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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** To mind that we did our job. So, like I said, every district has the same testing methods. And of course, you saw that there were some that were rejected and those were done on purpose because we want our machines to notify the voter. So the chief inspector, they're aware of how it works. And so if the and then I always like to point out on the ballot that there's special instructions for a partizan primary. So the elector would need to read that and make sure that they know how they're filling out their ballot. So this is the process. And I invited some of the poll workers, our new and chief inspectors, because, again, it is a public test and I want to make sure that they feel secure. There's no theories because especially not especially, but because of the times, I feel like the community is the one taking part and I want to train them and I want them to feel safe and secured with the process. So that's my goal and that's why I'd like to have the hearing any questions that they may have. And as you can see, they were happy, like, Oh, this is how it works. And that's what I want. That is my goal for them to feel secured and trained and aware of how it works.

[00:01:21] **Speaker 2** We're all of the people here, poll workers or their any other, just general members of the public.

[00:01:28] **Speaker 1** So I invited poll workers. I mean, we did a post but notice so not sure if we had any public people, but most of them were that I'm aware we're poll workers and chief inspectors.

[00:01:41] **Speaker 2** What is the value of having a public test? I mean, you mentioned. Oh, yes. I mean, you've got Dominion machines. There's a lot of conspiracy still out there, people that are convinced. So what is the value of saying we're willing to do it right here in public? You can watch as we do it like this.

[00:01:57] **Speaker 1** Just I'm getting my MP in public administration. There's this for that. The use at government is like a fishbowl. Everything should be transparent and clear. And so I want the public this is the city of West Bend. They live here. They should feel secure. And it's here for them to make sure that the West, the city of West Bend is doing their due diligence, inviting the public, making sure that they can come in and again feel secure with the process, because at the end of the day, it's our community running. The election process is the chief inspectors are part of this community, and that is what our goal is to make sure that they're secure. And I think it's a great value and I'm glad that we do this because there's no questions. They can come for themselves. If they have any questions and they can see, they can witness it and then again be part of it if they choose to.

[00:02:52] **Speaker 2** How long have you been the clerk here?

[00:02:54] **Speaker 1** Two month to month. Two months. Yes.

[00:02:56] **Speaker 2** So that's that's pretty new. So. So you weren't here in 2020? No. What have you heard? What have you learned since you came on the job? But there are a lot of people that are still suspicious.

[00:03:06] **Speaker 1** I believe everyone is suspicious. Everyone is suspicious at some time. But at some point, you know, there's rumors, theories. And I mean, people don't know. They're not informed. They're not educated in some areas. And again, for the city of West Bend, I do training sessions with them. Any questions that they have is secure. I want to make sure that they are aware of how things work. Questions that they have that we can answer. And I think that's at least that's my goal for them, too.

[00:03:41] **Speaker 2** Are you concerned at all about the fall elections? And, you know, there've been threats against clerks, they've been threats against poll workers. We've seen those in other communities, in other states. Are you worried that some of that might happen here?

[00:03:53] **Speaker 1** At the moment, I'm not worried about it, but I am aware that there's a possibility for anything. Of course, I can be ignorant on that. But again, I work with poll workers who are from different political parties and my stand will always be following the statutes because at the end we're not working for political parties. It's the election administration processes. And as far as we know, and I educate the poll workers from either side, I think that's going to make us all be, you know, the best and secured in the process. So I do welcome them to ask any questions because it's it's good for them to ask questions. They should always ask questions. And then if we have any like open ended questions, we talk with the municipal clerk and not the municipal clerk, the municipal attorney, and sit on that and what the procedures are going to look like.

[00:04:54] **Speaker 2** When it comes to the people that are first time or new in. Working at polls or volunteering that may have been activated out of concerns or fears or suspicions from 2020. What have you found for them? Are they open to learning and open to trusting, or are they still suspicious even once they've gone through some of that?

[00:05:14] **Speaker 1** I think before they actually we conduct a meeting or a training, they of course, they come with suspicions. But once I present them a PowerPoint, the training and of course, always with statutes, they understand why it's an issue or why it's being questioned. But again, our job is just to make sure that we're following statute. And that's what I always tell them. Our job is to follow statute. It's not for us to do any. That's not our that's out there. But as far as when they do training with us. My goal is to make sure that they're secure and they feel safe with it. And again, I always welcome them to ask questions because that way I can help them understand certain processes and why it works like that or yeah, so that's what I would say.

[00:06:08] **Speaker 2** Dominion became a dirty word in some circles as far as the voting machines because of some of those theories out there. There are different kinds of voting machines. Have you ever heard people say, why don't we just get all new machines or switch companies entirely and we don't have to worry about convincing anyone of anything? Is that a possibility or reality?

[00:06:29] **Speaker 1** I mean, I always I think there's always going to be theories. There's always going to be theories. But at the end of the day, we can always reconcile it. And by that I mean everything that we have on with the database. It's going to reconcile to what we have here. We have paper trail. So as far as I cannot change people's mentality, but as far as the city West Bend, I know that we're giving the training and we're following statutes. And I'm doing my best because poll workers, chief inspectors, they're are part of our community. And regardless, I want them again to feel secure and safe with the process and understand how it works. And I think that's our that's the goal, to understand how it works and why certain procedures are put in place.

[00:07:14] **Speaker 2** Okay. Anything else you want to add?

[00:07:17] **Speaker 1** No.

[00:07:18] **Speaker 2** No. All right. Thank you so much. I really appreciate.

[00:07:20] **Speaker 1** To hear.

[00:07:21] **Speaker 2** Back from you. And I'll let you get a.