

**BIG CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT MEETING**  
RECOUNT OF ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS from August 29, 2018 Annual Meeting

**September 18, 2018 MINUTES**

BCLPRD Office  
4480 Gonring Drive, West Bend, WI 53095  
6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT: Candidates for open commissioner positions:**  
**Troy Zagel and his representative, Peter Saffert**  
**Nicole Gonring and her representative, Meghann Kennedy**  
**David Claussen and his representative Scott Rolfs**  
**Roger Walsh, representing himself.**

**Mary Boldt – Chief Election Clerk for the Town of West Bend**  
**Julie Ihlenfeld – Clerk for the Town of West Bend**  
**Jennifer Rozek – Poll Worker for the Town of West Bend**  
**Dan Carroll – Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief**  
**Julie Riley – District Employee**  
**Multiple individuals, Big Cedar Lake District residents and non-lake district residents**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Roger Walsh led Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 pm. Julie Riley called a roll of those attending the recount. Those present and absent are listed above.

**2. Introduction of the Board of Canvassers that were appointed to serve for the recount of the votes cast in the election of commissioners at the 2018 Annual Meeting Board.**

Mary Boldt – Chief Election Clerk for the Town of West Bend  
Julie Ihlenfeld – Clerk for the Town of West Bend  
Jennifer Rozek – Poll Worker for the Town of West Bend

Mary Boldt asked Dan Carroll what measures were taken in order to secure the ballots following the election on the evening of August 29, 2018.

Dan Carroll explained that the evening of the vote, after the votes were counted and the winners were announced, that he had an officer collect and hold the receptacle (a large size bucket) during the facility cleanup. The officer held the bucket until cleanup concluded. He then gave the bucket back to Dan Carroll, who took it in his vehicle with other election supplies to his residence. The following morning the bucket was taken by Dan Carroll to the Big Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation Office, located at 4480 Gonring Drive and was placed in a sealed Evidence Bag and was locked in a locker at the district office.

Troy Zagel wanted to clarify that he had spoken with Dan Carroll and was told that Dan Carroll also counted the ballots an additional 2 times. Dan Carroll confirmed that he did in fact count the ballots prior to placing them in the sealed bag. He explained that he felt it was appropriate

since he was the person who reported the numbers and he wanted to make sure that the count was correct more than once and was concerned about integrity.

A resident in the room asked who the persons were that were counting the ballots on the evening of the election on August 28, 2018. Dan Carroll explained that there were four people that do not live within the district that were asked to assist with counting the ballots. They were Hannah Karnitz, a Water Safety Patrol Officer of the BCLPRD, Eric Block, a district employee, Kate Carroll, a family member of an employee of the district, and Kathleen Tessmer, also a family member of an employee of the district.

Someone asked who has done the counting at the past meetings when elections were held. Dan Carroll explained that in the past, he and Julie Riley have been the persons who have counted the ballots. The four persons listed above were recruited to help at the meeting as attendance was expected to be quite a bit more than previous years.

Someone asked if Dan Carroll arrived at the same ballot counts as were announced the evening of the election. He said the totals were the same with the exception that Roger Walsh had an additional three votes when he had recounted. Dan Carroll also noted that the evening of the election, that the ballots were counted four times. The numbers that were announced reflected the ballot numbers matching two times.

### **3. Recount proceedings to begin.**

Mary Boldt made a request that the canvassers NOT be video recorded during the recount proceedings. She clarified that audio recording only was acceptable. The Guidelines for Reviewing Ballots that were presented at the September 10, 2018 Commissioners meeting that were approved by the BCLPRD Board of Commissioners, were reviewed by the canvassers.

Mary Boldt announced that the Board of Canvassers recount for the BCLPRD began at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Mary Boldt asked Dan Carroll how many ballots there were in total the evening of the original vote. Dan Carroll explained that there were 352 ballots.

A Witness made a request to watch the canvassers more closely and was denied. That witness was removed from the room at approximately 6:45 p.m. for failure to cooperate in order for canvassers to proceed.

Mary Boldt was the canvasser that announced the ballot markings, and Julie Ihlenfeld and Jennifer Rozek kept tally sheets.

The canvassers checked at approximately 6:58 p.m., 7:13 p.m. and 7:23 p.m., that their counts matched. Counting was completed at approximately 7:35 p.m.

#### **4. Recount Findings**

Mary Boldt stated that there were no invalid ballots. The final counts of the canvassers were as follows:

Roger Walsh	200
David Claussen	166
Nicole Gonring	163
Troy Zagel	161

At 7:54 p.m. the canvassers signed certifications of their counts.

#### **5. Adjourn**

Roger Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The motion was approved.

Prepared and submitted by Julie Riley on behalf of Paul Sacotte, Secretary.