

August 2, 2024

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Sent via email: brandon.hunzicker@wisconsin.gov and elections@wi.gov

Re: Complaint EL 24-74: Ann Sloane v. Crystal Cowling

Following is my response to the above matter:

As Clerk for the Town of Fifield, this is my first time dealing with the recall election process. I had read the Recall of Local Elected Officials from the Wisconsin Election Commission and had asked for guidance from our Town's attorney through every step.

After receiving the Intent to Petition, I found that a Registration Statement was not filed along with it. I contacted our Town's attorney to verify that that document was needed, which he confirmed and was willing to contact the petitioner to explain that. A new Intent to Petition and Registration Statement were then filed. When the Petition with signatures, the challenge, the rebuttal and the reply were filed, I reviewed them as well as sharing them with the Town's attorney. In the challenge two items were brought to my attention as to why this recall should not be deemed sufficient and in the rebuttal those two topics were addressed. It is my understanding the rebuttal's purpose was for the Petitioner to correct any errors. I found all filings to be equally persuasive, so I looked at the numbers. Only 139 signatures were required, and they turned in 196 (9 of which I disallowed). I felt with the number of signatures and the error being corrected, it was sufficient to certify a recall election.

I feel I am unbiased in my decision, due to being here a short period of time and do not know those involved in this matter on a personal level and have remained objective through out this process.

Respectively submitted,



Crystal Cowling, Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Fifield

PO Box 241

Fifield, WI 54524 (please note this address is the correct one for Clerk of Fifield, thank you!)

VERIFICATION

I, Crystal Cowling, Clerk/Treasurer for Town of Fifield, duly sworn upon oath, state that I personally submitted the attached Response to Complaint El 24-74.

Signed in Park Falls, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of August, 2024.

Crystal M. Cowling
Crystal Cowling, Clerk/Treasurer

Sworn and subscribed to me
this 2nd day of August, 2024.

Stacey S. Mason

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My commission expires: *AUG. 17, 2025*

