

Why are there so many people to vote for?

The typical Federal, State, County, and City level offices make up a normal list of candidates. On the Education side, there's Regents for the University, Board of Governors for the community colleges, regular school boards, but also, the Learning Community and Educational Service Units (ESU).

Nebraska offers some other uniqueness in having public utilities and natural resources districts.

We like to call these the "alphabet" races – OPPD, NPPD, MUD, NRD, etc.

The public power districts vary in size across the state. NPPD services many counties even as far west as Scotts Bluff. OPPD covers a major portion of the east side of the state, and there are others. MUD provides water and natural gas for the more populated areas of the state.

Natural Resources Districts (NRD) also cross the state, named after rivers, and each district with its sub-districts has many candidates running for the opportunity "to solve flood control, soil erosion, irrigation run-off, and groundwater quantity and quality issues." As they say at their site, "Natural Resources Districts are unique to Nebraska because they are governed by locally elected boards and Nebraska is the only state in the union to have this system."