

Water Development District Directors- 2024 Election

SDCL 46A-3B

<https://www.sdarws.com/wdd.html>

The terms of office for all directors from odd-numbered WDD Director areas expire at the end of 2024. There is 1 Director per Area. The descriptions of territory encompassed by each area in each district can be found in ARSD [74:05:05](#).

Positions up in each WDD Area:

James River- Areas 2, 4, 6, 8

Central Plains- Areas 2, 4, 6, 7*

South Central- Areas 2, 4, 6

West River- Areas 2, 4

East Dakota- Areas 2, 4, 6, 8

West Dakota- Areas 2, 4, 6, 8

Vermillion Basin- Areas 2, 4

Petition Filing information:

- Petition form is: [05:02:08:24](#)
- All WDD candidate petitions are filed with the Secretary of State.
- The term of office is 4 years except the ***Central Plains Area 7** is for a 2-year term.
- 25 valid signatures are required.
- Signers must be registered within the specific WDD Director Area
- This is a non-partisan election and the party of the signer does not matter

Who goes on the Primary ballot:

- If **3** or more candidates file for a position, there will be a Primary election
 - o The two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary move on to the General election
- If **2** candidates file for a position, there will be NO primary election. These candidates are automatically placed on the General election ballot.
- If only **1** candidate files for a position, there is no election.

[46A-3B-5](#). Certification of nominating petitions--Ballots--Primary election. If three or more nominating petitions are filed for a director office, the secretary of state shall certify the nomination of director candidates to the respective county auditors and the water development district office. The water development district office shall furnish nonpolitical sample and official ballots in adequate numbers and time to permit distribution of such ballots by the respective county auditors with other primary election ballots. Following a primary election, the names of the two candidates receiving the most votes cast in the primary election (or if only two nominating petitions are filed, the names of the two candidates) shall be certified and ballots furnished in the same manner as for the primary, but in time to permit distribution of the ballots by the respective county auditors with other general election ballots. If only one nominating petition is filed for a director office, no election may be held and a certificate of election shall be issued to the nominee in the same manner as to a successful candidate after election. In the case of an initial election, no primary election may be held and the Board of Water and Natural Resources shall certify the names of the candidates and furnish ballots in time to permit distribution of the ballots by the county auditors prior to the general or special election.