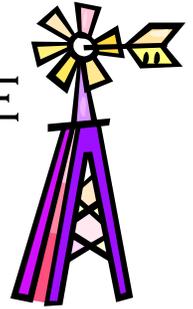




NATRONA/CONVERSE COUNTY WINDMILL



County Committee Elections

It's county committee election time, and this special publication is your guide to the 2010 election.

Since this only happens once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAAs. Each LAA contributes one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Natrona County is divided into 3 LAA's and Converse County is divided into 2 LAA's. (See Map on the back)

Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. This year LAA 1 and LAA 5 are up for reelection. LAA 1 is currently held by John Bentley. John has served on the County Committee for 9 years and is ineligible for reelection. Therefore, we are seeking nominations for LAA 1. LAA5 is currently held by Neil Forgey. Neil is seeking reelection for his second term since the Converse office has combined with Natrona County. Nominations may be submitted for either LAA 1 or LAA 5.

The County Committee member that serves LAA 1 represents all farmers and ranchers in the Alcova Irrigation District and LAA 5 represent Converse County south of Interstate 25. (See LAA Map on back)

The three steps in the election process are the call for nominations, the election and installing the new committee member.

Election Timetable

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| June 15 | Nomination period begins. |
| Aug. 2 | Deadline to submit nomination forms. |
| Nov. 5 | Ballots are mailed to eligible voters. |
| Dec. 6 | Deadline to return completed ballots. |
| Jan. 1, 2011 | New committee members and alternates are installed. |

Nominations Open June 15

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in a Local Administrative Area will be accepted from June 15 through Aug. 2, 2010.

Producers who are residents in the LAA's holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee.

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Jim Price - Member
Leslie Hendry - Member
John Bentley - Member

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Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

A nomination form, FSA-669A, is included in this newsletter. Additional forms and details may be picked up at the county office or downloaded from the FSA Web site. Simply go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Eligible voters can nominate as many candidates as they wish. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Aug. 2, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 2.

The county committee election is held by mail. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 5, and must be returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Dec. 6, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 6, 2010.

Who Can Vote

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote.

No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. If you are unsure of your eligibility, contact the staff at the county office.

Who Can Hold Office

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate
- Not have been:
 - Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
 - Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
 - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For more information about county committee elections, contact the county office staff.

Nominate and Vote



If you or someone you know qualifies for to vote and would like to become a member of the Natrona/Converse County Farm Service Agency County Committee, please fill out a nomination form provided in this newsletter and return the nomination form to the County Office after June 15, 2010 and no later than August 2nd, 2010.

If you are unsure of what LAA you are assigned to, please feel free to contact this office.

FSA-669A (03-24-10) **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

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| 1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name) | | TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE | |
| 2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE | | 4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED | |
| | | 5. COUNTY | |
| 3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION: <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> | | 6. LAA | |
| | | 7. STATE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. | | 8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: <i>If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i> | |
| 3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE | 3B. DATE | 8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR | 8B. DATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate. | | (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required). | |

9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

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| ETHNICITY | RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable) | GENDER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
 - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
 - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
 - C. Willing to serve if elected.
- ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
- ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
- ITEMS 3A & 3B** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEMS 8A & 8B** The nominator must sign and date. (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)
- ITEM 9** Completing this item is voluntary.

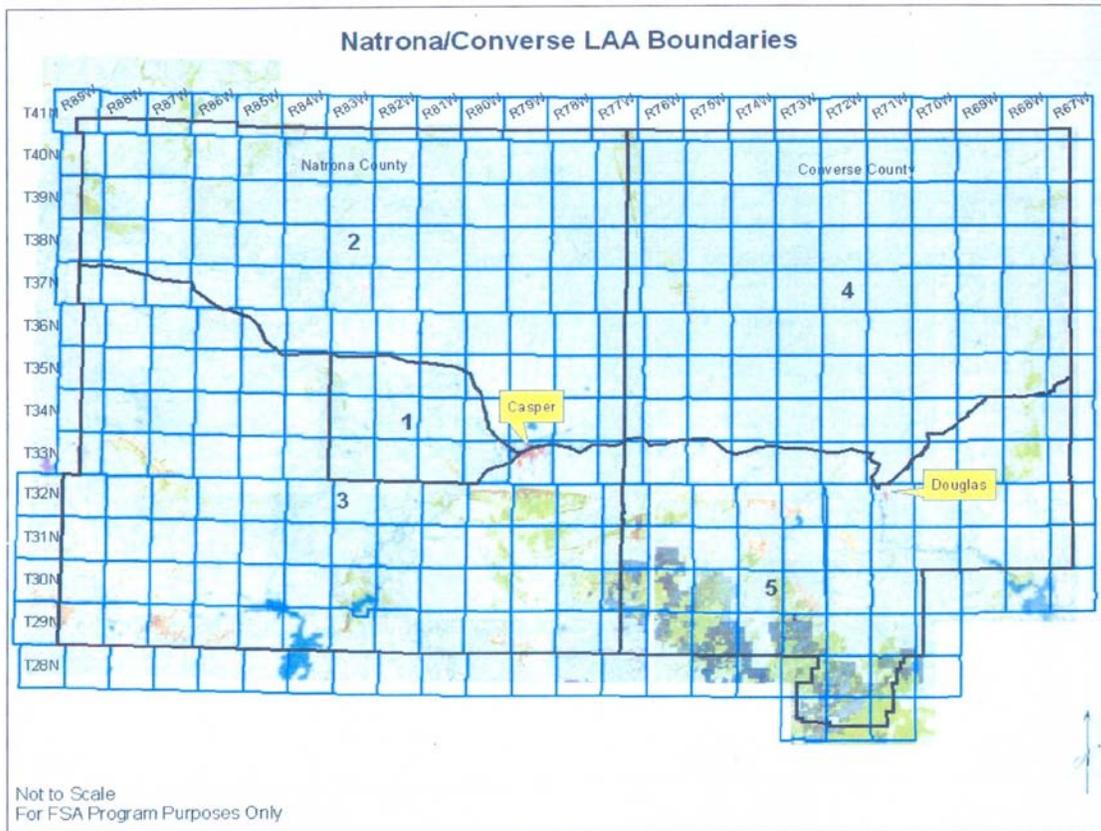
ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 2, 2010.

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

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Return Service Requested



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