

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 11:00 AM on November 8, 2024, as the GENERAL ELECTION CANVASSING BOARD. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: Commissioners Bender, Beninga, Bleyenberg, and Kippley. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Vice-Chair Beninga called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Approve the Agenda. 4 ayes

Leah Anderson, Auditor, presented the 2024 General Election results.

The Canvassing Board conducted a detailed comparison of the election returns and certificate of provisional ballot count to the abstract presented Auditor Anderson. No discrepancies were found. In addition, a detailed comparison of the registration lists and the poll lists for four randomly selected precincts for both election day and absentee voting. There were only minor discrepancies found and explained.

Public comment was received from Jessica Pollema, Jean Childs, Juliann Perrigo-Talkington, John Kunnari, Penny BayBridge, and Reone Ullom.

MOTION by Jean Bender, seconded by Jen Bleyenberg, to Certify the Results of the November 5, 2024, General Election Canvass. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

Leah Anderson, Auditor, conducted the selection of precincts and contests for the Post-Election Audit pursuant to SDCL 12-17B-20. The post-election audit will consist of the following precincts: 05-09, 03-17, VP-13, 02-09, and 04-05; and the following contests: United States Representatives and Initiated Measure 28.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Meyer, Hartford, SD, spoke about election improvements that have occurred.

Jessica Pollema, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about election comparison with the 2020 General Election.

Mick Baruth, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about election concerns especially with regards to the reporting by the local media.

Scott Montgomery, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about election concerns and the need for cooperation among various groups.

Penny BayBridge, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about election improvements especially with the increase of workers at the polling site.

MOTION by Bender, seconded by Kippley, to Adjourn at 12:42 p.m. 4 ayes.

The Commission acting as the Canvassing Board adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Gerald Beninga
Vice-Chair

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ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen
Commission Recorder