

OGDEN DUNES ELECTION

MEMO From : Karen Tallian

Ogden Dunes does not have a primary election because we are a town with < 3500 (I.C. 3-10-6)

The November election is conducted by a Town Election Board (if a town has created one under a prior ordinance); if not, then Town enters into agreement with County to do the election. (I.C. 3-10-7)

A person can get on the ballot in a number of ways: (see I.C. 3-8-5)

1) Convention:

a) Minor or Independent Party or Independent candidate

"Minor" party -- such as the Ogden Dunes Party

Governed by Rules set forth in 3-8-5-17 (allows a minor party to hold a convention, as was done last time) (see rules below)

The Ogden Dunes party would have to be re-constituted and file forms with the County election division.

2. Petition:

Governed by I.C. 3-8-6

This requires the nominee have signatures on a petition. Number of signatures to be determined by % votes for Sec of State in the town. (I.C. 3-8-6-3)

This number can be calculated by County Election division.

**Last check with County: need 12 signatures
It is suggested that you have a few more than that

Petitions may be filed beginning Jan 8, 2015.

You need to file 2 forms.

The Petitions Form (with the signatures) = CAN 44 – must be filed with the County Elections office no later than Noon 6/30/15 and the Clerk then certifies the signatures.

The Declaration of Candidacy form = CAN 45 – must be filed with County Elections office no later than noon 7/15/15 however, usually they file 44 and 45 at the same time.

Forms available at County or at Sec of State website.

To the best of my knowledge, there may be any number of Independent candidates on the ballot by this procedure.

c) Major Party/ Republican or Democrat or Libertarian

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY must be filed by August 3 with county. **Note: statutory date says August 1, but that is a Saturday this year). See I.C. 3-8-5-10.5

You will need to use proper form. == CAN 16

Forms available at County or on Sec of State website.

If there is no opponent filing a declaration of candidacy IN THE SAME PARTY, then you are unchallenged, and your name will appear on ballot as Dem or Repub or Libertarian

If there is an opponent --- e.g., 2 persons filing same party, for same position

Then there must be a Party Convention for the town. **

The Convention is held by the Town Committee for Repub/Dem/Liber I.C. 3-8-5-3

See also 3-8-5-10 no later than August 21

Finally, if all else fails You can do a campaign to be a b) write in candidate.

See I.C. 3-8-2-2.5 for those rules.

SUMMARY:

- 1) It is entirely possible that if 2 Dems/Repubs/Libertarians file for same office, that party would need to hold a party convention;
- 2) The Town could also have a convention under Minor Party and form a slate, as was done last time.
- 3) We could, at the same time, have Independent candidates, outside any party, who have been nominated by petition.

Keep in mind:

A citizen can only vote in One Convention

A candidate can only be a candidate through ONE of those methods, and has to choose.

We could have a ballot with Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, OD party, and any number of Independents