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Results of SSVEC Director Elections

Willcox, April 30—SSVEC members in three director districts have re-elected their incumbent director and in a fourth district elected a challenger. Dan Barrera of Benson, Donald Kyte of Sierra Vista, and Chuck Marshall of Sierra Vista retained their director seats. Challenger Charles E. Brown defeated incumbent director Melissa Herrera-DiPeso to represent the Pearce-Sunsites area. All were introduced to cooperative members at the 66th annual meeting of SSVEC at Buena Performing Arts Center in Sierra Vista on Thursday evening, April 29.

In district 3 (Pearce-Sunsites, Cochise, Dragoon, Kansas Settlement) Charles E. Brown received 352 votes to incumbent Melissa Herrera-DiPeso's 324 votes. Five ballots were voided. A total of 681 ballots were cast for a 35.03 percent return of ballots mailed.

Dan Barrera from district 6 (Benson) received 456 votes to challenger Marv Sorensen's 403 votes and challenger J. A. "Jack" Comaduran's 246 votes. Nine ballots were voided. In all, 1,114 ballots were cast for a 37.13 percent return of ballots mailed.

Donald G. Kyte from district 8 (Sierra Vista) received 492 votes to challenger Ron K. Mason's 155 votes. Four ballots were voided. The 651 ballots returned represented 18.97 percent of those mailed to members in the district.

In district 10 (Sierra Vista) the nominating committee submitted only the name of incumbent Chuck Marshall. No individual requested and returned a petition for candidacy. Following the cooperative's bylaws, where there is only one candidate for a board position no election is held and the single candidate is considered duly elected.

An election committee composed of SSVEC members Jilene Hatch and Rusty Harguess of Willcox, and Jo Carol Grizzle of Elfrida met on April 28 to count the ballots cast in the director elections.

The SSVEC Board elected officers for the coming year following the annual meeting on April 29. Director Harvey Allen (Elfrida) was re-elected president. Other officers elected were Lance

Hoopes (Sonoita) as vice-president, Gene Manring (Sierra Vista) as secretary and Dan Barrera (Benson) as treasurer.

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative. Incorporated in 1938, SSVEC provides electric power to approximately 40,000 homes, farms, ranches, schools, and businesses in most of Cochise County and portions of Santa Cruz , Pima and Graham counties.