

February 14, 2024

TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPLY TO RESPONSE OF INCUMBENT KODY HART, MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3 AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK OF WAUSAU, WI.

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I, Jo Ann Egelkrout ("Complainant"), submit this Reply to the Response of Incumbent Kody Hart, Marathon County Board Supervisor, District 3 and Deputy City Clerk of Wausau, WI.

Mr. Kody Hart is a Marathon County Board Supervisor as well as the Deputy City Clerk for the city of Wausau, WI and is an election official. Hart should be fully aware of the requirements set forth in EL 20 or 20.03(5). In fact, he and clerk Trueblood should both be far more versed in these requirements than I, a private citizen, should be expected to be. Hart should be held, at the very least, to an equal standard, certainly not a lesser one, in regards to knowledge of Wisconsin Elections Commission's rules, regulations, and procedures.

Regardless of Hart's claims of knowing or not knowing of the requirements, he is REQUIRED to know and to follow them, particularly since he is the incumbent County Board Supervisor, as well as, an election official, and the City of Wausau Deputy City Clerk, and election official.

Trueblood stated in her response that Hart's complaint was accepted because she found it to be in "substantial compliance" with the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code EL 2.07(2)(a) and Wis. Stat. 8.07. Nowhere in the provisions concerning the filing of a verified complaint is there room for "substantial compliance". Attempting to imply that there is, is disingenuous at best. The provision of EL 2.07 (2d)(a) is clear: "Any challenge to the sufficiency of a nomination paper shall be made by verified complaint..." "Shall" is not an optional word. It is a mandatory word. It does not permit for exceptions where a clerk is personally familiar with the complainant. Nowhere does it state that one can be excused from the requirements based on who they know at the County Courthouse. It is ridiculous to think that every time we are speaking with someone who is in a position to administer an oath that we are automatically under oath when speaking with that person.

In the interest of efficiency and judicial economy, I respectfully request the Wisconsin Elections Commission to consider all points, apply the same arguments, and incorporate everything already stated in my reply to Clerk Trueblood's response, to this reply to the response of Incumbent Kody Hart.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission Ballot Access Manual online, page 7 demands Hart's improper and unverified complaint as having no merit and no effect and therefore required to be disregarded.

I, Jo Ann Egelkrout, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations and response are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Date: *02/14/2024*

Respondent's Signatures

Jo Ann Egelkrout

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Marathon

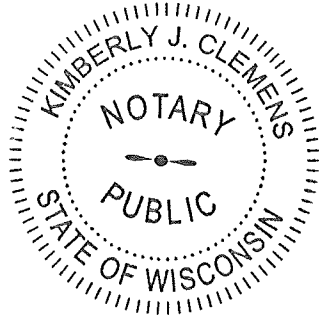
Sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 2024.

Signature of person authorized to administer oaths *Kimberly J. Clemens*

My commission expires *02/22/2027*

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