TO**:** Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: March 14, 2023

SUBJECT**:** Voter Registration\_Poll Pads by Gary Kemmetmueller

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**Introduction:**

Poll Pads are part of Voter Registration and play a key role in fair elections. In Anoka County we have a contract with KNOWiNK to supply and use electronic poll pads/data. This technology makes our election data vulnerable for misuse.

**Things We Know; Things We Don’t Know:**

1. High tech, ease of access to voter data base for EJs and voters through the Internet
2. Open to hacking
3. Intra-connected poll pads
4. Can be managed and observed remotely
5. Cost to tax payers for hardware and software contracts and maintenance
6. Have to be stored and accounted for and secured
7. KNOWiNK offers poll pads and security at a cost to AC
8. Each precinct uses 3-4 poll pads on election day
9. All poll pads are connected to the Internet through a “hot spot” : Personal voter data is getting exported out of Minnesota systems and up to KnowInk and this has never been approved by AC citizens.
10. External monitoring synchronizes with ePulse on a 2 minute cycle

ePulse is an all-inclusive election management suite designed to give real-time access to monitor the election.

1. Anoka County has a contract with KNOWiNK, fully customizable – does this mean the ability to “correct” votes, add votes, delete votes or change votes?
2. I don’t know nor do I have proof that these poll pads are used to alter election results, but have no confidence nor transparency

*KNOWiNK provides a* ***dynamic solution for your election night needs****. The TotalResults Election Night Reporting (ENR) platform is* ***fully customizable****, offers* ***seamless data migration****, and is the most user-friendly interface on the market. We provide an easy-to-navigate administration process with minimal clicks to upload and review files before publication.*

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1. Voters can be monitored and compared to the Primary Election data to predict voter selections, total tally per party affiliation through ERIC

**Questions:**

* We don’t know if the poll pads ePulse monitoring connects with the DS200 tabulator
* Does the ePulse/poll pad use the “CLOUD”? Cogineer Cloud > First steps in EPLAN ePULSE
* We don’t know what our AC Commissioners know when authorizing contracts

**Conclusions/Recommendations:**

* Electronic poll pads present risk to Anoka County.
* We request that the Anoka County Commissioners establish a formal investigation to make recommendations to policy, procedure, equipment/tools and process ensure our data is secure and cannot be hacked, altered, or monitored.

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