

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Town Caucus  
January 7, 2025

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 7, 2025, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Town Chair, Supervisors, and Treasurer.

1. Call to order – Town Chair Tom Turk called the Caucus to order at 6:00 PM. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler was present. Electors in attendance: Brenda Kahl, Tom Turk, Joann Bennett, Steve Parrell, and Jim and Elaine Turk.
2. Caucus Chair. Since Tom Turk will be a candidate for nomination, a Caucus Chair was requested. Tom Turk moved and Elaine Turk seconded a motion to nominate Jason Handel to serve as Caucus Chair.

Town Chair Tom Turk requested additional nominations to serve as Caucus Chair. No further nominations were presented.

Jason Handel accepted the nomination to chair the Caucus Chair. A voice vote affirmed the nomination. Motion carried.

3. Nominations. Caucus Chair Jason Handel opened the nominations for Town offices.

**Town Chair**

Elaine Turk moved and Steve Parrell 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, 7. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

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

**Supervisor 1**

Tom Turk moved and Brenda Kahl seconded the nomination of Joann Bennett 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, 7. No, 0. Absta.in, 0

The Caucus Chair announced the name of the nominee for Supervisor 1 – Joann Bennett.

### **Supervisor 2**

Tom Turk moved and Brenda Kahl 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, 7. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

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

### **Treasurer**

Tom Turk moved and Joann Bennett 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, 7. 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. Tom Turk moved and Elaine Turk seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The Town Caucus adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie J Zwettler, Town Clerk