving questions from property owners about the balloting and because an inordinate number of ballots were returned by the U.S. Postal Service as “undeliverable.” The Clerk verified that in some instances current property owners in Pelican Bay did not receive a ballot and, in other cases, former owners received ballots even though they no longer held title to a residential property in Pelican Bay. In addition, there were residential property owners who received duplicate ballots for the same property.

A copy of the Public Notice, with links to the Ordinance No. 2002 -27 and a list of candidates is posted in the “News Room” on www.collierclerk.com

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