

**Meeting Minutes of the Town of Dewhurst Caucus Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2024 – 6:30 PM (CST)**  
**Town of Dewhurst – Town Hall**

**Board members present:** Bill Kolve, Chairman; Bruce Delaney, Supervisor 1; Troy Wyss, Supervisor 2; Kelly Errthum, Clerk

**Town of Dewhurst Employees present:** Rollin Opelt

**Citizens present:** Wayne & Renee Lubke, Chuck & Marie Kaufman , Joe & Denise Kish, Heather & Paul Sullivan , Gene O'Brien, Chris Kenyon, Eric Wylie, Paul & Robyn Stearns, Jeff & Deb Elliott, Steve Errthum, Scott Zenz, Kelly Hurst, Rod Johnson, Troy Manthy-Samon, Arthur Cram, Chad Leis, Dalton Lamem, Austin Lamon, Mike & Erika Backes, Nate & Jean Vandeberg, Nancy & Kirk Rodman, Charles Harwick, Lorri & Ed Johnson, Randy Nichols, Ted Janicki, Rebecca Goldsmith, Sharon & Scott Gress, Janelle Heller, Leyah & John Staszak, Tammy & Bill Martin, Duane Gjersteth, Rollin Opelt, Cindy Radcliffe, Tim Marek, Rodney Hahn, Sally Wipfli, Dave Baumeister, Laura & Tim Quilty, Pat Kranz, Billy & Kim Staszak  
(Note: if you did not sign in (or your name was illegible), your attendance will not be documented.)

Call to order: Bill Kolve called the Town of Dewhurst 2025 Caucus on January 14<sup>th</sup> at meeting to order at 6:30PM (CST) at the town hall N103 Riviera Ave., Hatfield, WI.

Reminder was given to please sign in before you leave and to make the names legible so that Kelly can get them put on the agenda.

Selection of Vote Tabulators: Bill Kolve asked for three (3) volunteers from the attendees. If you were interested, please raise your hand and can get names. First selection was Wayne Lubke. Second selection was Rebecca Goldsmith. Third selection was Barb Kunes.

Selection of Caucus Chairperson: Nate Vandeberg Nate then proceeded to the board table assuming the Chairman seat at the table.

Announce Current Board Seats to be elected in April 2025: Nate Vandeberg read off the current seats available. Nate read down the list of names indicating that Kelly Errthum would not be running for Treasurer or clerk. Nate also read in that Troy Wyss would also not be running for his position. Open positions at the time of the meeting were:

- Chairman - Seat currently held by Bill Kolve
- Supervisor 1 - Seat currently held by Bruce Delaney
- Supervisor 2 - Seat currently held by Troy Wyss (not running, seat open)
- Clerk - Seat Currently held by Kelly Errthum (not running, seat open)
- Treasurer - Seat currently held by Kelly Errthum (not running, seat open)

**Call for Nominations & Seconds for Chairperson:**

A nomination for Chairperson was made by Wayne Lubke for Bill Kolve. Second to the motion was Ted Janicki.

A nomination for Chairperson was made by Gene O'Brien for Steve Kunes. Second to the nomination was Charles Harwick.

A nomination for Chairperson was made by Jeff Elliott for Pat Kranz. Second to the nomination was Rebecca Goldsmith.

After several more callouts, Nate Vandeberg closed nominations for Chairperson.

As there were three (3) candidates, a vote by paper ballot was completed. Each voting resident was issued one piece of paper (and pen if needed) to vote for one (1) of the three nominated candidates. The tabulators listed above collected the votes and they were counted in another room.

### **Call for Nominations & Seconds for Supervisor 1:**

A nomination for Supervisor 1 was made by Bill Kolve for Bruce Delaney. Second to the motion was Jeff Elliott.

A nomination for Supervisor 1 was made by Paul Sullivan for Tim Marek. Second to the motion was Heather Sullivan.

After several more call outs, Nate Vandeberg closed nominations for Supervisor 1. Stating that the two (2) candidates would be Bruce Delaney and Tim Marek.

### **Call for Nominations & Seconds for Supervisor 2:**

A nomination for Supervisor 2 was made by Robyn Stearns for Paul Stearns. Second to the motion was Duane Gjersesteth.

A nomination for Supervisor 2 was made by Jeff Elliott for Ted Janicki. Second to the motion was Pat Kranz.

After several more call outs, Nate Vandeberg closed nominations for Supervisor 2 . There was a question asked who were the two (2) candidates and it was stated that the two (2) candidates would be Paul Stearns and Ted Janicki.

### **Call for Nominations & Seconds for Clerk:**

There were no nominations for the Clerk position. As there were no nominations, the board will appoint a clerk.

### **Call for Nominations & Seconds for Treasurer:**

A nomination for Treasurer was made Tim Quilty for Heather Sullivan. Second to the motion was Steve Kunes.

After several more call outs, Nate Vandeberg closed nominations for Treasurer. As there were no other nominations, Heather Sullivan will be the candidate for treasurer.

The tabulators then returned to the floor to reveal the results of the vote for Chairperson. As the top two (2) nominees receiving votes, Bill Kolve and Steve Kunes will move on to be listed on the upcoming ballot as candidates for Chairperson.

Question from the floor regarding the fact that there was no clerk and the board will appoint one. Randy Nichols asked - "The board will appoint the clerk – will they appoint a name for the election or just appoint a clerk?" Bill Kolve clarified that it will not be elected, just appointed.

Diana Laufenberg asked if a candidate could be a write in candidate prior the election. Steve Kunes clarified that they have ten (10) days from the evening of the meeting to file their paperwork in order to be on the ballot as clerk. This was repeated as several folks in the back did not hear the answer.

Paperwork was distributed and nominated candidates were provided with the required return date of 1/21/2025. (Fifth day fell to a Sunday, the sixth day fell to a state holiday pushing the requirement to January 21<sup>st</sup>.)

Steve Kunes reminded that selection of the ballot placement was to be done within three (3) days of the caucus. Steve Kunes would like be included in the ballot draw meeting when it is held. Kelly Errthum indicated she would be sure to notify him of the date/time.

Prior to adjournment, it was requested that the nominated candidates be read and they stand up as they couldn't hear. Kelly Errthum read off each position and nominated candidates.

Adjourn the caucus: Nate Vandeberg adjourned the caucus at 6:47 PM (CST).

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Errthum, interim Town of Dewhurst Clerk

Note: After the meeting, follow up was done in regards to the write in candidate deadline. The official deadline for write in candidates is the Friday prior to the election. For the 2025 Spring Election, final day for paperwork would be 3/28/2025, per the County Clerk's office.