

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

COMPLAINT FORM

**Please provide the following information about yourself:**

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**State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission**

The Complaint of Faye L. Buchberger

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant(s) against

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge, Village Clerk for the Village of Kronenwetter, Respondent, whose

address is 1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Kronenwetter, Wisconsin 54455.

This complaint is under § 7.30 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Faye L. Buchberger, allege that:

Please see attached documents.

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*After reviewing the Wisconsin Statutes, I am under the belief that anyone on a party list is required to be given the opportunity to serve, prior to any new hires or additions to the poll worker staff. Birk-LaBarge hired 7 new people for the August primary. I was excluded and it appears as if there were other people who were on party lists who were also excluded.*

*I had served as a poll worker in Kronenwetter for two or three elections in 2022-2023. I had called the clerk and offered to work as a poll worker. Birk-LaBarge arranged for training and I served without being on the board approved list, assumably as an alternate. At no time was I asked for my party affiliation, until an email request on Oct 10, 2023.*

*On Oct 10, 2023, Clerk Birk-LaBarge emailed about serving as a poll worker for the 2024-2025 cycle. Her email directed me to send an email request to my affiliated party, [Marathondems@gmail.com](mailto:Marathondems@gmail.com). I emailed them at 5:34pm on October 10, 2023, expressing my interest in continuing to serve for the 2024-2025 election cycle.*

*At the beginning of Feb 2024, I called Birk-LaBarge and asked about the schedule for the upcoming election. She stated that I was not on the Democratic list, and that I needed to contact them to fix the issue.*

*I used the Facebook page for the Democratic Party of Marathon County and queried why I was not on the list. On Feb 10, 2024, Mr. Conway stated that there was no email from me received. I stated that I had sent it to correct email on Oct 10, 2023. I verified with Clerk Birk-LaBarge that I had indeed sent the email, as she was cc:d on the email sent.*

*On Feb 29, 2024, Mr. Conway confirmed that I had been added to the Democratic List and that he emailed the updated list to Birk LaBarge. After not being contacted to serve at the April 2, 2024 election, I again confirmed with Mr. Conway, on April 10, 2024, that I was on the Democratic list.*

*Besides the February 20, 2024 election, there was an election on April 2, 2024 and one on August 13, 2024.*

*I was not contacted about serving for any of the three elections in 2024.*

*I enclose copies of the schedules for the three elections. Since there were two locations at the August 13, 2024 election, there are 4 schedules enclosed (Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C and Exhibit D). Resolution 2023-016, A Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle, is Exhibit O in the March 25, 2024 (Attached as Exhibit O, 2 pages) Complaint filed by Ken Charneski (EL24-26) A copy of the email from Bill Conway adding me to the list is located at p15 of 42 in the May 7, 2024 Response 03.3 under EL 24-26 (Included as Exhibit E).*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

JJ Buchberger 9/5/2024

(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 9/5/2024

F. L. Buchberger  
Complainant's Signature

I, Faye L. Buchberger, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

F. L. Buchberger  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of WI MARATHON,  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 5th day of

September, 2024.

Gay W. Fiedel  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

Gay W. FIEDEL

My commission expires is permanent, or is permanent.

Notary Public or \_\_\_\_\_  
(official title if not notary)

**Please send this completed form to:**

Mail: Wisconsin Elections Commission  
P.O. Box 7984  
Madison, WI 53707-7984

Fax: (608) 267-0500

Email: [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)

Exhibit A

2024 Spring Primary February 20, 2024

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION INSPECTORS

	NAME	TIME	WARD
CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS	Marie Traska (N)	6:15-CLOSE	1-11
	Mary Ventzke (N)	6:15-CLOSE	1-11
ABSENTEE TABLE	Gary Goytowski (R)	8:00-XX	
	LaVonne Goytowski (R)	8:00-XX	
	Patty Tilkalsy (R)	8:00-12:30	
GREETERS	Lucene Udulutch (R)	0630-12:00	
DS 200 MACHINES	Judi Akey (N)	12:00-CL	
INFORMATION			
Ballot Table #1	Dennis Mueller (N)	0630-CL	
	Abbi Wallis (D)	0630-CL	
Ballot Table #2	Cindy Aucutt (N)	0630-CL	
	Donna Rule (R)	0630-4:30	
Badger Book #1	Cindy Falkowski (N)	0630-CL	
	Stephanie Ferguson (R)	0630-CL	
Badger Book #2	Cynthia Schaefer (D)	6:30-CL	
	Ariel Scheftgen (N)	6:30-CL	
Badger Book #3	Bill Udulutch (R)	6:30-CL	
	James Wysocki (R)	12:00-CL	
Badger Book #4	Tess Waller (N)	0630-2:00	
	Kay Palmer (D)	12:00-CL	

**\*\*THIS SCHEDULE AND POSITIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
BASED ON INSPECTOR AVAILABILITY THE DAY OF THE ELECTION\*\***

**\*\*ELECTION SCHEDULE DEVELOPED BY CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS\*\***

**D -Democratic Party Rep**

**R - Republican Party Rep**

**N - Non-Affiliated Party Rep**

2024 Spring Election April 02, 2024

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION INSPECTORS

	NAME	TIME	WARD
<b>CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS</b>	Marie Traska	6:15-CLOSE	1-11
	Mary Ventzke	6:15-CLOSE	1-11
<b>ABSENTEE TABLE</b>	Gary Goytowski	8:00-XX	
	LaVonne Goytowski	8:00-XX	
	Patty Tilkalsy	8:00-XX	
<b>GREETERS</b>	Lucene Udulutch	0630-12:00	
<b>DS 200 MACHINES</b>	Donna Rule	12:00-CL	
<b>INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Ballot Table #1</b>	Dennis Mueller	0630-CL	
	Abbi Wallis	0630-CL	
<b>Ballot Table #2</b>	Julie Waldvogel	0630-11:30	
	Donna Rule	0630-12:00	
	Kay Palmer	11:30-CL	
	Chet Rucinski	12:00-CL	
<b>Badger Book #1</b>	William Udulutch	0630-CL	
	Karen Tallitsch	0630-CL	
<b>Badger Book #2</b>	Stephanie Ferguson	6:30-CL	
	Vicki Coleman	6:30-CL	
<b>Badger Book #3</b>	Ariel Scheftgen	6:30-CL	
	Mary John	12:00-CL	
<b>Badger Book #4</b>	Randi Hartwig	0630-CL	
	James Wysocki	6:30-CL	
<b>Badger Book #5</b>	Tess Woller	6:30-5:00	
	Teri Eberhardy	6:30-12:00	
	Judi Akey	12:00-CL	

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Exhibit C

2024 Partisan Primary Election August 13, 2024

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION INSPECTORS  
 WARDS 1-5  
 FIRE DEPARTMENT

	NAME	TIME	WARD
<b>CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS</b>	Marie Traska ( N )	6:15-CLOSE	1-5
	Cindy Aucutt ( N )	6:15-CLOSE	1-5
<b>ABSENTEE TABLE INSPECTORS</b>	Patty Tikalsky ( R )	8:00-XX	
	Audrey Gray ( R )	8:00-XX	
	Stephanie Ferguson ( R )	8:00-XX	
<b>FRONT DOOR GREETER/DIRECTOR</b>	Lucene Udulutch ( R )	0630-12:30	
	Abby Wallis ( D )	12:30-2:30	
<b>END OF LINE INSPECTOR</b>	Peter Schwantes ( N )	8:00-CLOSE	
<b>DS 200 MACHINES</b>	Chet Rucinski ( R )	0630-1:00	
	Doris Brockman ( N )	1:00-CLOSE	
<b>BALLOT TABLE</b>	Tom Whaler ( N ) <b>(DID NOT SHOW)</b>	0630-CLOSE	
	Randy Brockman ( N )	0630-NOON	
	Rita Yaeger ( N )	NOON - CL	
<b>SPOILED BALLOT TABLE</b>	Mary John ( D )	0630-CLOSE	
<b>BADGER BOOK #1</b>	Julie Waldvogel ( R ) - PULL BALLOTS @ CLOSE	0630-CLOSE	
<b>BADGER BOOK #2</b>	Cynthia Schaefer ( D ) - PULL BALLOTS @ CLOSE	6:30-CLOSE	
	Cindy Wallner ( N )	10:00-6:00	
<b>BADGER BOOK #3</b>	Karen Tallitsch ( N )	6:30-CL	
	Tesia Waller ( N )	6:30-5:00	
<b>FLOATERS</b>			

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\*\*ELECTION SCHEDULE DEVELOPED BY CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS\*\*

- D -Democratic Party Rep
- R - Republican Party Rep
- N - Non-Affiliated Party Rep

Exhibit D

2024 Partisan Primary Election August 13, 2024

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION INSPECTORS

WARDS 6-11

COMMUNITY ROOM

	NAME	TIME	WARD
<b>CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS</b>	Mary Ventzke (N)	6:15-CLOSE	6-11
	Abby Wallis (D) (Mentoring)	6:15-CLOSE	6-11
	Aerial Scheffgen (Mentoring)	6:15-CLOSE	6-11
<b>ABSENTEE TABLE INSPECTORS</b>	Gary Goytowski ( R )	8:00-XX	
	LaVonne Goytowski ( R )	8:00-XX	
	James Wysocki ( R )	8:00-XX	
<b>FRONT DOOR GREETER/DIRECTOR</b>	Lucene Udulutch ( R )	0630-12:30	
	Peter Schwantes (N)	2:30-8:00	
<b>END OF LINE INSPECTOR</b>	Peter Schwantes (N)	8:00-CLOSE	
<b>DS 200 MACHINES</b>	Sherrie Dirkman (N)	0630-CLOSE	
<b>BALLOT TABLE</b>	Dennis Mueller (N) - Pull Ballots @ CLOSE	0630-CLOSE	
	Kay Palmer (N)	0630-CLOSE	
<b>SPOILED BALLOT TABLE</b>	Dave Bliven (N)	0630-3:00	
	Donna Rule ( R )	3:00-CLOSE	
<b>BADGER BOOK #1</b>	Teri Eberhardy ( R )	0630-NOON	
	Randi Hartwig (N)	0630-CLOSE	
<b>BADGER BOOK #2</b>	Vicki Coleman (N)	6:30-CLOSE	
<b>BADGER BOOK #3</b>	Bill Udulutch ( R ) - Pull Ballots at CLOSE	6:30-CL	
	Judi Akey (N)	12:00-CL	
<b>FLOATERS</b>			

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**\*\*ELECTION SCHEDULE DEVELOPED BY CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS\*\***

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-016  
VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER  
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2024-2025 ELECTION  
INSPECTORS

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes provide for the appointment of Election Inspectors and Special Voting Deputies by municipalities between December 1 and December 31 of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term, and

WHEREAS, terms of current Election Inspectors Will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.30(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows the two dominant parties to submit a list of names from which appointments shall be made; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Republican and Democratic Parties have submitted a list of names for appointment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Kronenwetter hereby appoints the following individuals representing republican, democratic and unaffiliated Election Inspectors for a two-year term which will run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. CHRIS JOHN          |                      |
| 2. MARY JOHN           |                      |
| 3. KATHRYN PALMER      | 20. AMY KRALIKOWSKI  |
| 4. CYNTHIA SCHAEFER    | 21. SANDY LEE        |
| 5. ABBY WALLIS         | 22. CHET RUCINSKI    |
| 6. CINDRA FALKOWSKI    | 23. DONNA RULE       |
| 7. ARIEL SCHEFTGEN     | 24. KEVIN SHULFER    |
| 8. TESIA WALLER        | 25. JENNIFER SMITH   |
| 9. DENNIS MUELLER      | 26. JAMIE STUEDEMANN |
| 10. RITA YAEGER        | 27. LINDA TALBERT    |
| 11. KAREN TALLITSCH    | 28. PATTY TIKALSKY   |
| 12. LAURIE SAZAMA      | 29. BILL UDULUTUCH   |
| 13. VICKI COLEMAN      | 30. LUCENE UDULUTUCH |
| 14. JUDI AKEY          | 31. JULIE WALDVOGEL  |
| 15. LORENE BALTZ       | 32. JAMES WYSOCKI    |
| 16. TERRI EBERHARDY    |                      |
| 17. STEPHANIE FERGUSON |                      |
| 18. GARY GOYTOWSKI     |                      |
| 19. LAVONNE GOYTOWSKI  |                      |



Exhibit



Report to

**Agenda Item:** Resolution No. 2023-016; A Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle

**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2023

**Referring Body:** N/A

**Committee Contact:**

**Staff Contact:** Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

**Report Prepared by:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution No. 2023-016; A Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle

**OBJECTIVE(S):** Appoint Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 election cycle. The Marathon County Republican and Democratic parties have submitted a list of names for appointment. The names listed represent Republican, Democratic and unaffiliated parties.

The governing body appoints Election Inspectors for a two-year term at either a regular meeting or, at a special meeting designed for that purpose, before December 31st of odd-numbered years

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution No. 2023-016

Exhibit E

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**From:** Bill Conway <mcdemschair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:58 AM  
**To:** Bobbi Birk-LaBarge  
**Cc:** Chris Voll; buchbergerfaye@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Election Inspector Nominations

Hello again!

We have a late addition that seems to have fallen through the cracks somehow, probably a slip-up on my part.

I would like to add Faye Buchberger to the list, if possible. I added her to the attached spreadsheet.

Thank you,  
-Bill Conway

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c0LqiZsJlLZcxjU6iYVmtPFELPcK2-8/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106916231787020659507&rtpof=true&sd=true>

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 9:55 AM Caroline Hutton <[caroline.hutton@wisdems.org](mailto:caroline.hutton@wisdems.org)> wrote:



Dear President Voll and Clerk Birk-LaBarge,

On behalf of the Democratic Party of Marathon County, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.30, please find an electronic copy of the Democratic Party's nominations for the position of Election Inspector for the 2024-2025 election cycle. We hope that this electronic format will make it easier for you to import and use this data to reach out to the nominees. We are also sending hard copies of this information via USPS Priority Mail; the tracking numbers are 9405511206204854528865 for President Voll and 9405511206204854528940 for Clerk Birk-LaBarge.

Each nominee has been contacted individually and has agreed to serve as an election inspector. And, to the best of our ability to verify, each nominee is an eligible elector of the county.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to [Claire Lovell-Lepak](#), Deputy Voter Protection Director for Election Administration, by phone at (608) 492-1180 or by email.

Thank you for all that you do to protect the democratic process.

Cordially,

Caroline Hutton