

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Wednesday, April 27, 2011 (Day 1)
9:00 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Mary Dahm
Gloria Kubisiak
Jeanette Mews
Heidi Case
Sara Morris
Judy Benson
Rosemary Oberbeck**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Jon Blum for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

County Clerk Cindy Cepass gave the oath of office to the tabulators, as well as instructions on the recount.

The county clerk called the recount to order at 9:00 a.m. She explained to the audience that there are 56 reporting units in Wood County and explained the recount procedure. The recount will be done one reporting unit at a time.

TOWN OF CRANMOOR

The first reporting unit recounted was the Town of Cranmoor.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 32 votes for Prosser and 11 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 9:15 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485599 had not been tampered with. The ballot bag was opened and the ballots and poll books were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted there were no military or provisional absentees. There was one absentee that was properly accepted.

The poll lists were reconciled and the ballots hand counted. The poll lists showed there were 43 voters.

The tabulators counted 43 ballots.

The recount results showed no change in the initial results that Prosser received 32 votes and Kloppenburg received 11.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with tamper evident seal #0557010.

TOWN OF DEXTER

Initial results from the April 5 election were 61 votes for Prosser and 62 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 9:37 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485598 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The board noted there were no military or provisional absentees and that two absentee ballots were properly accepted.

One ballot, marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Dexter), shows a dot in the oval for Kloppenburg. The board examined the ballot and agreed that the voter obviously knew how to mark the ballot since ovals in front of other candidate's names are clearly filled in. The oval for Kloppenburg contains only a very small dot. All three board members agreed that the ruling on this ballot should be no vote for either candidate.

The poll lists were reconciled and the ballots hand counted. The poll lists showed there were 127 voters. The count of the ballots showed 127 ballots.

The recount results showed that Prosser received 61 votes and Kloppenburg received 62. There were three ballots that were unvoted in the race for Justice of the Supreme Court. Exhibit #1 (Town of Dexter) was determined to **not be a vote** for either candidate. The recount results showed no change in the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557009. Exhibit #1 (Town of Dexter) was put in a separate exhibit envelope and labeled as such.

TOWN OF HILES

Initial results from the April 5 election were 38 votes for Prosser and 18 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 10:08 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485595 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and the poll books to the tabulators.

The board noted there were no military or provisional absentees and that two absentees were properly accepted.

The Kloppenburg representative requested a ruling on one ballot. The ballot was marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Hiles). She feels the vote for Prosser looks like the voter had scribbled it out.

Upon examination of the ballot, Cindy Ceyress stated that this race looks no different than how the voter voted in other offices. The voter indicated his/her intent by making scribbles instead of filling in the oval neatly. It does not look like the voter filled in the oval and then attempted to negate his/her vote. The board unanimously agreed.

The poll lists were reconciled and the ballots hand counted. The poll lists showed there were 58 voters. The count of the ballots showed 58 ballots total.

The recount results showed that Prosser received 38 votes and Kloppenburg received 18 votes. There were two ballots that were unvoted in the race for Justice of the Supreme Court. The recount results showed no change in the initial results.

At 10:23 a.m., the board took a break. The recount reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

The ballots for the Town of Hiles were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with tamper evident seal #0557008. Exhibit #1 (Town of Hiles) was put in a separate exhibit envelope and labeled as such.

TOWN OF MILLADORE

Initial results from the April 5 election were 71 votes for Prosser and 85 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 10:36 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485565 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The tabulators reported there were 172 voters but only 155 ballots. The town clerk was contacted for an explanation. He said he took 17 ballots to the Stevens Point School district. These ballots should have been delivered to Wood County. The Milladore town clerk agreed to drive to Stevens Point and pick up the ballots and deliver them to Wood County.

Both representatives from the Prosser and Kloppenburg campaigns questioned the chain of custody of the wayward ballots. The county clerk noted there is no chain of custody for ballot bags, only **election memory devices**, but said the tamper evident seal will be checked when the ballots are delivered.

The board determined that there was one absentee accepted that should have been rejected. The elector did not sign the **certification** but there is a signature of a witness. The board feels the poll workers should have rejected the absentee on election day. When the remaining ballots are received, there will be a drawdown.

The Town of Milladore recount was set aside until the remaining ballots are received from the town clerk. The recount moved on to the Town of Remington at 11:15 a.m.

(Here occurred the recount for the Town of Remington, Village of Rudolph, and the beginning of the Town of Saratoga Wards 1-2-3.)

At 12:40 p.m., the wayward ballots for the Town of Milladore were delivered. The tamper evident seal number on the bag was #0594708, which is the same number reflected on the inspector's statement.

The ballot bag was opened and the ballots and poll books were distributed to the tabulators. The tabulators noted that there were in fact 17 ballots in the bag and that some ballots seemed to be copies. A check of the inspectors' statement did not show a comment that additional ballots were made.

One of the 17 ballots received was identified as a probable absentee so it was added to the stack of the ballots identified as absentee ballots. In that stack of absentee ballots was a ballot that contained only one set of initials. That ballot was determined not to be an absentee ballot because the county clerk stated that she in fact knows that these initials are that of an election inspector and not the town clerk.

With the 17 wayward ballots, the total number of ballots is 172, four of which are absentees. There are also four applications and four affidavit envelopes. Since there was one absentee envelope that was not signed (Ardis Grunke), the proper procedure is to randomly draw down **from**

the four absentees. One ballot was drawn down, set aside and preserved and the remaining ballots returned to the tabulators for counting.

The findings of the board are now the poll lists showed there were 172 voters. The count of the ballots is now 171 ballots because of the draw down. The recount results showed that Prosser received 76 votes and Kloppenburg received 88. There was one ballot that was over voted. There were six ballots where the office of the Justice of the Supreme Court was un-voted.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with tamper evident seal #0557005.

TOWN OF REMINGTON

Initial results from the April 5 election were 35 votes for Prosser and 31 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 11:15 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485567 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and the poll books to the tabulators.

It was noted there were no military or provisional absentees.

The county clerk asked that the minutes reflect that the certification page of the municipal poll book was not completed. After reviewing the poll books, one of the tabulators proceeded to fill in the number of voters, the number of absentee ballots, and the page number of the last voter on the certification page. The tabulator was then instructed to cross out the numbers she wrote in since those numbers should have been completed by the poll workers on election night.

The tally sheet completed by the election inspectors on election night indicated that there were 35 votes for Prosser and 31 for Kloppenburg; yet there were only 65 voters. The Remington town clerk had previously been contacted and asked for an explanation. The county clerk has record of an email from the town clerk, that the election inspectors went through everything and could not find the discrepancy.

The tabulators reported that they came up with 65 ballots and 65 voters. It is noted that the poll workers for the Town of Remington evidently did not accurately count the votes on election night.

The board noted that there were zero absentees.

The poll lists were reconciled and the ballots hand counted. The poll lists showed there were 65 voters. The count of the ballots showed 65 ballots. The recount results showed that Prosser received 34 votes and Kloppenburg received 31. There were no ballots un-voted for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court..

The ballots were placed back in the seal back and resealed with seal #0557001.

The recount convened for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wood County Sheriff Tom Reichert monitored the room during the lunch break.

The recount reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

VILLAGE OF RUDOLPH

Initial results from the April 5 election were 55 votes for Prosser and 85 votes for Kloppenburg.

There were no absentee ballots, military absentees, or provisional ballots.

At 12:17 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485576 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

Three ballots issued on election day were initialed by only one election inspector instead of two. Since this is considered an administrative error, the ballots will still be counted.

The poll lists were reconciled and the ballots were hand counted. The poll lists showed there were 141 voters. The count of the ballots showed 141 ballots. The recount results showed that Prosser received 55 votes and Kloppenburg received 85. There was one ballot with no vote in the Justice of the Supreme Court race. There is no change in the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the bag and resealed with tamper evident seal #0557006.

TOWN OF SARATOGA WARDS 1-2-3

The Town of Saratoga Wards 1-2-3 and Town of Saratoga Wards 4-5-6 share a polling place. Because of this, only one test needs to be run on the DS200, however, each reporting unit will be recounted separately.

These ballots were tabulated on election day with a DS200 voting machine. These ballots were also part of the Nekoosa School District recount.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 270 votes for Prosser and 274 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 12:40 p.m., the wayward ballots for the Town of Milladore were delivered so the recount was resumed for the Town of Milladore.

(Here occurred the completion of the recount for the Town of Milladore.)

At 1:07 p.m., the recount for the Town of Saratoga Wards 1-3 resumed.

The county clerk noted that the tamper evident seal noted on the inspector statement is different from the tamper evident seal currently on the bag. This is because the ballot bag was opened for the Nekoosa School District recount earlier in the month. It was then resealed with tamper evident seal number #0557089. This tamper evident seal was not tampered with. The bag containing the ballots for Town of Saratoga Wards 1-2-3 was opened and the ballots and poll books were distributed to the tabulators.

While the tabulators organized the ballots, the board ran test ballots through the DS200 to check the accuracy of the memory device. The 20 ballots that were run through the voting machine were accurately recorded. The machine was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

There were no provisional ballots. Four military personnel were mailed both a write-in absentee ballot and an official absentee ballot but none were returned.

The board noted that there were eight absentees from the Town of Saratoga Wards 1-2-3 that were properly accepted.

The county clerk noted that in the Nekoosa recount, the canvassing board came up with a total of 550 ballots.

There was one over-voted absentee ballot that was damaged. That ballot was properly remade by the election inspectors on election day.

There were six ballots found that the DS200 would probably not read so those six ballots were hand counted. Of those six ballots, Prosser received one vote and Kloppenburg received five votes.

The poll lists were reconciled and showed that there were 550 voters.

At 1:58 p.m., the board began feeding ballots into the DS 200. At 2:45 p.m., the ballot feeding was finished and a tape was run.

The tape results showed that Prosser received 269 votes and Kloppenburg received 269. With the hand-counted ballots, the final results show Prosser received 270 votes and Kloppenburg received 274 votes. There is no change from the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557004.

TOWN OF SARATOGA WARDS 4-5-6

Since Town of Saratoga Wards 4-5-6 share the same polling place as Town of Saratoga Wards 1-2-3, the test of the DS200 for Wards (4-5-6) was done with Wards 1-2-3.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 307 votes for Prosser and 371 votes for Kloppenburg.

At 2:53 p.m., the county clerk announced that there were two ballot bags for Town of Saratoga Wards 4-5-6. Tamper evident seals #0557097 and #0485572 have not been tampered with. The board opened the bags and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The board announced that there were no provisional ballots. None of the five military ballots mailed out were returned. There were also 25 absentee ballots that were properly accepted.

The tabulators determine there were 680 ballots. One ballot bore no election inspector's initials. This is considered an administrative error and the ballot will be counted. Of the 680 ballots, 25 were identified as absentee ballots.

Nine ballots were requested to be hand counted. Of those nine ballots, Prosser received two votes and Kloppenburg received seven votes.

The poll book reconciliation showed there were 682 voters yet there were only 680 ballots. When the county entered the voters into SVRS, they entered 680 voters. The inspectors' statement showed that the last voter number issued was 680. Yet, both set of tabulators today came up with 682 voters when counting the number of voters.

The bin on the DS200 voting machine was checked and found to be empty. The public counter was noted to be at 544 since the ballots for Wards 1-2-3 were fed through the machine earlier.

Neither campaign representative had a problem with starting to process of feeding the ballots into the DS200 even though the problem with reconciling the number of voters in the poll book had not been solved.

At 4:04 p.m., the board began feeding ballots into the DS 200. At 5:54 p.m., the ballot feeding was finished. The final number on the DS200 is 1215. Subtracting the 544 voters from Wards 1-2-3, the total number of ballots fed through for Wards 4-5-6 is 671. When the nine hand-counted ballots, the total number of ballots for Wards 4-5-6 is 680, which matches the inspectors' statement.

A tape was run off the DS200. The tape results showed that Prosser received 305 votes and Kloppenburg received 364. The hand-counted ballots were then added in. The final result show Prosser received 307 votes and Kloppenburg received 371 votes. There were two ballots that had no votes marked for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court.

When the poll books were finally reconciled by the tabulators, it was reported that there were 680 voters. The problem was that two voters whose last name began with "I" were erroneously counted twice, once with the H's and once with the I's.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557020 and #0557002.

At 5:30 p.m., a motion was made by Cindy Cepress, seconded by Dave Hoks, to recess until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 28.

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Thursday, April 28, 2011 (Day 2)
8:30 a.m.
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The Wood County Board of Canvasser reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Mary Dahm
Gloria Kubisiak
Jeanette Mews
Heidi Case
Sara Morris
Judy Benson
Rosemary Oberbeck**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Jon Blum for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

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TOWN OF ARPIN

The Town of Arpin and Village of Arpin share a polling place. Because of this, only one test needs to be run on the DS200, however, each reporting unit will be recounted separately

Town of Arpin was recounted first. There were 172 optical scan ballots and 55 hand count ballots. The hand count ballots are the result of running out of ballots on election day.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 121 votes for Prosser (86 from the optical scan ballots and 35 from the hand-count ballots) and 105 votes for Kloppenburg (85 from the optical scan ballots and 20 from the hand-count ballots).

At 8:35 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485563 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

Test ballots were fed through the DS200 to check for accuracy. The tape run after the test showed the correct results of the test. The machine was zeroed out and the bin was emptied.

The board noted that the two absentee ballots from the Town of Arpin were properly accepted. There were no military absentees or provisional ballots.

The county clerk requested that the minutes reflect that during the county's canvass on April 7, the first page of the county's copy of the poll book for the Town of Arpin was missing. The town clerk was contacted and subsequently faxed a copy of the first page and then brought in the original. For today's canvass, it is noted that the poll book does include the original first page.

The tabulators counted the ballots. There were 172 optical scan ballots and 55 hand count ballots, which matches the inspectors' statement.

Three ballots were noted to have only one poll worker's initials. This is considered an administrative error and the ballots will be counted.

There was one ballot that the Kloppenburg representative requested to be examined and hand counted. There was another ballot that the Prosser representative request to be examined and hand counted. There were two ballots identified as absentees.

The hand-counted ballots resulted in 35 votes for Prosser and 20 votes for Kloppenburg.

The ballot requested held by the Kloppenburg representative was marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Arpin). Upon examination by the board, it was determined that the ballot was a vote for Kloppenburg.

The ballot requested held by the Prosser representative was marked as Exhibit #2 (Town of Arpin). Upon examination by the board, it was determined that the ballot was a vote for Prosser.

The poll lists for the Town of Arpin were reviewed by the tabulators. One set of tabulators reported that there were 227 voters. The other set of tabulators reported that there were 221 voters. The discrepancy is due to the supplemental list on the town's copy of the poll book being blank.

At 9:00 a.m., the board began to feed the optical scan ballots into the DS200. The last ballot was fed in at 9:23 a.m. The public counter reading was 170. A tape of the results showed there were 170 ballots. (Note: Two ballots had been removed and marked as Exhibits #1 and #2 (Town of Arpin) and were hand counted. The tape results showed Prosser received 85 votes and Kloppenburg 84.

The final results of the hand-count ballots and the machine ballots were 121 votes for Prosser and 105 votes for Kloppenburg. There is no change from the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557011.

VILLAGE OF ARPIN

Initial results from the April 5 election were 48 votes for Prosser and 50 votes for Kloppenburg.

There were 102 voters and one absentee according to the inspectors' statements. There were 98 optical scan ballots and four hand count ballots. There were zero provisional ballots, zero military ballots, and zero write-ins. The optical scan ballot results were 46 votes for Prosser and 48 votes for Kloppenburg. The four hand count ballot results from election day were two votes for Prosser and two votes for Kloppenburg.

At 9:29 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0557099 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The board noted that one absentee from the Village of Arpin was properly accepted.

There was one optical scan ballot that was requested to be hand counted. This ballot was marked as Exhibit #1 (Village of Arpin). The board determined that this ballot is a vote for Prosser.

Of the remaining hand count ballots, the results were two votes for Kloppenburg and two votes for Prosser.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books. There were 102 voters, which matches the inspectors' statement.

The DS200 bin was checked and found to be empty. At 9:48 a.m., the board began feeding the optical scan ballots into the DS200. The public counter was at 170, which was the ending number after the Town of Arpin ballots were fed through.

At 9:55 a.m., the last ballot was fed into the DS200. The public counter read 267. The difference between the beginning public counter number and the final public counter number was 97 optical scan ballots. A tape was run and showed that Prosser received 45 votes, Kloppenburg received 48 votes, and there were four under votes.

The final result when adding the hand-count ballots to the optical scan ballots was 48 votes for Prosser and 50 for Kloppenburg. There is no change from the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the seal back and resealed with seal #0557012.

TOWN OF CARY

Initial results from the April 5 election were 79 votes for Prosser and 59 votes for Kloppenburg.

There were 138 voters, zero write-ins, zero provisional ballots, zero military, and four probable absentee ballots.

All ballots were all optical scan ballots. There were no hand count ballots.

At 10:04 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485600 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The board found that all four absentees from the Town of Cary were not witnessed by the town clerk. This is considered an administrative error and the ballots will be counted. The Prosser and Kloppenburg representatives did not object. All four absentee ballots were considered properly accepted.

The tabulators reported that there were 138 ballots. The tabulators reported there 138 voters in the poll books. This matches the inspector's statement.

The DS200 was tested with ten ballots and found to be accurate. The machine was zeroed out and the bin was emptied.

At 10:29 a.m., the board started feeding the optical scan ballots into the DS200. The last ballot was fed in at 10:41 a.m. The public counter read 138. A tape was run and showed there was a total of 138 ballots. Prosser received 79 and Kloppenburg received 59 votes. There were no write-in votes. There is no change from the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag resealed with seal #0557019.

TOWN OF CAMERON

Initial results from the April 5 election were 78 votes for Prosser and 54 votes for Kloppenburg.

There were 134 voters and 134 optical scan ballots on election day.

At 10:49 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485561 had not been tampered with. However, the seal number was incorrectly noted on their inspector's statement with #0485647, but the correct seal number was noted on the ballot container certificate. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted there were zero write-ins, zero provisional ballots, zero military ballots, and five probable absentees. Upon examination, the board reported that there were three absentees properly accepted and two absentees properly rejected.

The board tested the DS200 and found it to be accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin was emptied of the test ballots.

The tabulators reported there were 134 voters on the poll list and 134 ballots.

At 10:58 a.m., the optical scan ballots were fed into the DS200. At 11:09 a.m., the last ballot was fed in. The public counter read 134. A tape was run which showed Prosser received 78 votes, Kloppenburg received 54, and there were two under votes. There is no change from the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag resealed with seal #0557018.

VILLAGE OF MILLADORE

Initial results from the April 5 election were 43 votes for Prosser and 39 votes for Kloppenburg.

There were 87 voters. There were five probable absentees, zero write-ins, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 11:15 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485578 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the five absentees from the Village of Milladore were properly accepted.

The board tested the DS200 with six ballots and found it to be accurate. The voting machine was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

The poll book reconciliation showed a total of 87 voters. The tabulators found that in the village's copy of poll book, the election inspectors failed to record the last voter number, the page number of the last voter, and the number of absentee electors on the certification page. But in all other respects, they reconciled.

At 11:28 a.m., the board began feeding the ballots through the DS200. One ballot was rejected by the voting machine. Upon examination, it was found the ballot had a tear in it and would need to be hand counted.

The board finished feeding the ballots through at 11:35 a.m. The public counter read 86. A tape was run. The results were 42 votes for Prosser and 39 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins and five under votes. The ballot held out for a hand count was marked for Prosser. Thus, the final results remain the same for the Village of Milladore.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557017.

At 11:40 a.m., the recounted recessed for lunch.

At 12:30 p.m., the recount reconvened.

TOWN OF HANSEN

The Town of Hansen and the Village of Vesper share the same polling place. Because of this, only one test needs to be run on the DS200, however, each reporting unit will be recounted separately.

Initial results for the Town of Hansen from the April 5 election were 133 votes for Prosser and 94 votes for Kloppenburg. Four of Prosser's votes and three of Kloppenburg's votes were on hand-counted ballots. There were three under votes and two write ins.

The Town of Hansen did run out of ballots on election day so there are 225 optical scan ballots and seven hand count ballots. There is one write in according to the inspectors' statement and six probable absentee ballots, zero provisional ballots, and one military ballot that was not returned.

At 12:32 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485596 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

Of the six probable absentees, the board noted that two were properly rejected because the voter did not sign the affidavit. The other four absentees were properly accepted.

Fourteen test ballots were fed through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

The tabulators found one ballot had an administrative error as it contained the initials of only one election inspector. The ballot will still be counted.

Another ballot was found that the voter filled in the write-in oval but did not write in a name.

There were two ballot requested to be hand counted, one by the Prosser representative and one by the Kloppenburg representative. These were marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Hansen) and Exhibit #2 (Town of Hansen). Upon examination by the board, it was determined that Exhibit #1 (Town of Hansen) is a vote for Kloppenburg and Exhibit #2 (Town of Hansen) is a vote for Prosser.

Of the seven hand-count ballots, Prosser received four votes and Kloppenburg received three votes.

The poll lists were reconciled and showed there were 232 voters, which confirms the number of voters recorded on the inspectors' statement.

At 12:51 p.m., the optical scan ballots were fed into the DS200. At 1:08 p.m., the last ballot was fed. The public counter number read 223.

A tape was run and showed that Prosser received 128 votes and Kloppenburg received 90. There, two write-in votes and three under votes.

With the hand count ballots, Exhibit #1 (Town of Hanson), and Exhibit #2 (Town of Hansen), the final results were 133 votes for Prosser and 94 votes for Kloppenburg. This matches the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557016.

VILLAGE OF VESPER

Initial results from the April 5 election were 88 votes for Prosser and 55 votes for Kloppenburg.

There were 144 ballots, all of which optical scan ballots. There were no hand-count ballots. There were five probable absentees, zero write-ins, zero provisional ballots, zero military ballots, and one under vote.

At 1:18 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485575 had not been tampered with. The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The board noted that the five absentees from the Village of Vesper were properly accepted.

The tabulators reported there were five absentee ballots and 138 regular ballots. One ballot was requested to be hand counted by the Kloppenburg representative. It was marked as Exhibit #1 (Village of Vesper). The board determined it to be a vote for Kloppenburg.

The poll books were reconciled and showed 144 voters, which matches the inspectors' statement.

At 1:27 p.m., the board began feeding ballots into the DS200. Since the ballots for the Town of Hansen were already fed through the DS200, the public counter number was at 223. At 1:39 p.m., the last ballot was fed into the machine. The public counter read 366.

A tape was run and the results showed that Prosser received 88 votes and Kloppenburg received 54 votes. The final number of votes for Kloppenburg with the one hand-counted ballot, was 55. This matches the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557015.

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

The Town of Marshfield and Village of Hewitt share the same polling place so only one test was performed on the DS 200. However, each reporting unit will be done separately.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 135 votes for Prosser, 90 votes for Kloppenburg, and two under votes.

There were 227 total ballots, all optical scan. There were 13 probable absentee ballots, zero write-ins, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 1:46 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485564 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll books to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 13 absentees from the Town of Marshfield were properly accepted.

The board ran six test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

The tabulators reported that there was one ballot that contained only one election inspector's initials. It was noted this is an administrative error and the ballot will be counted.

The poll books were reconciled. It was found that the town's copy of the poll list was short one number. When compared to the county's copy of the poll book, it was discovered that voter #63 (Clarence Mitten) was not recorded in the town's copy of the poll book.

At 2:08 p.m., the board began feeding the ballots into the DS200.

While feeding ballots through, a non-optical scan ballot was discovered. Since the Town of Marshfield did not run out of optical scan ballots, the town clerk was contacted for an explanation. She reported that she printed out an absentee ballot (from a pdf file that was emailed to her) for an individual who wanted to vote before the absentee ballots were available. She gave the ballot to the voter who mailed it back. The board marked the ballot as Exhibit #1 (Town of Marshfield) and hand counted the ballot. The result was a vote for Kloppenburg.

The last ballot was fed in at 2:30 p.m. The public counter reflected 226 ballots were fed through.

A tape was run and showed that Prosser received 135 votes and Kloppenburg received 89 votes. There were two under votes. With the hand-counted ballot, Kloppenburg's final vote was 90. This matches the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557013.

VILLAGE OF HEWITT

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 113 votes and Kloppenburg received 124 votes. There was one write-in and five under votes for a total of 243 votes. There were 243 voters recorded on the inspectors' statement.

At 2:45 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485579 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators. All ballots were optical scan ballots.

The board noted that the two absentees from the Town of Hewitt were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found that there were 243 voters. Voter Michael Pahl was listed twice on the poll list (page 37 and supplemental list) but was given only one number, #199. He voted only once.

The tabulators reported that there were 243 ballots. There were two ballots identified as absentee ballots. They were not initialed by the village clerk but the board determined the lack of initials as an administrative error. The ballots will be counted.

At 3:10 p.m., the board began feeding ballots into the DS200. The counter was at 226 since the Town of Marshfield ballots were run through the machine previously. The last ballot was fed through at 3:28 p.m. A tape was run and showed there were 243 ballots resulting in 113 votes for Prosser and 124 votes for Kloppenburg. There were five under votes and one write-in. This confirms the results of election night.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557014.

CITY OF NEKOOSA WARD 1

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 78 votes and Kloppenburg received 82 votes. There were zero write-ins, two under votes, 12 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

There were 162 ballots, all of which were optical scan ballots. There were no hand-count ballots.

There were 162 voters noted on the inspectors' statement.

The county clerk noted that the original tamper evident seal was removed from the ballot bag when the Nekoosa School District recount was held earlier this month. At 3:34 p.m., she announced that new tamper evident seal #0557090 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that 12 probable absentees were properly accepted. One additional absentee was found to be properly rejected due to no signature of the elector.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported that there were 162 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 162 ballots.

The board ran ten test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 3:49 p.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. There were two ballot that would not feed through the machine so those were held for a hand count. These two ballots are marked as Exhibit #1 (City of Nekoosa Ward 1) and Exhibit #2 (City of Nekoosa Ward 1).

The last ballot was fed through at 4:04 p.m. The counter is at 160. With the two ballots held for hand counting, the total number of ballots is 162, which matches the number of voters recorded on the inspectors' statement.

A tape was run. The results were 76 votes for Prosser and 82 votes for Kloppenburg. There were two under votes. Since Exhibit #1 (City of Nekoosa Ward 1) and Exhibit #2 (City of Nekoosa Ward 1) were both determined votes for Prosser, the final vote total for Prosser is 78. These results match the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557021.

It was moved by Cindy Cepress, seconded by Dave Hoks, that the Board of Canvassers recess until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29.

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Friday, April 29, 2011 (Day 3)
8:30 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Mary Dahm
Gloria Kubisiak
Jeanette Mews
Heidi Case
Sara Morris
Judy Benson
Rosemary Oberbeck**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Jim Scott (portion) Mark Klabon (portion) for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

In the absence of recording secretary Tammy Florence, the minutes for the City of Nekoosa Ward 2 and City of Nekoosa Wards 3 and 5 were recorded by Shane Blaser.

CITY OF NEKOOSA WARD 2

Initial results from the April 5 election were 43 votes for Prosser 43 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, zero under votes, six probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

There were 86 ballots, all of which were optical scan ballots. There were no hand-count ballots.

There were 86 voters noted on the inspectors' statement.

The county clerk noted that the original tamper evident seal had been removed from the ballot bag for the Nekoosa School District recount held earlier this month. At 8:32 a.m., she announced that new tamper evident seal #0557081 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that six absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported that there were 86 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 86 ballots.

At 8:40 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 8:47 a.m. A tape was run. The results showed 43 votes for Prosser and 43 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero under votes, and zero write-ins. This confirms the results of election night.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557080.

CITY OF NEKOOSA WARDS 3 AND 5

Initial results from the April 5 election were 117 votes for Prosser and 100 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, one under votes, 11 absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

There were 220 total ballots, of which 195 were optical scan and 25 were hand count.

There were 220 voters noted on the inspector's statement.

The county clerk noted that the original tamper evident seal was removed from the ballot bag when the Nekoosa School District recount was held earlier this month. At 8:55 a.m., she announced that new tamper evident seal #0557082 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that 11 absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported that there were 220 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 220 ballots. There were nine verified absentee ballots and two emailed ballots. On election night, the election inspectors failed to note on the inspectors' statement that the two emailed ballots were re-made. The Board of Canvassers is assuming they were re-made.

The hand count ballots show 12 votes for Prosser and 11 votes for Kloppenburg. There were two under votes.

At 9:16 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 9:31 a.m. A tape was run. The results were 105 votes for Prosser and 89 votes for Kloppenburg, with one under vote.

The final tally of the optical scan ballots and the hand-count ballots is 117 votes for Prosser and 100 votes for Kloppenburg, with three under votes. This confirms the results of election night.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557079.

At 9:20 a.m., Tammy Florence, the recording secretary, arrived at the recount.

CITY OF NEKOOSA WARDS 4 AND 6

The county clerk announced that Nekoosa Wards 4 and 6 had 139 voters. The initial results were 60 votes for Prosser and 77 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, two under votes, seven absentees (none rejected), zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 9:35 a.m., the county clerk announced the original tamper evident seal was broken for the Nekoosa School District recount on April 13. The ballot bag was resealed with a new tamper evident seal and that seal #0557083 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

There were 139 optical scan ballots. There were no hand count ballots.

The board noted that the seven absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported there were 139 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 139 ballots. One had the initials of only one election board worker. This is considered an administrative error and the ballot will count.

At 9:45 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The public counter number was at 441. The last ballot was fed through at 9:57 a.m. The public counter number read 580, showing that 139 ballots were fed. A tape was run. The results were that Prosser received 60 votes, Kloppenburg received 77 votes, there were two under votes, and zero write-ins. Since there were no hand-count ballots, final totals were reflected on the tape. This confirms the results of election night.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557078.

TOWN OF SENECA

The Town of Seneca had a total of 325 voters.

There were 304 optical scan ballots and 21 hand-count ballots. The optical scan ballots reflected 133 votes for Prosser and 170 votes for Kloppenburg. The hand count ballots reflected eight votes for Prosser and 13 votes for Kloppenburg.

The initial results from the April 5 election showed Prosser received a total of 141 votes and Kloppenburg received a total of 183 votes. There were zero write-ins, eight absentee ballots (no rejected), zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 10:03 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485573, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the eight absentees were properly accepted. There were four absentee ballots that there are no applications for. The town clerk mistakingly believed she was using the newer affidavit envelopes, which is both the application and the certification; however, she was using the old absentee envelopes, which is only the certification. The log reflected that these electors voted in person. The recount manual states that these absentees cannot be rejected if there is no application on file.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and noted there were 325 voters, which matches the inspectors' statement.

In the incident report, a note was made that one absentee ballot had to be remade because it was dirty and would not feed through the DS200. The ballot was preserved but the re-made ballot was not identified as such. The board of canvassers presented the dirty ballot. The tabulators could not identify the remade ballot because it was not marked as such. The county clerk said it can be assumed the ballot was remade correctly, even though no ballot was marked as remade, because the correct number of ballots are present. The original dirty ballot was preserved.

The tabulators reported there were 290 optical scan ballots, 21 hand-count ballots, seven absentee ballots, and seven questionable ballots, for a total of 325 ballots.

Of the seven questionable ballots, four bear the initials of only one election inspector and the other three bear no initials. This is considered an administrative error and the ballots will be counted.

The results of the 21 hand count ballots showed that Prosser received eight and Kloppenburg received 13 votes.

The board ran ten test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 10:28 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 10:51 a.m. The public counter read 304. A tape was run. The results showed 133 votes for Prosser and 170 votes for Kloppenburg, zero write-in, and one under vote.

The tape results, together with the results of the hand-count ballots, show a final tally of **141** votes for Prosser and **183** votes for Kloppenburg. There is no change from the initial election results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557077.

TOWN OF AUBURNDALE

Note: The Town of Auburndale and the Village of Auburndale share the same polling place. Because of this, only one test needs to be run on the DS200, however, each reporting unit will be recounted separately.

The initial election results show there were 189 voters.

There were 178 optical scan ballots which reflected 109 votes for Prosser, 68 votes for Kloppenburg, and one under vote. There were 11 hand-count ballots which reflected ten votes for Prosser and one vote for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, one under vote, two absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

The total initial results showed 119 votes for Prosser and 69 for Kloppenburg.

The county clerk asked that the minutes reflect that the election inspectors failed to record the tamper evident seal number on the ballot bag. The county board of canvass wrote the tamper evident seal number on the bag and initialed it. She then announced that tamper evident seal #0485562 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The county clerk also noted that the chief election inspector did not initial the GAB-104 with the pre-election and post-election tamper evident seal number. The county canvass did note this in their canvass after the April 5 election.

She also noted that the election inspectors filled out the ballot container certificate but failed to sign it.

The board noted that the two absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books at 189 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 11 hand count ballots, two absentee ballots, and 176 optical scan ballots, for a total of 189, which matches the inspectors' statement.

The hand count ballots resulted in ten votes for Prosser and one vote for Kloppenburg.

The board ran ten test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 11:15 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 11:28 a.m. The public counter number read 178. A tape was run. The results showed 109 votes for Prosser and 68 votes for Kloppenburg, with one under vote.

The total of the machine results and the hand-count results are 119 votes for Prosser and 69 votes for Kloppenburg. This matches the initial election results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557076.

The recount recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. During the recess the room was guarded by a deputy sheriff.

The recount reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

VILLAGE OF AUBURNDALE

Initial results from the April 5 election were a total of 187 ballots, of which 171 were optical scan ballots and 16 were hand-count ballots. Of the optical scan ballots, there were 82 votes for Prosser, 86 votes for Kloppenburg, and three under votes. Of the 16 hand-count ballots, there were 12 votes for Prosser and four votes for Kloppenburg. The grand total shows Prosser received 94 votes, Kloppenburg received 90 votes, with three under votes. There were zero write-ins, four absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots. There were a total of 187 voters.

The county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0557100, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the four absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 187 voters, which agrees with the inspectors' statement.

The tabulators reported that there were 187 ballots.

The hand-counted ballots reflected 12 votes for Prosser and 4 votes for Kloppenburg.

Note: The test for the Village of Auburndale was run with the Town of Auburndale. The public counter number on the DS200 read 178, the last number from the Town of Auburndale. At 12:20 p.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 12:33 p.m. The public counter number read 349. A tape was run. The total number of votes was 169 of which Prosser received 82 votes and Kloppenburg received 86 votes. There were three under votes. With the hand count ballots, the total results are 94 votes for Prosser and 90 votes for Kloppenburg, which matches the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557075.

TOWN OF SHERRY

There were 331 ballots. All were optical scan ballots. There were 331 voters. The initial results from the April 5 election were 169 votes for Prosser and 147 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, 15 under votes, 22 probable absentees (none rejected), zero military ballots, and two provisional ballots. The provisional ballots were subsequently counted because both voters came back to the polls with their proper ID.

At 12:38 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485574, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that there were ten absentees properly accepted.

The county clerk announced the tabulators reported there were 331 optical scan ballots. They did find 19 absentee ballots among them. One ballot contained three sets of initials – two sets from the election inspectors and one from the town clerk. The county clerk believes the town clerk had pre-initialed some ballots for absentee voting at his home and took the remaining ballots to the polls on election day. This will be considered an administrative error and the ballots will count.

The board found 19 used affidavit absentee envelopes, nine of which had no applications. There is, however, a statement from the town clerk that indicated that his permanent absentee ballot request applications were damaged or lost in a flood. This accounts for the discrepancy. The board noted that having no application on file is no basis for rejecting the absentee ballots so the nine ballots will be accepted.

While reconciling the poll books, it was noted that both certification pages were incorrect. The number of absentee electors listed was 22, when in fact the number of returned affidavit envelopes was 19, which is the number of absentee electors found in the county's copy of the poll book. The municipal book was missing absentee indications (a red "A") for three voters and was also missing a voter number for another absentee elector. Through a lengthy process and by comparing the poll books with the used affidavit envelopes, the poll books were eventually reconciled at 331 voters.

The board ran 25 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 1:25 p.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 1:52 p.m. A tape was run and showed there were 331 ballots. The results are 169 votes for Prosser and 147 votes for Kloppenburg. There were 15 under votes. This matches the initial figures from election night.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557074.

Note: Minutes for the recounts of the Village of Biron, Town of Sigel, and City of Pittsville were recorded by Jeanne Cole.

VILLAGE OF BIRON

There were 252 voters and 252 ballots, all of which were optical scan ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election show Prosser received 102 votes and Kloppenburg received 147 votes. There was one write-in, two under votes, 22 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and one military ballots (not returned).

At 2:00 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485580, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

There were 22 properly received absentee ballots. Three of them were missing absentee ballot applications. These three voters were listed on clerk's absentee ballot log as "confined electors". The board will accept these absentees. There was also one absentee ballot rejected by the election inspectors for lack of a witness signature. The county clerk contacted Ross Hein, of the Government Accountability Board, for clarification of the rules for un-witnessed ballots when voted in the clerk's office vs. mailed-in absentee ballots. Ross confirmed that absentee ballots that are voted in the clerk's office and not witnessed by the clerk are considered an administrative error, and the ballot should be counted. He also confirmed that mailed-in ballots that are not witnessed should be rejected. The board agrees that this ballot be rejected.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books with 252 voters.

The tabulators reported there were 252 ballots.

The county clerk asked that the minutes reflect that the chief election inspector did not initial the GAB-104 for pre-election and post-election tamper-evident seal numbers.

The board ran ten test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 2:25 p.m. the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 2:45 p.m. A tape was run and showed there 251 ballots resulting in 102 votes for Prosser and 146 votes for Kloppenburg, with one write-in and two under votes. One ballot had been requested to be hand counted by the Kloppenburg representative. This ballot was marked as Exhibit #1 (Village of Biron). The board determined that this ballot is a vote for Kloppenburg. The final results showed 102 votes for Prosser and 147 votes for Kloppenburg, which matches the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557071.

TOWN OF SIGEL

There were 311 ballots of which 283 were optical scan ballots and 28 were hand-count ballots.

There were 311 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election optical scan ballots were 143 votes for Prosser and 132 votes for Kloppenburg. The initial results for the hand-counted ballots were 13 votes for Prosser and 14 votes for Kloppenburg. The initial totals were 156 votes for Prosser and 146 votes for Kloppenburg. There was one write-in, seven under votes, four probable absentees (none rejected), zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

The county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0557097, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the four absentee ballots were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books with 311 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 311 ballots.

The board ran ten test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 3:15, the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 3:35 p.m. A tape was run which showed 143 votes for Prosser and 132 votes for Kloppenburg, with one write-in and seven under votes. The results of the hand-counted ballots were 13 votes for Prosser, 14 votes for Kloppenburg, and one under vote. The final vote tally is 156 votes for Prosser and 146 votes for Kloppenburg, which matches the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557073.

CITY OF PITTSVILLE

There were 238 ballots, all of which were optical scan ballots. There were 238 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 133 votes for Prosser, 99 votes for Kloppenburg, two write-ins, four under votes, 12 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and one military ballot that was returned.

At 3:40 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485593, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that there were 11 regular absentee ballots and one military absentee ballot (total of 12 absentee ballots) that were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books which showed there were 238 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 238 ballots.

The board ran ten test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 3:55 p.m. the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 4:13 p.m. A tape was run which showed there were 238 ballots. The results showed 133 votes for Prosser and 99 votes for Kloppenburg. There were two write-ins and four under votes.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557072.

At 4:30 p.m., a motion was made by Cindy Cepress, seconded by Dave Hoks, to recess until 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Saturday, April 30, 2011 (Day 4)
8:30 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Mary Dahm
Kim Holcomb
Jeanette Mews
Judith Haas
Patricia Kruegen
Carol Sue Mitchell
Rosemary Oberbeck**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Mark Klabon for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. The tabulators were sworn in, and rules explained.

Day 4 minutes were recorded by Jeanne Cole

TOWN OF LINCOLN

The Town of Lincoln has two wards, Wards 1 and 2. There were 473 ballots, all were optical scan ballots.

There were 473 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 268 votes and Kloppenburg received 199 votes. There were zero write-ins, six under votes, 11 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 8:35 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485594, had not been tampered with. The county clerk noted that the tamper evident seal number written down by the election inspectors was actually the seal number for the election media transport bag, but the correct tamper evident seal number (#0485594) was properly noted on the ballot container certificate and had not been tampered with.

The board opened the ballot bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 11 absentees were properly accepted.

Deb Langreck, Town of Lincoln Clerk, was contacted for further explanation of two rejected absentee envelopes. The clerk explained that she forgot to initial the ballots and so she sent new initialed ballots to two voters and the two ballots that she forgot to initial are what we have in the sealed absentee envelopes. She explained that she did mail out absentee ballots for which she did not receive absentee applications. The board will accept the four absentee ballots and those ballots will be counted based on the information received from the Town of Lincoln clerk.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 473 voters. It is noted that the town's copy of the poll list did not have the certification page attached.

The tabulators reported that there were 473 ballots.

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 9:45 a.m. the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 10:25 a.m. A tape was run. The tape results were 268 votes for Prosser and 199 votes for Kloppenburg. These results match the initial results on election day.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557061.

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

There were 514 ballots of which 441 were optical scan ballots and 73 were hand-count ballots.

There were 514 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 250 votes and Kloppenburg received 262 votes. There were zero write-ins, two under votes, 25 absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 10:30 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485577, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 25 absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found that there were 514 voters.

There were 25 used affidavit absentee envelopes, but the tabulators only located 23 absentee ballots. The county clerk said she figures that two absentee ballots had problems feeding through the DS200 and were remade but not noted on the inspector's statement. She stated that this was speculation only. She noted that there are 514 ballots, as there should, so the recount should proceed.

There were three ballots that the tabulators identified as having three sets of initials. Two sets are from the election inspectors and one set from the clerk. The county clerk speculated that the village clerk keeps ballots for absentee voting at her office and when the polls were running out of ballots on election day they utilized the ballots left over from the village clerk's office at the polling place.

There are three additional ballots that are photo-copied that were included with the optical-scan ballots, that on election day, were tabulated in the DS200. The county clerk stated that she talked to the village clerk on election day. The village clerk said that she had photo-copied ballots. She indicated to the county clerk that she had run some photo-copied ballots through the DS200. The county clerk instructed the village clerk to stop. The county clerk believe that these are the three ballots but that the board will hand count them today instead of feeding them through the DS200 since there is no guarantee the photo-copied ballot will read accurately on the DS200.

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 10:55 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 11:30a.m. A tape was run which showed 216 votes for Prosser and 220 votes for Kloppenburg. A tally of the photo-copied ballots showed 33 votes for Prosser and 40 votes for Kloppenburg. The three photo-copied ballots that had been included with the optical scan ballots were hand counted and resulted in two votes for Kloppenburg and one vote for Prosser. The total votes for Prosser are 250 Prosser and Kloppenburg, 262, the same numbers as originally counted on election day.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557062.

The recount recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

TOWN OF WOOD

There were 233 ballots. All were optical scan ballots.

There were 233 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 129 votes for Prosser and 100 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, three under votes, six absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 12:05 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0557098, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the six absentees were properly accepted.

The tabulators reported that there were 233 ballots and 233 voters.

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 12:15 p.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 12:30 p.m. A tape was run. The results were 129 votes for Prosser and 100 votes for Kloppenburg, which is the same as the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557063

TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS W 1-13

There were 2232 ballots of which 1478 were optical scan ballots and 754 were hand-count ballots.

There were 2232 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 1051 votes and Kloppenburg received 1168 votes. There were zero write-ins, five under votes, 98 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and two military ballots that were not returned.

There appeared to be more votes through the optical scanner than actual ballots. There was a jam and one ballot was re-fed through the scanner three times before it was noticed that the ballot was being counted each time it was fed through. This is noted on the Inspector's Statement.

At 12:40 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seals #0557091, #0557092, #0557093, #0485506, and #0485597 had not been tampered with. The county clerk noted that the chief inspector only recorded the seal number for one ballot bag on the inspectors' statement instead of all five. The five bags were opened and the ballots and poll books distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 98 absentees were properly accepted.

Judy McLellan, Clerk of the Town of Grand Rapids, arrived at 1:30 p.m. to answer any questions.

There are five absentee ballots identified with initials of both the municipal clerk and a deputy clerk. This is considered an administrative error and the ballots will be counted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books. There were 2232 voters. This process was lengthy and required explanation by the town clerk.

The tabulators reported that there were 2232 ballots.

The hand counted ballots showed 339 votes for Prosser and 409 votes for Kloppenburg, with 5 under votes and one write-in with no name written in.

The board ran 15 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 2:35 p.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 4:45 p.m. Public counter showed that 1477 ballots were tabulated. A tape was run. The results were 715 votes for Prosser and 757 votes for Kloppenburg. Total results show Prosser: 1054, Kloppenburg: 1166, 3 write-ins (1 on DS200, 2 hand count), 9 undervotes (4 on DS200, 5 hand count) This is a net gain of 3 votes for Prosser. A net loss of two votes for Kloppenburg.

The ballots were placed back in ballot bags and resealed with seal #0557068, #0557069, and #0557077. Ballots were consolidated into 3 bags instead of 5. The two previously used bags are sealed inside.

Motion by Cephress, second Hoks, to recess until 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. Motion carried.

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Minutes for Sunday, May 1, were recorded by Jeanne Cole.

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Sunday, May 1, 2011 (Day 5)
8:30 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Sara Morris
Kim Holcomb
Vern Borth
Judith Haas
Patricia Krueger
Judy Benson
Rosemary Oberbeck**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Mark Klabon for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

Amy Arnold, Town Clerk of Rudolph is present.

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

TOWN OF RUDOLPH W 1 & 2

There were 297 ballots of which 266 were optical scan ballots and 31 were hand-count ballots.

There were 297 voters.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 135 votes (118 optical scan and 17 hand count) and Kloppenburg received 159 votes (145 optical scan and 14 hand count). There were zero write-ins, three under votes, seven probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 8:35 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485570, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the seven absentees were properly accepted. One of the applications for an absentee ballot does not list the name of the applicants. It just says "Tony and I". The Rudolph town clerk was present and indicated that the request was for Tony and Viola Joosten. The application does indicate their address. The board will accept this absentee.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 297 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 297 ballots. Of the 31 hand-count ballots, 17 were for Prosser and 14 for Kloppenburg.

Two optical scan ballots were requested to be hand counted. They were marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Rudolph) and Exhibit #2 (Town of Rudolph). The board declared these ballots were two votes for Kloppenburg.

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 8:55 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 9:19 a.m. A tape was run. Total of 264 ballots through the machine. The results showed 118 votes for Prosser and 143 votes for Kloppenburg, with three under votes. (Note: two of the optical scanned ballots had been pulled to be hand-counted.)

The final tally of the optical scan ballots and the hand-count ballots was 135 votes for Prosser and 159 votes for Kloppenburg, This matches the original results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557067.

TOWN OF RICHFIELD

There were 350 ballots. All were optical scan ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 216 votes and Kloppenburg received 131 votes. There was one write-in, two under votes, six probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and one military ballot.

At 9:25 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485568, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that five absentees were properly received. One absentee ballot has no signature of witness. The Board feels that this absentee should have been rejected by the election inspectors on election day. The board will draw down from the pool of identified absentee ballots. This randomly drawn ballot was set aside and marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Richfield).

A statement from the Town of Richfield clerk regarding this situation was read as recorded in the Board of Canvass minutes from their April 7 meeting.

The election officials failed to record the tamper evident seal number on the GAB-104, but did record the seal number on the ballot container certificate. They also failed to initial the pre- and post- tamper evident seal number regarding the voting equipment on the GAB-104.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported there were 350 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 350 ballots.

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 9:46 a.m. the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 10:15 a.m. A tape was run. The tape showed 215 votes for Prosser and 131 votes for Kloppenburg, This is a change in the initial results due to the one ballot drawn down.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557066.

TOWN OF ROCK

There were 240 ballots. All optical scan ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 149 votes and Kloppenburg received 89 votes. There was one write-in, one under vote, eight probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and one military ballot sent but not returned.

At 10:20 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0485569, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the six absentees were properly accepted. Two of the absentee ballots don't have applications. This is not a reason to reject them because it is considered an administrative error. There is a note from the town clerk indicating a need to locate applications for Pat and Fey Becker. She stated that she has them somewhere. The Board will accept these two ballots. Regarding two other absentees, the town clerk apparently did not have the correct absentee certificate envelopes at her disposal when these two electors came to vote in person. The town clerk did allow them to vote, then put their ballots in a plain #10 envelopes, had them sign on the outside of those envelopes, and then witnessed their signatures. When the clerk received the correct EB-122's, she inserted the signed #10 envelopes into the EB-122 envelope. The board will accept these ballots.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found there to be 240 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 240 ballots.

One ballot had only one election inspector's initials. This is an administrative error and the ballot will be counted.

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 10:33 a.m., the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 10:55. One ballot was pulled to be hand counted due to it jamming in the DS200. A totals tape was run. The final tally showed 149 votes for Prosser and 89 votes for Kloppenburg. This matches the original results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557065.

TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS

There were 373 ballots of which 322 were optical scan ballots and 51 were hand-count ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 186 votes and Kloppenburg received 175 votes.

Hand count results, 19--Prosser, 28-Kloppenburg. The optical scan results were 166-Prosser, 147-Kloppenburg. There were two write-ins, seven under votes, 7 absentees There were zero provisional ballots, and one military ballot (not returned).

At 11:05 a.m., the county clerk announced that original tamper evident seal had been unsealed on April 12, 2011 for the Nekoosa School Board recount. The bag was then resealed with tamper evident seal #0557088, which the board noted had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that seven absentees were properly accepted and that one absentee ballot had been properly rejected at the polls for lack of signature.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books at 373 electors.

The tabulators reported that there were 373 ballots.

The representative from the Prosser campaign requested that a ballot be hand counted. This ballot was marked as Exhibit #1 (Town of Port Edwards).

The representative from the Kloppenburg campaign requested that a ballot be hand counted. This ballot was marked as Exhibit #2 (Town of Port Edwards).

The original GAB-104 stated there were 51 hand-count ballots. The tabulators located only 50 photo-copied ballots, which was the same number located during the Nekoosa School District recount. After the Nekoosa School District recount, the county clerk noted that an optical scan ballot had been tabulated with the photo copied ballots. In scanning the ballots through the DS200, the county clerk found a ballot with note stating "Put in box with the hand-count ballots by mistake, and has been counted." The Kloppenburg representative asked for this ballot to be hand counted. This is Exhibit #3 (Town of Port Edwards).

The board ran 10 test ballots through the DS200. The results were accurate. The counter was zeroed out and the bin emptied.

At 11:24, the board began feeding ballots through the DS200. The last ballot was fed through at 11:53 a.m. A tape was run.

The final tally showed 186 votes for Prosser and 175 votes for Kloppenburg.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557064.

Motion by Cepress, second by Hoks, to recess until 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 2. Motion carried. The board recessed at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 2, 3, and 4, were recorded by Tammy Florence.

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Monday, May 2, 2011 (Day 6)
8:30 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepress
Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Mary Dahm
Gloria Kubisiak
Ruth Cline
Rosemary Oberbeck
Pat Krueger
Judy Haas
Jeanette Mews**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Mark Klabon (portion) Jon Blum (portion) for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

The recount was called to order at 830.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 1 AND 2

The county clerk explained that the State of Wisconsin has ruled that municipalities that used the Optech Eagle machines will have to be hand tabulated due to a shortage of memory packs. She said the ballots will need to be separated by wards piles.

For the City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 1 and 2, the inspectors' statement showed there were 378 voters but 379 ballots. At the county canvass after the election, it was found that an elector (Janet Suzda) was not assigned a voter number when her absentee ballot was brought to the polls. The absentee was opened and fed into the optech and counted. That is why there are 379 ballots but only 378 voters.

It was noted that the election inspectors did not record on the tamper evident seal numbers on the ballot bag but are on the inspectors' statement.

At 8:35 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seals #0334064 on bag 1 of 1, #0334010 (bag 2 of 3), and #0334082 on bag (3 of 3) had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 165 votes and Kloppenburg received 202 votes. There were two write-ins, 10 under votes, 26 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

The tabulators reported that there were 378 voters in the poll books. With the correction noting that Janet Suzda voted by absentee and was not assigned a voter number, the total number of voters in City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 1 and 2 is 379.

There were 26 absentees listed on the GAB-104 (inspectors' statement). The board feels the election inspectors included two rejected ballots in that number and did not include Janet Suzda's ballot in this total. Truly, the number of absentees on the GAB-104 should read 25 based on the board's findings.

There were 25 used affidavit envelope that the board feels the 25 were properly accepted. There were also two ballots the board feels were properly rejected. One voter did not sign the affidavit envelope and other voter voted at the polls before the absentees were processed.

The tabulators reported there were 379 total ballots, of which 25 were absentee ballots. The final vote tally shows the Prosser received 165 votes and Kloppenburg received 202 votes. There were 10 under votes and two write-ins. This agrees with the original results. One ballot was initialed by only one election inspector. This is considered an administrative error and the ballot will be counted.

The ballots for Wards 1 and 2 were placed back in a ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557060. This is bag 1 of 3.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 3 AND 4

There were 403 voters on election day.

The original results show Prosser received 151 votes and Kloppenburg received 251 Votes. There were zero write-ins, one under vote, zero military ballots, zero provisional ballots, and 18 probable absentee ballots.

It is noted that the ballot is white and has several wards are listed on it because the same ballot style is used in the other city wards that do not have an aldermanic race.

The board found 18 properly accepted absentee ballots and one properly rejected ballot because the elector did not sign the affidavit. There was one ballot that had to be re-made at the polls.

Tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported that there were 403 voters, which includes 18 absentee voters.

The tabulators reported there were 403 ballots of which 18 were absentees. One ballot was identified as an under vote. One ballot that bears the initials of only one election inspector, which is an administrative error, will be counted. The re-made ballot was not found in the stack of ballots. It is assumed that the election inspectors did not mark the ballot as they should have.

The tally of the ballots showed Prosser received 151 votes and Kloppenburg received 251 votes. There was one under vote. These are the same as the initial results.

At 10:15 a.m. the ballots for Wards 3 and 4 were placed back in the ballot bag and re-sealed with tamper evident seal #0557059.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 5 AND 6

The county clerk announced that the inspectors' statement reported 145 voters.

The initial results of the April 5 election were 59 votes for Prosser and 86 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero under votes, zero military ballots, and zero provisional ballots.

The poll workers only recorded five absentees on the GAB-104. The total number should have been recorded was 11. The board feels that the five absentees reflect the number of absentees for Ward 5 only and that the election workers failed to include the number of Ward 6 absentees in the total.

The board found 11 absentees that were properly accepted and one absentee that was properly rejected because the elector voted at the polls prior to the absentees being processed.

The tabulators reconciled the polls books and found 145 voters. On the municipal copy of the poll book, the certification page indicated five absentee voters, which coincided with the GAB-104, and which was the number of absentee voters in only Ward 5. The tabulators in fact did find 11 absentee elector notations on the poll book.

On the county copy of the polls books, the poll workers failed to complete the certification page for the number of voters, the page number of the last voter, and the number of absentees. The tabulators found 11 absentee voters in the county's copy of the poll book.

The tabulators counted 145 ballots, of which 11 were absentees. The results showed Prosser received 59 votes and Kloppenburg received 86 votes. There were zero write-ins and zero under votes. This agrees with the initial results.

At 10:30, the ballot were placed back in the ballot bag and re-sealed with tamper evident seal #0557058.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 7 AND 8

The inspectors' statement showed there were 244 voters, 20 absentees, one write-in, and one under vote.

The initial results from the April 5 election were 119 votes for Prosser and 123 votes for Kloppenburg.

The county clerk noted that there were four bags of ballots for Howe School and that tamper seals #0334073 (bag 1 of 4), #00434074 (bag 2 of 4), #0334052 (bag 3 of 4), and #0334063 (bag 4 of 4) had not been tampered with.

The ballot bags were opened. Since there are four reporting units at Howe School, the ballots had to be separated by color.

The ballots and poll books were distributed to the tabulators.

The board reported that there were 20 absentees properly accepted. There were zero rejected ballots.

Poll lists were reconciled at 244 voters.

The tabulators reported there were 244 ballots of which 20 were absentees. The count showed Prosser received 119 votes and Kloppenburg received 123 votes. There was one write-in and one under vote. This matches the initial results.

The red ballots were placed back in the bag and resealed with seal #0557057.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 9 AND 10

There were 384 voters on election day, of which 23 were absentees.

The optech tape showed 385 voters. On election night, the election inspectors drew down one ballot since there were more ballots than voters. The initial results were 147 votes for Prosser and 236 votes for Kloppenburg, There were zero write-ins, one under vote, zero military ballots, and zero provisional ballots.

The incident log noted that the reason for more ballots than voters was that the Optech jammed and the inspectors did not read the tape that said the bin was full and the ballot would not feed all the way through but that the ballot had been counted. The inspectors re-fed that ballot back into the machine. At the end of the night, the inspectors drew down a ballot so the number of ballots and the number of voters matched. It was indicated that the draw down was a Kloppenburg vote.

The board found that all 23 absentee ballots were properly accepted and that one absentee was properly rejected at the polls.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and reported there were 384 voters with 23 absentees.

The recount recessed at 11:40 a.m. for lunch. During the lunch break, the room was secured by a Wood County sheriff's deputy.

The recount reconvene at 12:18 p.m. and picked up where it was left off, with Wards 9 and 10 in the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

The tabulators reported there were 383 ballots. The results were 147 votes for Prosser and 235 votes for Kloppenburg with one under vote.

It is noted that the ballot drawn down on election night and held separately should actually be included with the rest of the ballots. The Kloppenburg representative requested that the drawn down ballot be counted separately. The drawn down absentee ballot was marked at Exhibit #1 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 9 and 10). The ballot is a vote for Kloppenburg. So, by adding this ballot to the rest of the ballot brought Kloppenburg's total to 236.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot back and resealed with seal with #0557056.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 11-12-13

There were 441 voters.

Initial results were 183 votes for Prosser and 256 votes for Kloppenburg. There were one write-in and one under vote. There were 38 probably absentees.

On election night, the optech tape showed 444 ballots but there were only 441 voters. The election inspectors drew down three ballots on election night.

The poll books reconcile at 441 voters with 38 absentees.

The board noted that the 38 absentees were properly accepted. There were two absentee ballots that were properly rejected because there was no witness signatures.

There were three preserved ballots because there were three ballots drawn down on election night. The Kloppenburg representatives requested that each of these three ballots be marked as exhibits and counted separately. These ballots were marked as Exhibits.

The remade ballot (old and new) were requested held out and were marked as Exhibit #1 (City of Wisconsin Rapids wards 11-12-13). Both the defective ballot and the remade ballot are stapled together.

Taking into consideration the three preserved ballots which were drawn down on election night, the total ballot count equaled 443, which gives us an excess of two too many ballots.

We contacted Ross Hein, from the GAB, regarding this situation. He indicated that we would enter the three reserved ballot back with the rest ballots and would follow the draw down procedure in the recount ballot by identifying any blank ballots, and in this situation that would be any ballot not voted in the Justice of the Supreme Court race. Secondly, any ballots not initialed by election inspectors would be drawn down. Thirdly, any ballot initialed by only one election inspector would be drawn down next.

The tabulators did identify one ballot that was blank in the Justice of Supreme Court Race. That was set aside and labeled as Exhibit #2 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13).

One ballot was identified as bearing the initials of only one election inspector and was labeled as Exhibit #3 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13).

The preserved ballots enter backed into the tabulation are Labeled as Exhibits #4, #5, and #6 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13) and were hand tallied by the board.

Exhibit #4 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13) was a vote for Prosser. Exhibit #5 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13) was a vote for Kloppenburg, and Exhibit #6 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13) was a vote for Kloppenburg.

It is believed the absentee ballots that could not be accounted for actually contained the signatures of two election inspectors who went to the group homes. These missing absentee ballots would contain the initials RM and LE. Those ballots would also be folded. The tabulators recalled seeing them in the stack of ballots.

Final results are 183 votes for Prosser and 257 votes for Kloppenburg.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557051.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 14 AND 15

There were 493 voters.

The initial results showed Prosser received 218 votes and Kloppenburg received 272 votes. There were three under votes, zero write-ins.

The board noted that 51 absentees were properly accepted. There were no rejected absentees.

The tabulators reported 493 ballots

The tabulators reported 495 voters on the poll books, 51 of which were absentees.

The machine tape recorded 493 ballots went through the optech. The board assumes that that there were two voters who walked out without voting. At the Wood County Canvass held after the April 5 election, the county clerk contacted the Wisconsin Rapids city clerk. It was agreed that it was possible two voters walked out without voting - perhaps the lines were too long or they may have voted wrong and were too embarrassed to ask for another ballot.

There are 495 voters on the poll list and 493 ballots. Two absentee ballots are missing. One absentee should have been re-created at the polls and that cannot be located. The recreated ballot would be flat, not a folded ballot. There are no preserved ballot for the one that was to be remade.

There were two ballots that were reissued at the polls for mistakes voters made. Those have been accounted for in the destroyed ballot envelope.

Originally, one ballot style was ordered for Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Since Wards 11, 12, and 13 were one recording unit and Wards 14 and 15 were another recording unit, the city clerk re-ordered the ballots. This time, he ordered two different ballot styles – one for Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 and the other ballot style for Wards 14 and 15. Before those ballots were delivered, a 15th ward voter came in to the clerk's office to vote. He was given the first ballot style to vote on. Clerk's office staff put a sticky note on the affidavit envelope instructing the election inspectors to remake the ballot on election day. It is possible that the election inspectors did not remake the ballot and just fed it into the optech. With the coding of that ballot, the votes would be recorded under Wards 11-12-13 and not Wards 14 and 15 where it should have been.

The ballot bag for Ward 11-12-13 was re-opened. This was labeled previous as bag 3 of 4 with tamper evident seal #0557051. As suspected, a ballot containing the labels Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 was found.

This ballot will be counted with Wards 14 and 15 instead of Wards 11-12-13. And the ballot that was pulled out of Wards 11-12-13 will now be introduced back and counted again with Wards 11-12-13. Exhibit #3 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13), which was previously pulled because it contained only the initial of only one election inspector, will now be included with the results of Wards 11-12-13.

With re-entering Exhibit #3 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 11-12-13), the amended final results for Wards 11-12-13 are 184 votes for Prosser 184 and 256 votes for Kloppenburg.

Ballot bag 3 of 4 was resealed again, this time with tamper seal #0557052.

Returning to Wards 14 and 15, the results show 218 votes for Prosser and 272 votes for Kloppenburg. With the adjustments made, the amended results show a total of 494 ballots, which is now one ballot short. The board feels this is because a voter walked out of the polling place without voting.

Another ballot is an under vote.

One ballot was found that contained the initials of only one election inspector. This is considered an administrative error and will be counted.

The ballot pulled from Wards 11-12-13 is marked as Exhibit #1 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 14 and 15). It was determined by the board to be a vote for Kloppenburg.

Two other ballots, marked as Exhibits #2 and #3 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 14 and 15), were requested hand tallied by the Kloppenburg campaign. Exhibits #2 and #3 were both determined to be votes for Prosser.

The final tally shows that Prosser received 220 votes and Kloppenburg received 273 votes. There is one under vote. The total number of ballots is 494.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with tamper evident seal #0557055.

It was moved by Cindy Boyd, seconded by Hoks, to recess until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Wednesday, May 3, 2011 (Day 7)
8:30 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Vern Borth (alternate)
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Pat Krueger
Judy Haas
Mary Dahm
Jeanette Mews
Rosemary Oberbeck
Sara Morris
Heidi Case**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Jon Blum for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

County Clerk Cindy Cepass gave the oath of office to the tabulators, as well as instructions on the recount.

The county clerk called the recount to order at 8:30 a.m.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 16-17-18-20

At 8:33 a.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seals #0334062 #0334092, and #0334071, as recorded by the election inspectors and on the ballot bags, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bags, sorted the ballots, and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

One yellow ballot was discovered in the bag. It was noted that the wrong absentee was mailed to a voter and the election inspectors had to re-make the ballot at the polls on election day.

There were 628 optical scan ballots. There were no hand-count ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 286 voters for Prosser and 338 votes for Kloppenburg. There were two write-ins, three under votes, 88 probable absentees, and zero provisional ballots.

The optech tape showed 629 voters but the inspectors' statement showed there were 628 ballots. One possible explanation given at the Wood County canvass after the April 5 election, was one voter held on to his ballot as it was feeding into the optech. At the last moment, he pulled the ballot out and re-fed it in again. That ballot could have been read twice.

The board noted that there were 88 absentees properly received. There was one properly rejected absentee due to lack of voter signature and witness signature.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books at 628 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 629 ballots. The scenario that a voter held onto his ballot and pulled it out at the last minutes and then fed it back in, thus causing the machine to count the ballot twice, could not happen.

The tape says 629 voters. The number of ballots is 629. The poll list comes out with 628 voters. One of the chief inspectors was contacted but she could not explain how this happened.

The process, as established in the recount manual, is to draw down ballots when there are more ballots than voters. First any ballots that are blank within the race for Justice of the Supreme Court would be drawn down first. There is one ballot that is not voted in that race. The board agrees to draw down that blank ballot. That drawn-down ballot is labeled as Exhibit #1 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 16-17-18-20).

The ballot re-made at the polls is labeled as Exhibit #2 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 16-17-18-19-20). This ballot will be hand tallied.

There were out-of-the-ordinary ballots:

- ◆ One ballot has 3 sets of election inspector initials. The board assumes that the inspector probably initialed on the wrong line and then crossed it out and then re-initialed it on the proper line.
- ◆ Another ballot bears the initials of only one inspector. It is marked as Exhibit #3 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Wards 16-17-18-19-20).
- ◆ Two other ballots are write-ins. One has a vote for Donald Duck without the write-in line connected. The other has the write in line connected but no name written in.

The final results show there are 285 votes for Prosser and 339 votes for Kloppenburg. Exhibits #2 and #3 were tallied by the board. Both were declared votes for Prosser. The grand total of the ballots, including the hand tallied exhibits, comes to 287 for Prosser and 339 for Kloppenburg.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557054.

Marshfield City Clerk Deb Hall arrived at the recount at 10:30 a.m.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARDS 21 AND 22

The inspectors' statement shows there are 523 ballots, yet the optech tape shows 521 voters. There were 38 absentees.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 228 votes for Prosser and 286 votes for Kloppenburg. There were zero write-ins, seven under votes, 38 probable absentees, and zero provisional ballots.

The board noted that the 38 absentees were properly accepted. There were zero rejected ballots.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and showed 523 voters, of which 38 were absentees.

The tabulators reported that there were 521 ballots.

Two ballots were identified as having the initials of only one election inspector instead of two. This is considered an administrative error and the ballots will be counted.

The final results showed Prosser received 228 votes and Kloppenburg received 287 votes. It was found that one of the under votes was actually a vote for Kloppenburg. Initially, there were seven under votes. One of those under-voted ballots were found by the tabulators to be marked very lightly. The optech probably didn't pick up the light marks and recorded it as an under vote. Visual inspection of the ballot showed it was actually a voted ballot and the ballot was counted. Thus the number of under votes is now six.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557053 (bag2 of 3)

The recount recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. Room was guarded during the lunch break by a deputy sheriff.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS WARD 23

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 59 votes and Kloppenburg received 32 votes. There were zero write-ins, one under vote, five probable absentees, and zero provisional ballots.

There were 91 voters and the precinct counter said 92 voters. All ballots were optical scan.

The ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the five absentees were properly received. There were no rejected absentees.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 91 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 92 ballots, six of which were absentees. It is assumed that the extra absentee was because an absentee from the wrong ward was sent out to an elector.

Since there was one under-voted ballot, that ballot was drawn down, according to the procedure listed in the recall manual. That ballot was marked as Exhibit #1 (City of Wisconsin Rapids Ward 23).

The final results showed that Prosser received 59 votes and Kloppenburg received 32 votes. There is no change from the original results.

It is noted that the original ballot bag 3 of 3 was no longer usable. The county clerk made a new ballot bag 3 of 3 and preserved the old bag inside the new bag. The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557087.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT 1 (WARDS 1 AND 11)

The inspectors' statement shows 284 voters.

There were 284 ballots, all optical scan. There were no hand-count ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 159 votes for Prosser and 125 Kloppenburg. There were no under votes and no write-ins. There were 42 probable absentees. One ballot had to be remade by the election inspectors at the polls on election day because there was shadowing on the absentee and would not feed through the optech.

At 12:50 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seals #0462776 and #0462755 had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 42 absentees were properly received.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 284 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 284 ballots. The final results are 159 votes for Prosser and 125 votes for Kloppenburg. This matches the original results.

The ballots were placed back into one ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557030. Since all the ballots were consolidated into one bag, the second original bag was preserved inside the first original ballot bag.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT #2 (WARD 2)

The inspectors' statement showed that there were 378 total voters.

It was questionable at the polling place whether they had 75 or 76 hand count ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 187 votes and Kloppenburg received 189 votes. There were zero write-ins and 29 probable absentees.

At 1:31 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0462708, as duly noted on the inspectors' statement and the ballot bag, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 29 absentees were properly received. There were no rejected ballots.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 378 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 367 ballots.

Marshfield City Clerk Deb Hall explained that on election night, she had to photo copy ballots. The chief inspector accidentally gave District 3 ballots to the District 2 table. Eleven voters in District 2 voted on District 3 ballots before the error was caught. Another ballot was initialed by District 2 election inspectors. When they realized they had the wrong ballot, they handed the ballot with their initials on it to the District 3 table. District 3 election inspectors handed that ballot to a voter. At the end of the night, all 12 District 3 ballots that were initialed by District 2 poll workers were hand counted by District #2 poll workers and those ballots were added into the District 3 results. To rectify the situation, the county clerk wanted to open the District #3 ballot bag and pull 11 of those 12 ballots and add them to the District 2 ballots.

Ross Hein, of the GAB, was contacted. He confirmed that election official error is a valid reason for having the ballots from more than one reporting unit open at one time. So, the board opened the ballot bag for District 3 (City of Marshfield Wards 3, 13, and 23). The county clerk noted that tamper evident seal #0664743 was not tampered with. The ballots were removed from the bag. Board members Dave Hoks and Vern Borth separated the optical scan ballots and the photo-copied ballots. They confirmed that District 3 had 542 ballots.

Since District #2 had 378 ballots, it was determined that District #2 was short by 11 ballots, which is what was suspected. Consequently, 11 of the paper ballots from District 3 were put with District #2 ballots. Ultimately, it evened out.

There were two additional ballots that bear the initials of only one election inspector. This is considered an administrative error and the ballot will count.

One write-in ballot was identified where the arrow was not connected. The optech took it as an under vote. Since "none" was written in, it is considered an under vote by the board.

The count of the ballot resulted in 188 votes for Prosser and 189 for Prosser, one under vote that total 378 total votes, which is what we should be at.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557022.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT #3 (WARDS 3, 13, AND 23)

There was a total of 531 voters.

There were initially 443 optical scan ballots and 88 hand count ballots for a total of 531. (Note: These totals will change due to the 11 ballots that were taken from District #3 and added to District #2.)

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 255 votes and Kloppenburg received 267 votes. (Note: The final results in District #3 at today's canvass will change because of the 11 ballots that were moved from District #3 to District #2.)

There were five under votes and 60 probable absentees.

The board determined that the 60 absentees were properly received. There were also two properly rejected absentees due to lack of voter signatures.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 531 voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 531 ballots and five under votes. One ballot, with the name "Nada Mudslinger", was determined by the board as a write-in. Another write-in with a connection but no name was found and is considered an under vote by the board. One more ballot was found with John Doe written in. The board will consider this a write-in.

The final results are 254 votes for Prosser and 269 votes for Kloppenburg with five under votes and three write-ins.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557050.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT #4 (WARDS 4, 14, AND 24)

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 267 votes and Kloppenburg received 276 votes. There were zero write-ins and 57 probable absentees.

There were 547 ballots of which 400 were optical scan ballots and 147 were hand-count ballots.

There were 547 voters.

At 3:45 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0462778 and 0462749, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 57 absentees were properly received. One ballot was properly rejected due the voter's death prior to election day.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 547 voters in the county's book and 549 voters in the municipality's book. The county poll book is correct with 547 voters. Marshfield's copy of the poll book had 549 voters due to two voters being assigned voter numbers in both the supplemental list and in the front part of the poll book.

The tabulators reported that there were 547 ballots.

The final results showed 267 votes for Prosser and 277 votes for Kloppenburg, with one write in and two under votes. Because a scanning issue whereby an under vote became a vote, the results show one more vote for Kloppenburg than the initial results.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557048. Since all the ballots were consolidated into one bag, the second original bag was preserved inside the first original ballot bag.

It was moved by Cepress, seconded by Hoks, to recess until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF RECOUNT
FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Wood County Board of Canvassers
Wednesday, May 4, 2011 (Day 8)
8:30 a.m.
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

Canvass Board Members Present:

**Cindy Cepass
Vern Borth for Cindy Boyd
Dave Hoks**

Tabulators Present:

**Gloria Kubisiak
Jeanette Mews
Heidi Case
Sara Morris
Judy Benson
Judy Haas
Pat Krueger**

Candidate Representatives Present:

**Jon Blum for David Prosser
Joan Arnold for Joanne Kloppenburg**

A list of observers is on file in the county clerk's office and is available upon request.

The county clerk called the recount to order at 8:30 a.m.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT #5 (WARDS 5 AND 15)

There are 419 total voters.

There were 419 ballots of which 397 were optical scan ballots and 22 were paper ballots. There were two write-ins, 10 under votes, 28 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots returned.

The results of the 397 optical scan showed 173 votes for Prosser and 212 votes for Kloppenburg, with two write-in and 10 under votes.

The 22 hand count ballots showed six votes for Prosser and 16 votes for Kloppenburg.

The total Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 179 votes and Kloppenburg received 228 votes.

At 8:35 a.m., the county clerk announced that the tamper evident seal (#0664741), as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 28 absentees were properly received.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 419 voters, of which 28 were absentees.

The tabulators reported that there were more ballots than voters. It was suggested that since there are more than one reporting unit at this polling place, some District #6 and District #7 ballots may be mixed in with District #5 ballots. The tabulators went through the ballots again. They found five ballots that were for other districts. This time the tabulators found 419 ballots for District #5, of which 28 were absentees.

Three ballots were found to contain the initials of only one election inspector. This was considered an administrative error and will be counted as any other ballot.

Another ballot contained a signature of an assisting individual. This is nothing out of the ordinary and will be counted.

The final results show 179 votes for Prosser and 230 votes for Kloppenburg with two write-in and eight under votes, for a total of 419 ballots.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557029.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT 6 (WARDS 6 AND 16)

There were four ballots that were pulled out from District 5 that will be added to the ballots when the ballot bag is opened.

There were 351 voters.

There were 351 ballots, of which 300 were optical scan ballots and 51 were hand count ballots.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 158 votes (134 optical scan and 24 hand counts) and Kloppenburg received 185 votes (158 optical scan and 27 hand counts). There were zero write-ins, eight under votes, 23 probable absentees, zero provisional ballots, and zero military ballots.

At 9:42 p.m., the county clerk announced that the tamper evident seal (#0462800), as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

There were 23 absentees that were properly accepted.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 351 voters, of which 23 were absentee voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 351 ballots.

There was one re-made ballot. The inspectors' statement said the ballot was re-made because of a mismatched code. The original and duplicates were compared. There were no discrepancies. The original ballot was properly preserved.

The tabulators found 22 absentees. It was noted the re-made ballot was an absentee so that would bring the total of absentees to 23. There were two under votes.

The final results showed 162 votes for Prosser and 187 for Kloppenburg, with zero write-ins and two under votes.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557049.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT 7 (WARDS 7, 17, AND 27)

There 470 voters on election day.

There were 470 ballots of which 399 were optical scan ballots and 71 were hand-count ballots. There were 31 probable absentees.

Initial results from the April 5 election were Prosser received 211 (180 from the optical scan ballots and 31 from the hand-count ballots) and Kloppenburg received 255 (215 from the optical scan ballots and 40 from the hand-count ballots). There was one write-in and 3 under votes.

At 10:19 a.m., the county clerk announced that the tamper evident seal (#0462796), as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators. One District 7 ballot found in the District 5 ballot bag was added to the District 7 ballots in the ballot bag.

The board noted that the 31 absentees were properly received. There were no rejected ballots.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 470 voters, of which 31 were absentee voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 470 ballots.

One ballot was a write-in that contains no name but the line is completed.

There was one re-made ballot. The inspectors' statement said the ballot was re-made because of a mismatched code. The original and duplicates were compared. There were no discrepancies. The original ballot was properly preserved.

The final tally shows Prosser received 212 votes and Kloppenburg received 255 votes. There was one write-in ballot (no name) and two under votes.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557028.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT 8 (WARDS 8, 12, 18, AND 25)

There were 453 voters.

There were 453 ballots of which 352 were optical scan and 101 were hand count ballots.

Initial results showed Prosser received 216 votes (168 optical scan and 48 hand-count) and Kloppenburg received 234 votes (180 optical scan and 54 hand count). There were zero write-ins, four under votes, and 29 probable absentees.

At 10:55 a.m., the county clerk announced that there were two ballots bag and that tamper evident seals #0462715 and 0462794, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 29 absentees were properly received. There were no rejected absentee ballots.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found that the municipality's poll list shows 454 voters. The county's poll list shows 453 voters due to two voters being assigned the same number (#324). Poll lists reconcile at 454.

The tabulators reported that there were 453 ballots. According to the machine totals, we are one ballot shorts.

The recount recessed for lunch at 11:36 and reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

The county clerk recapped where the recount left off when we recessed for lunch. She said the poll lists are reconciled at 454 voters but there are only 453 ballots. The thinking is that at the polling place, it is possible that a District 8 ballot was accidentally mixed in with the District 9 ballots when sorting at the end of the night.

The District 9 ballot bags were opened. It was noted that tamper evident seals #0462732 (bag 1 of 2) and #0462795 (bag 2 of 2) were not tampered with. Board members Dave Hoks and Vern Borth sorted through the ballots and did in fact find a District 8 ballot amongst the District 9 ballots. That ballot was included with the other District 8 ballots.

One ballot identified as having the initial of only one election inspector. This is an administrative error and the ballot will be counted.

The final vote tally shows Prosser received 217 votes and Kloppenburg received 236 votes. There was one under vote.

The ballots were placed back in two ballot bags and resealed with seal #0557023 (bag 1 of 2) and 0557024 (bag 2 of 2).

CITY OF MARSHFIELD DISTRICT 9 (WARDS 9 AND 19)

District 9 ballots were opened earlier when searching for a District 8 ballot. The poll books and ballots were distributed to the tabulators.

There were 281 ballots on election day. All were optical scan ballots. There were 30 absentees, zero provisional ballots, zero military absentees, and two under votes.

Initial results from the April 5 election were 124 votes for Prosser and 155 votes for Kloppenburg.

The board noted that the 30 absentees were properly accepted. There were no rejected ballots.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and found 281 voters, of which 30 were absentee voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 281 ballots of which 30 were absentees. The candidate totals were 123 votes for Prosser and 157 votes for Kloppenburg with one under vote.

The ballots were placed back into one ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557025.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD (WARDS 10 AND 20)

There were 382 voters on election day.

There were 382 ballots (all optical scan ballots), of which 46 were probable absentees. The initial results showed 171 votes for Prosser and 200 votes for Kloppenburg. There was one write-in and ten under votes.

At 1:04 p.m., the county clerk announced that tamper evident seal #0462706, as recorded by the election inspectors, had not been tampered with. The board opened the bag and distributed the ballots and poll lists were distributed to the tabulators.

The board noted that the 46 absentees were properly accepted. There was one ballot properly rejected.

The tabulators reconciled the poll books and showed 382 voters, of which 46 were absentee voters.

The tabulators reported that there were 382 ballots of which 46 were absentees. There was one write-in in which no name was written in. There were two under votes. The final results showed 176 votes for Prosser and 203 for Kloppenburg.

The ballots were placed back in the ballot bag and resealed with seal #0557027.

It was moved by Hoks, seconded by Borth, to adjourn. Motion carried. The recount adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Florence