



**Oath of Authenticity**

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF WHATCOM )

I solemnly swear that the unofficial returns and supporting documentation of the Recount of the Commissioner of Public Lands race of the Primary Election held on August 6, 2024, in Whatcom County, State of Washington, are true and correct.

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Stacy Henthorn, County Auditor

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.

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Barry Buchanan, County Council Chair, County Legislative Authority (witness)

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Kellen Kooistra, County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (witness)

**Certification of the Canvassing Board**

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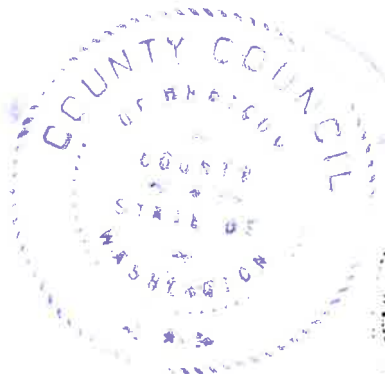
The undersigned officers designated by law as constituting the Canvassing Board for the County of Whatcom, State of Washington, hereby certify that this is a full, true, and correct copy of the Amended Abstract of Votes including the number of registered eligible voters, cumulative results, precinct results, and report of votes cast for Commissioner of Public Lands race in the Primary Election held on August 6, 2024, in Whatcom County, State of Washington

Witness our hands and official seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.

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**Election Division**

September 3, 2024

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- A. Precincts 202 & 246: Removed two votes for Kevin Van De Wege and added two votes for Allen Lebovitz (two different ballots)
- B. Precinct 218: Removed vote for Dave Upthegrove and added vote for Patrick DePoe

Example A:

Commissioner of Public Lands	
Vote for one - 4 year term	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Allen Lebovitz <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Jaime Herrera Beutler <i>(Prefers Republican Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Dave Upthegrove <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Sue Kuehl Pederson <i>(Prefers Republican Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Patrick DePoe <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Jeralee Anderson <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<del>Kevin Van De Wege</del> <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Write-In

Example B:

Commissioner of Public Lands	
Vote for one - 4 year term	
<input type="radio"/>	Allen Lebovitz <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Jaime Herrera Beutler <i>(Prefers Republican Party)</i>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<del>Dave Upthegrove</del> <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Sue Kuehl Pederson <i>(Prefers Republican Party)</i>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Patrick DePoe <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Jeralee Anderson <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
<input type="radio"/>	Kevin Van De Wege <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i>
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Recount Summary Report  
Whatcom County, Washington  
Primary Election - August 6, 2024

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All Precincts, All Districts, All Counter Groups, All ScanStations, Commissioner of Public Lands, All  
Boxes

Total Ballots Cast: 72681, Registered Voters: 162389, Overall Turnout: 44.76%

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Choice	Votes	Vote %
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**All Precincts**

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**Commissioner of Public Lands (Vote for 1)**

**72681 ballots (16 over voted ballots, 16 overvotes, 3075 undervotes), 162389 registered voters, turnout 44.76%**

Allen Lebovitz	7635	10.97%
Jaime Herrera Beutler	12544	18.03%
Dave Upthegrove	16974	24.39%
Sue Kuehl Pederson	15500	22.27%
Patrick DePoe	9284	13.34%
Jeralee Anderson	2903	4.17%
Kevin Van De Wege	4701	6.76%
Write-in	49	0.07%
Total	69590	100.00%
Overvotes	16	
Undervotes	3075	



**Canvassing Board Meeting  
Results Review of the Recount of the Commissioner of Public Lands Race  
August 6, 2024 Primary and Special Election**

Date: August 29, 2024

Meeting began: 3:00 pm

In attendance: Stacy Henthorn, Auditor (Canvassing Board Member)  
Kellen Kooistra, Civil Prosecuting Attorney (Canvassing Board Member)  
Barry Buchanan, County Council Chair (Canvassing Board Member)  
Amy Grasher, Becca Rouse, Kellye Conner, Auditor Staff

Observers: Annie Todd (Cascadia Daily News)

Auditor Henthorn called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and declared the purpose of the meeting was to review the results of the recount of the Commissioner of Public Lands race.

Becca Rouse presented the following:

1. 3 ballots were found, changing the results for this contest based on page 35 of the Secretary of State's Voter Intent Guide. If the voter has followed instructions for correcting a vote and selected another choice, the corrections are not valid votes. During the manual recount, 3 votes were found where the voter drew a line through the name and made another selection. Therefore, those votes were changed to the correct candidate.

1 ballot from election staff was presented to the Canvassing Board to determine voter intent. Refer to the attached report for the Board's determination.

Mr. Buchanan made a motion to count the ballots as directed (Exhibit A); the motion passed unanimously.

The final Canvassing Board meeting to certify the recount of the Commissioner of Public Lands race will be Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 11:00 am. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 am.

Minutes Approved By:

  
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Stacy Henthorn, Auditor

9/11/2024  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kellen Kooistra, Civil Prosecuting Attorney

9/18/24  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Buchanan, County Council Chair

9/18/24  
Date

Canvassing Board Review for Recount of August 6, 2024 Primary Election

1	Ballots from Election Staff (questionable voter intent):			
VBM326-10,015	Commissioner of Public Lands	Vote for Dave	Undervote	Other:

Exhibit A



**Canvassing Board Meeting  
Certification of the Recount of Commissioner of Public Lands Race  
August 6, 2024 Primary Election**

Date: September 3, 2024

Meeting began: 11:00 am

In attendance: Stacy Henthorn, Auditor (Canvassing Board Member)  
Kellen Kooistra, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (Canvassing Board Member)  
Barry Buchanan, County Council Chair (Canvassing Board Member)  
Amy Grasher, Kellye Conner, Auditor Staff

Observers: (none)

Auditor Henthorn called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and declared the purpose of the meeting was to certify the recount of the Commissioner of Public Lands race for the August 6, 2024 Primary and Special Election.

Mr. Buchanan gave the Oath of Authenticity to Auditor Henthorn; Auditor Henthorn signed the oath, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Kooistra signed as witnesses.

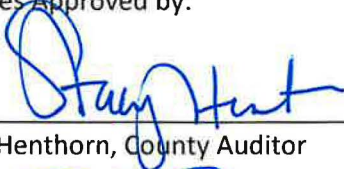
Ms. Grasher went over the recount process and explained that there were changes to the results of the August 6 Primary and Special Election as a result of the hand count for the Commissioner of Public Lands race as outlined in Exhibit A.

She then reviewed the amended Summary Report and the Precinct Abstract Report for Commissioner of Public Lands. Mr. Buchanan made a motion to accept the reports presented and to certify the results of the recount; the motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Henthorn, Mr. Kooistra, and Mr. Buchanan signed the certification of the recount of Commissioner of Public Lands race for the August 6, 2024 Primary and Special Election.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Minutes Approved by:



Stacy Henthorn, County Auditor

9/11/2024  
Date



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