

## SOUTH DAKOTA CANVASSING GROUP

2022

A year-end review of where we started and how far we've come.

The 2020 Election, with all of its anomalies and the questions those produced, set off an election integrity movement all across the United States. Groups across the nation formed in a quest for the truth about local elections. Battle ground states were the focus on the national stage, with law suits, legislative hearings, multitudes of news articles, movies, blogs, podcasts and more. But each and every state in the union now has well organized groups working tirelessly to secure elections on a local level.

In August of 2021, Mike Lindell hosted the Cyber Symposium in Sioux Falls. There was disappointment after the symposium as the much hyped, promised PCAP data was not produced and there was not much explanation as to why. A year later, in Springfield, MO, at the Moment of Truth Summit, we found out why. The United States Government put a gag order on Lindell and Dennis Montgomery under a threat to national security. Along our journey, we have come to find out, things aren't always what they seem. To watch the video of this presentation, visit this web address.

<https://frankspeech.com/video/proof-32tb-pcaps-and-dennis-montgomery-are-real>

South Dakota Canvassing Group was born out of hosting an event for Captain Seth Keshel in Sioux Falls during the weekend of the Symposium. Twelve strangers met in person shortly after. We were all determined to find out about our elections in South Dakota. We raised funds to purchase our first copy of the voter rolls at a cost of \$2,500.00. We were connected by a national affiliation to Rick Weible, of Midwest Swamp Watch, and together we analyzed the data. We started with a cyber canvass of addresses with five or more registered voters and categorized those locations into apartments, care centers, campgrounds, hotels, fraud, colonies, etc.

After our digital canvass we organized a drive by canvass to scope out the locations that google couldn't identify. We then organized a door-to-door canvass and also phone canvassed locations with voters registered at places they don't live, such as mail forwarding services. Our canvassing efforts produced signed, notarized affidavits of stolen votes, ghost voters, lost votes, outdated voter rolls, voters registered with more than one name, and much more.

Alongside those efforts, we dove into legislation, machine vendors, contracts, election funding, cyber security, and virtually every aspect of the election process in South Dakota.

In December, our group began attending the county commission meetings in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties. We began using public comment time to address the commission about the issues we had found and facts and statistics to back it up. We began asking the commission in Minnehaha County for an agenda item to discuss elections so there could be public dialogue. A YEAR LATER, Minnehaha County Commission still will not agree to an agenda item on elections.

In January we organized a FOIA campaign for public records from many counties across the state. We collected ES&S purchase agreements, election results, Center for Technology and Civic Life

(Zuckerbucks) grants received by counties, absentee ballot drop boxes and what funds they were purchased with, drop box surveillance video, processes and procedures, and much more. We spent uncounted hours doing research into every aspect of the election process in South Dakota. To our surprise, the “elected” officials didn’t like all our questions and quickly shut down the communication process and began hiding information from us.

We put together statistics from our canvassing efforts and data analysis and the results were shocking. SD Canvassing and Midwest Swamp Watch hosted public presentations of the data with many members of the community attending.

The more information we came across and the more the state worked against us, the more determined we became. Our group began networking with other concerned citizens across the state. Each county in SD has the same issues. Volunteers began pouring in and asked how to get to work in their community. We armed them with public information, copies of their voter rolls, and talking points for their commission meetings.

To date, Minnehaha, Lincoln, Pennington, Brookings, Hanson, Hand, Tripp, Todd, Oglala Lakota, Fall River, Butte, Gregory, Lawrence, Meade, Yankton, Davison, McPherson, McCook, and Hutchinson have all heard from their citizens about the elections. These are the ones we know about. Surely there are more we haven’t heard from. This is solid evidence that the citizens of South Dakota have lost faith in their election process and want transparency and local control restored.

As election security was pushed to the forefront, the liberal media turned up their typical slander campaign. They interviewed local auditors and wrote articles labeling anyone who has legitimate concerns as election deniers, extremists, radicals, Trumpists, liars, etc. But we kept pushing the truth as we were hosted on dozens of radio shows and podcasts, were featured on Lindell TV multiple times, and hosted a press conference; which the media attended but refused to publish.

Our group realized South Dakota election law is a major weakness which leaves room for manipulation and fraud. We put forth election bills and testified in legislative committee hearings for solid election integrity bills and against bad legislation. Despite almost all election bills being killed in Senate State Affairs Committee, we learned a lot and developed a steely resolve to come back next year with a slate full of bills needed to effect change in our state.

March 21, 2022 we were fortunate enough to host Dr. Douglas Frank for a public presentation on his now famous voter roll analysis. We spent a few days with Dr. Frank and it was a much-needed boost in the visibility of our movement.

In April our citizens were ready to step up to watch the city elections by attending public machine testing, taking shifts watching the drop boxes all hours of the night, attending the vote count, and filing public records requests for data.

Public pressure in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties produced results as the pressure resulted in the States Attorneys discontinuing the use of absentee ballot drop boxes. This was our first major victory in the fight for election integrity and gave all the volunteers a morale boost, as they had personally been involved in working to ban them from their counties.

The Primary Elections were held June 7, 2022. By this time our network had expanded, and we had volunteers all across the state. Many had signed up to be poll watchers, poll workers, and campaigned for America First candidates. It was evident by decisions made late in the game by Secretary of State Steve Barnett, and some auditors, that action was taken against known election integrity activists as they were removed from their positions as poll workers. According to our national network, it was a national effort to remove patriots from their poll worker duties.

The primary election in Minnehaha County alone exposed a host of problems such as voters getting the wrong ballots, precincts running out of ballots, express vote machines that broke, and lifetime Republican voters having their voter registration party affiliation changed without their consent and being denied the right to vote. We collected affidavits and used those as evidence in Minnehaha County and against the Secretary of State in the 07/20/2022 GOAC committee meeting. Analysis of vote returns in the statewide primary election produced results that are questionable at best. Suspicious and not statistically possible at face value. We produced a video of graphs from election night reporting. You can view our video at this web address: <https://rumble.com/v1ek30r-south-dakota-2022-primary-election-night.html>

Our January and February FOIA requests for Cast Vote Records were denied by Pennington, Lincoln and Minnehaha counties, as they claimed they did not exist. We appealed that decision to the Board of Hearing Examiners in Pierre, SD. Catherine Williamson, hearing examiner, denied our appeal. In the quest for transparency in our elections, we retained legal counsel, and filed suit for the Cast Vote Records. Despite having an office full of attorneys at the county, Pennington, Minnehaha and Lincoln counties thought it would be better to use tax payer dollars to contract with outside legal counsel to fight the citizens for their right to their own data. This is public data produced by vote tabulating machines and software paid for with taxpayer dollars by staff who *work for the citizens of the county*.

In June, we started a second FOIA campaign, sending records requests to all 66 counties in South Dakota. All the denial letters started coming back as carbon copies of each other. The States Attorneys were uniformly denying the records requests. Steve Barnett had told the auditors they were not giving legal advice and to consult with their States Attorney. Interestingly, the third week of June, the State Bar Association had a continuing education conference in Pierre, and the topic was election legislation. At that time, the Director of the State Bar Association was Tom Barnett, a direct relative of Secretary of State, Steve Barnett. Also, Minnehaha and Pennington County contracted with Lisa Hanson Marso of Boyce Law Firm, who is the President of the State Bar Association. To us, this presents a serious conflict of interest.

SD Canvassing also FOIA requested the ES&S contracts with the State of South Dakota through the Secretary of State's office. Our requests were denied as they claimed they did not exist. This seems to be the state government's favorite answer for things they do not want made public. We know the state has a contract with ES&S as the Board of Elections meeting minutes from October, 2019 stated such. Six months later, the South Dakota Freedom Caucus requested the same documents, and magically they appeared. (Despite the fact they didn't exist.) There were two multi-million dollar purchase contracts with ES&S for vote tabulating machines. To watch a short video summary with documents included visit: <https://rumble.com/v1la207-what-else-are-they-lying-about.html>

Due to the continued efforts of our group and other determined citizens, the pressure on our legislators to get to the truth became action. In late August, the South Dakota Freedom Caucus, along with many

other legislators wrote a letter to Governor Kristi Noem asking her to direct the Attorney General to direct the County Auditors to release the CVR's in the interest of transparency. Gov. Noem responded saying the counties would do well to act in the interest of transparency.

Charles Mix County Auditor Jason Gant and Lincoln County Auditor Sheri Lund thought they needed to educate the legislature on election law and invited them to a closed-door session in Lincoln County to discuss the issues. The legislators, led by the Freedom Caucus, declined an invite to a closed-door session, and in return hosted a hearing on CVR's at the capitol (the people's house) open to the public, and live streamed for those who could not attend in person.

This meeting was held September 2, 2022. When questioned, the auditors parroted the same talking points fed to them by Kea Warne, election director for Steve Barnett, and ES&S stating Cast Vote Records do not exist, and their machines do not make them. Unfortunately, their ignorance was on full display for all of South Dakota, and by the end of the meeting it was abundantly clear that, YES, Cast Vote Records DO exist; ALL ES&S vote tabulating machines produce them, and the auditors lack of knowledge of what they are or if they exist do not, in fact, determine their existence. The recording of this hearing is available on our website at [sdcanvassing.com](http://sdcanvassing.com) or our Rumble page @South Dakota Canvassing Group.

The results of this meeting proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the state is completely inept, untrained, and unaware of what the equipment they are using is capable of, how it should be used, how to audit election results, and what software they need to do this. It was another victory for SD Canvassing and another blow to the corrupt system we are so determined to expose.

In August we attended the Moment of Truth Summit in Springfield, Missouri. It was an amazing event with patriots from all 50 states attending. Each state presented information on elections in their state. The message was crystal clear. No matter the brand of machines, republican or democrat controlled, or what kind of election laws on the books, every state in the country has the same fraud and manipulation happening in their elections, including South Dakota. Overwhelming evidence of voter roll manipulations, machine hacking, algorithms, ballot harvesting, non-governmental organization election funding, and a coordinated effort across the nation to hide cast vote records, especially those with ES&S voting machines, was presented in an intense two-day conference. To watch the South Dakota presentation visit: <https://frankspeech.com/video/south-dakota-election-fraud-moment-truth-summit>

To watch the entire event visit: <https://frankspeech.com/shows/moment-truth-summit-start-finish>

We continued attending county commission meetings across the state as more and more counties reached out to us for help. Pennington County secured a special commission meeting on elections issues with many nationally known speakers in attendance. Tripp County secured a county wide hand count. Custer, Fall River, and Butte counties did a version of a hand count audit.

Many volunteers walked parades, gave funds, put up signs and knocked doors for America First candidates. Our poll watcher and worker volunteers covered the state and made a huge difference in the November 8, 2022 general election in many ways. Volunteers hosted multiple poll watcher and worker training sessions so our volunteers were well equipped and prepared for election night. Our team manned an office and monitored volunteer reporting. Volunteers called in with questions, we responded with election law, which they used to ensure that the law was being followed correctly at

their location. Absentee ballots delivered after the deadline were kept from being counted, the sheriff was called when election workers broke the law, and a suspicious person with a back pack near the ballot box was watched closely so not to allow any fraud. Every person who stepped up made a huge difference!

Our focus has now turned back to election law. We have put a lot of time and effort into ensuring strong election reform bills are put forth in the 2023 legislative session. You can bet we will be there to testify, will organize volunteers to contact their legislators, and will lobby the new Secretary of State, Monae Johnson to keep her campaign promises and begin to enact much needed changes to secure elections once again in South Dakota.

Please visit our website at <https://www.sdcanvassing.com/> to read the articles, blogs, and press releases and watch or listen to tv shows, podcasts, radio show appearances and more. We also have resources for you to access and use in your county. We want to thank every one of our volunteers and all who donated to the cause. We purchased many copies of the voter rolls at a cost of almost \$10,000.00. Our lawsuits are also funded by generous donors because the people realize the lawsuits we filed are for the citizens of South Dakota. Everything we do is in the interest of integrity, honesty, and security in our elections.

There is a battle raging for the very soul of our nation. A battle of good vs. evil. God brought our group of total strangers together. It is amazing to look back at all that we have accomplished together in only a year's time. God showed himself in many ways and we are thankful to Him for all he has done. We realize we have a long way to go, and much to overcome to restore election integrity in SD, but with God all things are possible. We are so thankful for all of you who have come alongside us in this journey. This is just the beginning. Together we will do great things if we all remain focused and resolved to change the future for our children and grandchildren.

God bless you all, God bless South Dakota, and God Bless the United States of America.

From all of us at South Dakota Canvass Group