

TOWN OF WEST POINT

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TOWN OF WEST POINT BOARD OF CANVASSERS MINUTES RECOUNT

Date: April 10, 2000

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Columbia County Carl Frederick Administration Building, Portage, WI.
Basement Level – Meeting Room #1

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes, the meeting of the Town of West Point Board of Canvassers for the purpose of the recount of the of the local race for the Town of West Point Supervisor #4 was called to order at 10:38 A.M. on April 10, 2000. Representing the Town of West Point Board of Canvassers was Diane Kazimerczak, Margaret Wittwer, Polly Olsen, Louise Benesh, Kathy Ballweg, and Town Clerk Edith Eberle. Cathy Lathrop, Columbia County Clerk oversaw the recount proceedings. The meeting was noticed in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, including posting the notice in three locations and notifying the Lodi Enterprise and the Sauk Prairie Star (the town's official newspapers).

The following worked at the election polls from 7:00 a.m. to close of election and signed the election documents: Diane Kazimerczak (Chief Poll worker), Margaret Wittwer, Polly Olsen, Louise Benesh, and Kathy Ballweg.

Concerning proper notification of the candidates for the recount petitions: the petitions and notification of the Town of West Point Board of Canvassers meeting was given to the Columbia County Sheriff Department on April 7, 2000 at 11:30 A.M. for official "serving" to the two candidates. The Sheriff Department served both candidates on Sunday, April 09, 2000.

Letters were also sent to all 5 Board of Canvassers.

Douglas Richmond: filed the petition for a recount on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. The town clerk verbally told him that the recount would take place on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. at the Columbia County Carl Frederick Administration Building, Portage, WI. Basement meeting room #1. He was not present for the recount.

Douglas Richmond had received 139 votes.

Torrey Latham was verbally told on Thursday, April 6, 2000 of the recount to be held on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. at the Columbia County Courthouse Administration Building, Portage, WI. Basement meeting room #1. He was not present for the recount. Torrey Latham had received 140 votes.

The Board of Canvassers examined the poll lists, both lists agreed to 315 voters. The board examined the absentee applications, log of absentee voters and the certificate of affidavit envelopes and found one application was signed by one person not two, there were 11 absentee voters, this also agreed to the number of absentee voters listed on the Poll Lists. The envelopes of absentee envelopes were examined and found that all envelopes were signed.

The board of canvassers opened the sealed box of ballots which was taped and signed by Mary Jean Noltner and found all to be in order with the exception of the original 11 ballots that had been remade. The County Clerk and Town Clerk found the original ballots in a different sealed box. The board agreed that the original ballot box had been locked with #322 lock, (which agreed with the Columbia County Clerk list of the number on the lock that was given to the Town of West Point) before it left the polling place and was not opened until it arrived at the Columbia County Administration building and was then opened by the election officials at of the Columbia County Clerk's office. The certification on the ballot box was not signed as the poll workers did not find the place the certification was placed.

Eleven absentee ballots were found and verified the names with the poll list and log of absentee voters etc.

The ballots were counted: 11 absentee ballots, 304 others, for a total of 315, which agreed with the number of voters on the poll list. 3 ballots had no election initials on them. These were considered defective but not to be rejected in the count.

There were 11 other defective ballots (ballots that the machine had rejected that needed to be "remade"). The board of canvassers counted the original ballots.

The board of canvassers recounted the 315 ballots by hand: Louise Benesh read the votes; Kathy Ballweg and Polly Olsen marked the tallies. This was witnessed by: Columbia County Clerk Cathy Lathrop, West Point Town Clerk Edith Eberle, Chief Poll Worker Diane Kazmierczak, and Margaret Wittwer (poll worker).

The total number of votes cast for West Point Town Board Supervisor #4 was 315 of which: Douglas Richmond received - 139 votes, Torrey Latham received - 140 votes, write in 1 and 35 ballots were not voted on for this position.

All documents were then signed by the Board of Canvassers, including: Tally Sheets, Summary Statement of the Board of Canvassers, April 10, 2000; Spring Election, Certificate of Determination for the Election on April 4th, 2000.

The documents confirmed that Torrey Latham received the highest total of votes for Supervisor #4.

The Board of Canvassers adjourns the recount at 1:15 p.m.



Edith Eberle
Town Clerk