

Credit River Township Residents

On March 13, 2018, during the annual Township election, Credit River residents can vote whether Township Elections should change from traditional Annual March elections to even year November Elections, aligning with the General Elections. This change is prompted by Scott County notifying Townships that they will not support March elections after 2018.

Specifically, Scott County elections has informed Credit River Township that going forward, special elections and local elections on any date other than the even year State Primary and General Election dates will be the responsibility of the jurisdiction calling for the election. The March 13, 2018 Township election will be the last one supported by Scott County.

Therefore, your Credit River Township supervisors have placed on the ballot at the March 13 election the following Town Question: *Shall the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years be designated the date of the Credit River Township general election instead of the second Tuesday in March?*

What will change with a “yes” vote:

Supervisor terms will be for four years, instead of the three year terms that are now in effect.

With a greater number of Township residents voting in November elections, Credit River Township will have more residents involved in the selection of its Supervisors.

Credit River will eliminate the cost of yearly elections that generally have a low turnout, along with the added costs of absentee voting, programming of tabulators, ballot layout, proofing and orders, all equipment testing and public accuracy testing, plus supplies and the general administration of the local election. Up until now, these duties and associated costs have been covered by the County.

What won't change with a “yes” vote:

You'll still cast your ballots at the Credit River Town Hall.

The annual meeting will still be held on the second Tuesday in March and residents will still set the annual levy.

The Credit River Town Board has adopted the following plan for transitioning to November elections if the ballot measure is approved by voters on March 13. Minnesota law does not allow the Township to shorten terms of office – only to lengthen them.

The supervisor position that expires in March of 2018 shall be designated “Supervisor Position A” and shall be extended so as to next be on the ballot in November of 2022 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first the first business day in January of 2023; and,

The supervisor position that expires in March of 2018 shall be designated “Supervisor Position D” and shall be extended so as to be on the ballot in November of 2022 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first the first business day in January of 2023; and,

The supervisor position that expires in March of 2019 shall be designated “Supervisor Position B” and shall be extended so as to be on the ballot in November of 2020 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first business day in January of 2021; and,

The supervisor position that expires in March of 2020 shall be designated "Supervisor Position C" and shall be extended so as to be on the ballot in November of 2024 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first business day in January of 2025; and,

The supervisor position that expires in March of 2020 shall be designated "Supervisor Position E" and shall be extended so as to be on the ballot in November of 2024 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first business day in January of 2025.