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Coin Toss to Decide an Election Outcome

Kootenai County Clerk Cliff Hayes will toss a coin tomorrow to decide the winning Board Member for the Alpine Meadows Water & Sewer District. An Idaho quarter will be tossed Friday, May 31 at 10AM in the Boardroom of the County's Administration building, 451 Government Way in Coeur d'Alene.

Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee said "Idaho Code 34-1210 specifies a coin toss as the remedy for a tie vote, and that the toss must be held after the Canvass of the Election by the County Commissioners." The canvass of all May 21 election results is scheduled for 9:30AM Friday, also in the Boardroom.

In the May 21 election, a total of 19 ballots were cast for the Alpine Meadows Water & Sewer District race. Candidate Melissa DeMotte was listed on the ballot, and received 9 votes. Write-in candidate Toni Sumerlin also received 9 votes. "Ten write-in votes were cast, as is reflected on the Unofficial Results on the County's Elections homepage," said Raffee. "However, one write-in vote was not valid as an incorrect last name was written in."

Both candidates and a representative from the Alpine Meadows Water & Sewer District are expected to be present.

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