

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Caucus
January 3, 2023

The electors of the Town of Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin held a Caucus in the lower level of the Breunig Accounting building at 1116 Mills Street on January 3, 2023, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Town Chair, Supervisors and Treasurer.

1. Call to order – Town Chair Barb Parrell called the Caucus to order at 6:00 PM. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler was present. Electors in attendance: Brenda Kahl, Tom Turk, Don Ripp, Steve Parrell, Vern Wendt, James Turk, Elaine Turk, and David Sutcliffe.
2. Caucus Chair. Since Barb Parrell has announced her non-candidacy for Town Chair, but will still be a candidate for nomination, a Caucus Chair was requested. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to nominate Vern Wendt to serve as Caucus Chair.

Town Chair Barb Parrell requested additional nominations to serve as Caucus Chair. [No further nominations were presented.]

Vern Wendt accepted the nomination to chair the Caucus. A voice vote affirmed the nomination. Motion carried.

3. Nominations. Caucus Chair Vern Wendt opened the nominations for Town offices.

Town Chair

Don Ripp moved and David Sutcliffe seconded the nomination of Tom Turk for Town Chair.

The Caucus Chair called three times for any additional nominations for Town Chair. [No further nominations were presented.]

The Caucus Chair announced that nominations for Town Chair were closed.

Voice vote – Yes, 9. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

The Caucus Chair announced the name of the nominee for Town Chair – Tom Turk.

Supervisor 1

Tom Turk moved and Elaine Turk seconded the nomination of Don Ripp for Supervisor 1.

The Caucus Chair called three times for any additional nominations for Supervisor 1. [No further nominations were presented.]

The Caucus Chair announced that nominations for Supervisor 1 were closed.

Voice vote – Yes, 9. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

The Caucus Chair announced the name of the nominee for Supervisor 1 – Don Ripp.

Supervisor 2

Tom Turk moved and Dave Sutcliffe seconded the nomination of Barb Parrell for Supervisor 2.

The Caucus Chair called three times for any additional nominations for Supervisor 2. [No further nominations were presented.]

The Caucus Chair announced that nominations for Supervisor 2 were closed.

Voice vote – Yes, 9. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

The Caucus Chair announced the name of the nominee for Supervisor 2 – Barb Parrell.

Treasurer

Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the nomination of Brenda Kahl for Treasurer.

The Caucus Chair called three times for any additional nominations for Treasurer. [No further nominations were presented.]

The Caucus Chair announced that nominations for Treasurer were closed.

Voice vote – Yes, 9. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

The Caucus Chair announced the name of the nominee for Treasurer – Brenda Kahl.

The Caucus Chair announced that Clerk Stephanie Zwettler can provide notification and WEC forms to the candidates after the caucus adjourns.

4. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The Town Caucus adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie J Zwettler, Town Clerk