

## MONTCALM COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### VITAL RECORDS/ELECTIONS DIVISION

211 W. Main Street, PO Box 368, Stanton, Michigan 48888 phone: 989-831-7339 fax: 989-831-7474

John Black  
15379 Yankee Rd.  
Howard City, MI 49329

March 11, 2022

Dear Mr. Black:

You are hereby notified, pursuant to provisions of Section 168.952 of Public Act 456 of 1982, that the presentation of "reasons for recall" from your office of Trustee for the Township of Winfield was made in this office at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022, by David Meyers. A copy of the petition as presented is attached hereto.

You are hereby notified that a hearing of the Montcalm County Election Commission will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in the Board of Commissioners' room on third floor of the Montcalm County Administration Building in Stanton, Michigan. The purpose of this hearing will be to rule on the clarity of the reasons for recall filed against you as Winfield Township Trustee as presented by David Meyers.

If you wish to supply the Election Commission with any documentation as to the sufficiency of the wording submitted you must do so no later than 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. You may email it to me at [kmillard@montcalm.us](mailto:kmillard@montcalm.us) or mail it to the address above.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Kristen Millard  
Montcalm County Clerk

Cc: Probate Judge  
County Treasurer

Encl.



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### RECEIPT FOR CLARITY HEARING REQUEST

I, David Meyers, hereby certify that I am a register voter in the  
Winfield Township and that this recall petition wording is being submitted

for the recall of John Black from the office of

Trustee

wordings 142

David Meyers

Signature of Filer

David Meyers  
County Clerk

17303 E Suwanee Trail  
Address of Filer

Date

Howard City, MI 49329  
City, State, Zip

616-292-9910  
Telephone Number

RECALL PETITION

City of  
Township of  
Village of  
CHECK ONE

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the Winfield, in the County of Montcalm, and State of Michigan, petition for the

calling of an election to recall Steve Cole from the office of Winfield Township Board Trustee for the following reason(s):

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CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence and was not obtained through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township listed in the heading of the petition, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross [x] or check mark [✓] in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purposes of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

CIRCULATOR - DO NOT SIGN OR DATE CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

(Signature of Circulator) (Date)  
(Printed Name of Circulator)  
(Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - [Do not enter a post office box]  
(City or Township, State, Zip Code)  
(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

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## RECALL PETITION

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