

Town of Montrose Caucus
January 18, 2025 at 1:00pm
1341 Dianne Avenue
Belleville, WI 53508
Caucus Minutes

Chairman Roger Hodel opened the caucus at 1:20PM and called the meeting to order.

Notice of the meeting was posted according to law.

Roger Hodel explained to the voters present how the caucus works and how procedure is conducted. As Roger is seeking re-election, he will not act as chair for the meeting.

Dan Palmer nominated Ann Sayles to chair the caucus, seconded by Becky Olson. Roger asked for any other nominations, hearing none, he asked for a nomination to close the caucus chair nominations. Randy Francois moved, seconded by Bob Swenson. Ann Sayles was designated as Chair of the Caucus.

Chair Ann Sayles called for two residents to act as tellers to canvass the vote for each office if necessary. Kelly Maynard and Deb Brucaya volunteered as tellers.

Chair Ann Sayles took a vote to establish by which method a tie would be broken, either by drawing lots or conducting another vote. It was unanimously determined by a show of hands that in the event of a tie, the method would be to conduct another vote.

Nominations were opened for Town Chairman.

Junior Eichelkraut nominated Roger Hodel for Town Chairman, seconded by Bob Swenson.

Chair Ann Sayles asked for any other nominations, hearing none, she asked for a motion to close the nominations for chairman. Dan Palmer moved to close the nominations for Town Chairman, seconded by Deb Brucaya. **Roger Hodel will appear as the candidate for Town Chairman on the April 1, 2025 ballot.**

Nominations were opened for First Supervisor.

John Sayles nominated Paul Schaller, seconded by Marie Barry.

Randy Francois nominated David Statz, seconded by Jesse Francois.

Mag Wijaya nominated Tim Bahls, seconded by Deb Brucaya.

Chair Ann Sayles asked for any other nominations for first supervisor, hearing none, and asked for a nomination to close the nominations for first supervisor. Marie Barry moved to close nominations for first supervisor, seconded by Bob Roth.

Comment was made from the floor that it would be nice to hear something briefly about each candidate before voting. Cory Brown made a motion to allow the nominated candidates to speak for two minutes to introduce themselves, seconded by Elizabeth Owens.

Paul Schaller, David Statz, and Tim Bahls all came forward and introduced themselves.

Since there were more than two nominations for the First Supervisor position, all eligible voters conducted a vote by secret ballot to reduce the number of candidates to twice the number of seats to be filled. Ballots were circulated and tallied by the tellers. The voting result was: Paul Schaller (26), David Statz (14), and Tim Bahls (9). **As a result, Paul Schaller and David Statz will appear as candidates for the First Supervisor position on the April 1, 2025 ballot.**

Nominations were opened for Second Supervisor.

Mark Gobel nominated Cory Brown, seconded by Tim Schmitt.

Faith Wittwer nominated Sheila Everson, seconded by Jesse Francois.

Mag Wijaya nominated Tim Bahls, seconded by Deb Brucaya.

Terry Schmitt nominated Bob Roth, seconded by Tim Schmitt.

Chair Ann Sayles asked if there were any more nominations for second supervisor and hearing none, asked for a motion to close nominations. Paul Schaller moved to close nominations for second supervisor, seconded by Marie Barry.

Cory Brown, Tim Bahls, and Bob Roth stepped forward and introduced themselves. As Sheila Everson was not present, Randy Francois came forward to speak on her behalf.

Since there were more than two nominations for the Second Supervisor position, all eligible voters conducted a vote by secret ballot to reduce the number of candidates to twice the number of seats to be filled. Ballots were circulated and tallied by the tellers. The voting result was: Cory Brown (20), Sheila Everson (15), Tim Bahls (8), Bob Roth (6). **As a result, Cory Brown and Sheila Everson will appear as candidates for the Second Supervisor position on the April 1, 2025 ballot.**

Nominations were opened for Constable.

Mario Gobel nominated Tim Schmitt, seconded by Junior Eichelkraut.

Deb Chicks nominated Darren Eichelkraut, seconded by Bob Swenson.

Bob Weinswig nominated Angie Riker, seconded by Deb Brucaya.

Chair Ann Sayles asked if there were any more nominations for constable and hearing none, asked for a motion to close nominations. Mark Downs nominated to close the nominations for constable, seconded by John Sayles.

Since there were more than two nominations for the constable position, all eligible voters conducted a vote by secret ballot to reduce the number of candidates to twice the number of seats to be filled. Ballots were circulated and tallied by the tellers. The voting result was: Tim Schmitt (22), Darren Eichelkraut (14), Angie Riker (13). **As a result, Tim Schmitt and Darren Eichelkraut will appear as candidates for Constable on the April 1, 2025 ballot.**

Chair Ann Sayles asked for a motion to adjourn. Bob Roth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Schaller. All in favor of adjourning: (All voices) Aye Opposed: None
Meeting adjourned at 2:12PM.

The candidates that were present were given their Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Finance forms to be filed with the clerk.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Armstrong, Town of Montrose Clerk