

Lincoln County Board of Canvass
Friday, April 10, 2025
Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill WI - Room 247

County Clerk Christopher J. Marlowe called the Lincoln County Board of Canvass to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 7, 2025, with the following members present: Charlene Woller, and Debbie Rauchle.

The Board of Canvass meeting notice was posted per Wisconsin Statutes. The following are the findings upon the review of the reports:

Town of Birch:

MBOC: No signatures.
Inspectors' Statement: Machine ballot error noted, does not indicate if ballot was spoiled, not initialed.
Tally Sheet: No totals noted. No record of error code. No optical scan number noted. Missing post election I.S. initials and ballot bag seal number.

Town of Bradley:

Inspectors' Statement: Out times not noted on front of page.
Tally Sheet: Have extra Tally Sheets on hand.

Town of Corning:

Ballot Bag: Seal number not noted on ballot bag.

Town of Harding:

Inspectors' Statement: Designate one chief inspector, don't sign in both places.

Town of Harrison:

Inspectors' Statement: Unclear on assisted absentee voter logged at 8:18.
Poll Book: Strike errors with one line. List second ballot issued on poll list.

Town of King:

Inspectors' Statement: Listed 339 ballots in excess of voters. Listed 3 EDRs and there are 6. Be more clear on incident log when ballots are spoiled or remade.
Poll Book: Need to note in Poll Book when second and third ballots are issued.
Certificate of Ballots: Note on absentee log each voter that received the wrong ballot first.

Town of Merrill:

Inspectors' Statement: Do not list express vote number on Inspectors' Statement.
Poll Book: Do not list absentees issued on certification page of poll book.
Certification of Ballots: Listed wrong total of absentees issued.

Town of Pine River:

Inspectors' Statement: List closing times.
Poll Book: Do not list absentee ballot count on Poll Book Certification page.

Town of Rock Falls:

Inspectors' Statement: No optical scan ballot number listed. Do not cover information with DS200 seal, place on incident report. No post-election Chief Inspector initials noted. List only one Chief Inspector (even though all are trained as CIs). ExpressVote count does not need to be listed on Inspectors Statement. Incident log not documented clearly.
Poll Book: Last voter number not circled in red in the poll book. List all absentee references in red with a letter A in front of number. Absentee voter may deliver ballot to polls, however should not sign the poll book.
Certification of Ballots: Wrong absentee count listed.

EDRs: Copy of proof of residence not needed. Previous addresses must be listed.

Town of Russell:

Absentee Log: If an absentee ballot is returned, voter may not request to vote in person. His ballot should have been counted if it was spoiled or rejected.

Ballot Bag: Seal number not listed.

Town of Schley:

Inspectors' Statement: Out times not listed.

Certification of Ballots: Must certify all ballots not just absentee ballots.

EDRs: Anyone who registers on Election Day is considered an Election Day Registration.

Town of Scott:

Inspectors' Statement: Chief Inspector's out times not listed. Unclear as to why an absentee voter was issued another certificate envelope.

Town of Skanawan:

Inspectors' Statement: Only two signatures listed. Both signed as chiefs and inspectors. Only one chief should be designated (unless split shifts).

Poll Book: Assistors should be listed with addresses on poll book by the voter's name.

Certificate of Ballots: Only absentee ballots listed, should be all ballots. **DO NOT USE WHITEOUT.**

Tally Sheets: No need to hand count under votes. No need to hand count all school board candidates.

Results Tapes: Sign all three zero tapes and results tapes. Only one total was signed.

Town of Somo:

Absentee Log: Log incomplete, no voter numbers listed.

Tally Sheet: Do not hand count ballot candidates.

Town of Tomahawk:

Inspectors' Statement: Only one chief should be designated and sign. Spoiled vs remade ballot unclear on incident report.

Poll Book: Spoiled vs Remade ballot unclear.

Certificate of Ballots: Spoiled vs Remade ballot unclear.

Results Tapes: Zero tape not signed. All three zero and results tapes should be signed.

Town of Wilson:

Inspectors' Statement: Two inspectors and one Chief Inspector should sign front of Inspectors' Statement, do not note "see back".

Poll Book: Last voter number not circled in red.

Results Tape: Clock needs to be reset to correct time. Zero tapes not signed.

Absentee Log: Not submitted.

MBOC: Do not need to list all candidates.

City of Merrill:

District 1:

Inspectors' Statement: Only one Chief Inspector should be designated.

Poll Book: Voter assistant address must be listed in poll book.

Absentee Log: Date absentee ballots returned should be added to the absentee log for ballots arriving on Election Day.

District 2:

Inspectors' Statement: Fill totals on time sheet.

Poll Book: Two voters did not sign poll book. Last voter number not circled in red.

District 3:

Inspectors' Statement: Time outs not included. No post-election initials. Optical scan ballot number missing.
Additional in/out sheet should be used, not incident log.
Results Tapes: One results tape should remain connected to zero tape.
Absentee Log: Return date missing on some absentees on log.

District 4:

Black Box: Not returned to County Clerk's office on Election Night.
Inspectors' Statement: DS200 print unreadable no documented on incident report. (other district machines can be used to print results)
Results Tapes: All three zero and results tapes should be signed.
Poll Book: Chief Inspector must sign the poll book. Last voter number not circled in red.
MBOC: Missing signatures.
Tally Sheets: Not completed and signed.

District 5:

Poll Book: Last voter number not circled in red.
MBOC: Missing district. Signature in wrong location.
Supplemental List: Late voter registration not listed prior to Election Day.

District 6:

Inspectors' Statement: Ballots should be recorded as optical scan, not hand count, unless there was a hand count done.
"R" codes should be used for remade ballots in consecutive order (R1, R2, R3....). In and out times should be recorded on the second sheet, not on the incident reporting area.
Certificate of Ballots: Total of absentee ballots issued and absentee ballots returned did not match.

District 7:

Inspectors' Statement: Unclear if voter spoiled a ballot on incident report.
MBOC: Not completed.

District 8:

After redistricting, Thielman Street is District 8.
Inspectors' Statement: Full signatures should be used on all paperwork, not just initials.
Poll Book: Absentee voter allowed to vote in person and return ballot. Voter was already issued an absentee number in poll book. Missing voter number.

City of Tomahawk:

District 1:

Inspectors' Statement: In and out times not noted on fist page.
Poll Book: Assistor's address not noted in poll book.

District 2:

No issues.

District 3:

Inspectors' Statement: Adjudicated Incompetent notation on Inspectors' Statement does not indicate if the ballot was spoiled. Closing time not noted.

M/S Woller/Rauchle to adjourn the Lincoln County Board of Canvass for the April 7, 2026 election. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk