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Write-in candidates win commission seats

Write-in candidates, Dan Larson, Frank Nelson, Jr., Francis Peck and Gela Rae Koehler were elected Tuesday to the City of Libby Local Government Study Commission.

Only one candidate, Donald Howard, had filed for election to the five-member board. Howard received 875 votes, according to unofficial results.

The unofficial votes for the winning write-in candidates were Larson, 38; Nelson, 36; Peck, 31, and Koehler, 29.

Lincoln County voters also elected a study commission Tuesday. Those elected were George Neils, Don Burrell, Robert Gruber, Ray Hedahl and Dennis Souther.

According to state law governing the commission, the study commission is to meet no later than ten days after all members of the study commission have been elected. The meeting is to be called by the chairman of the governing body of the local government which the study commission is to

examine.

The role of the study commission is to examine the form and powers of the local government and possibly make recommendations to improve the government. The commission's recommendations must be submitted for a vote of the people by the 1986 general election.

All meetings of the study commission are open to the public. Also the study commission shall hold public hearings and community forums. The study commission shall maintain a written record of its proceedings and financing.

For the support of the study commission each local government must appropriate the equivalent of at least one mill.

The study commissions may recommend amendments to the existing plan of government, draft a charter, recommend municipal-county consolidation, recommend a county merger, disincorporation or submit no recommendation.