

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WESTERN DIVISION

CHRIS BROOKS, FRANCIS RENCOUNTRE,)
GLORIA RED EAGLE, SHARON CONDEN,)
JACQUELINE GARNIER, JENNIFER RED)
OWL, EDWINA WESTON, MICHELLE)
WESTON, MONETTE TWO EAGLE, MARK)
A. MESTETH, STACY TWO LANCE, HARRY)
BROWN, ELEANOR WESTON, DAWN)
BLACK BULL, CLARICE MESTETH,)
DONOVAN L. STEELE, EILEEN JANIS,)
LEONA LITTLE HAWK, EVAN)
RENCOUNTRE, CECIL LITTLE HAWK, SR.,)
LINDA RED CLOUD, LORETTA LITTLE)
HAWK, FAITH TWO EAGLE, EDMOND)
MESTETH, AND ELMER KILLS BACK, JR.,)

Plaintiff(s),)

v.)

JASON GANT, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY)
AS SOUTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF)
STATE, SHANNON COUNTY, SOUTH)
DAKOTA, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH)
DAKOTA, SHANNON COUNTY BOARD OF)
COMMISSIONERS, JOE FALKENBUERG,)
ANNE CASSENS, MICHAEL P. ORTNER,)
DEB RUSSELL, AND JOE ALLEN IN THEIR)
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MEMBERS OF)
THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONS)
FOR FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH)
DAKOTA, BRYAN J. KEHN, DELORIS)
HAGMAN, EUGENIO B. WHITE HAWK,)
WENDELL YELLOW BULL, AND LYL A)
HUTCHINSON IN THEIR OFFICIAL)
CAPACITY AS MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY)
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR)
SHANNON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, SUE)
GANJE, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS)
THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR SHANNON)
AND FALL RIVER COUNTIES, AND JAMES)
SWORD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS)
ATTORNEY FOR SHANNON AND FALL)
RIVER COUNTIES,)

Defendant(s).)

Case No.: 12-5003

**DEFENDANT SHANNON
COUNTY'S RESPONSES TO
PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS FOR
ADMISSIONS**

EX 7

TO: PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR ATTORNEY OF RECORD, STEVEN D. SANDVEN.

Defendant, Shannon County, by and through its undersigned counsel of record, Sara Frankenstein of Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore, LLP, answers as follows:

**RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS
FOR ADMISSIONS**

REQUEST NO. 47: Admit that South Dakota law provides for the practice of early voting.

RESPONSE: Admit.

REQUEST NO. 48: Admit that SDCL Title 12 provides for the standards, practices, and procedures for the administration of elections in South Dakota.

RESPONSE: Admit, although other state statutes located in other Titles, as well as administrative rules, also provide voting direction.

REQUEST NO. 49: Admit that as a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota, you are responsible for the administration of state elections in Fall River County.

RESPONSE: Deny.

REQUEST NO. 50: Admit that as a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota located next to Shannon County, you are responsible for the administrations of state elections in Shannon County when requested by Shannon County and agreed to by Fall River County.

RESPONSE: N/A.

REQUEST NO. 51: Admit that early voting locations are a standard, practice, or procedure in the administration of elections in Fall River and Shannon counties.

RESPONSE: Admit.

AS TO THE RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS:

Dated: July 12, 2012.

GUNDERSON, PALMER, NELSON
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By: 
Sara Frankenstein

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on July 12, 2012, a true and correct copy of **DEFENDANT SHANNON COUNTY'S RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS** was served in the matter set forth below

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