

Affidavit

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA / COUNTY OF Minnehaha

The undersigned, Joni Tschetter, declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of South Dakota that the foregoing is true and correct:

1. I am over the age of 18 and a resident of the state of South Dakota. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein, and if called as a witness, I could testify to the truth and accuracy thereto.
2. I have no legal disabilities and have personal knowledge of the facts that are set forth here, below.
3. I affirm and attest to the following_

My name is Joni Tschetter and I ran for District 15 State Representative. Due to such a tight race, District 15 qualified for a recount. Here is a brief summary of the 2024 election totals, the UOCAVA ballot totals per precinct, and the 2 day Distict 15 State Representative recount of the UOCAVA ballots.

District 15 2024 Election totals:

Erick Mukey (D)	4365	25%
Kadyn Wittman (D)	4552	26%
Joni Tschetter (R)	4356	25%
Brad Lindwurm (R)	3917	23%

Below are the TOTALS I received per precinct regarding the UOCAVA ballots for District 15's 2024 election.

PRECINCT	UOCAVA TOTALS	Ballots verified at the 2024 recount
0305	20	No
0405	0	No
0416	258	***Yes***
0501	4	No
0502	5	No
0515	5	No
0516	113	***Yes***
0518	6	No
0520	1	No
0522	8	No
0523	3	No
TOTAL	423	

The recount board chose to only verify the UOCAVA ballots from 2 of the 11 precincts in District 15's recount. They refused to verify any other precinct in District 15. The verification process included taking the 8.5" x 11" ballot that the voter printed off from the email they received from Minnehaha County. The voter then mailed his/her ballot to the county. On election day, the election workers took the mailed in ballot and had to recreate a new ballot with the same votes on a ballot that could be ran through the machine to be counted.

The process that the 3-member recount board used to double check the accuracy of the recreated ballots consisted of 1 member reading out loud the voter's markings from the mailed in ballots to the other 2 members

looking at the recreated ballot to verify no human error was made in duplicating the voter's intent. While listening to the recount board, I noticed that at least 9 out of 10 votes went to the democratic candidates. The other 1 out of 10 votes went about 50% of the time to the republican candidates and the other 50% of the time the voter did not vote in the District 15 House race. I recall only one time in which a voter voted for myself (R) and Kady Wittman (D). Otherwise, it was party line voting.

The summary of the 2 day recount can be found at <https://www.minnehahacounty.gov/commission/meetingInfo/videos/2024/120324.php>
County Auditor recap starting: 1:31:20
My recap starting: 1:36:25

4. I affirm that I am under no duress or unusual influence in signing this affidavit, and I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information here is true, correct, and complete.

Executed this 20th day of January, 2025.

AFFIANT SIGNATURE: Joni Tschetter

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF Minnehaha ss:

This Affidavit was acknowledged before me on this 30 day of January by Kelly Brack who, being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that he/she has read the foregoing Affidavit subscribed by him/her, and that the matters stated herein are true to the best of his/her information, knowledge and belief.

Kelly A. Brack
Notary Public

Notary Public
Title (and Rank)

My commission expires 12/4/2029

