

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Mr. Grant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Also present were Director Stephanie Hemmer-Haight, Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

Director Hemmer-Haight noted that there are three provisional ballots with unclear marks that need to be adjudicated by the board, duplicated, and tabulated before the final test deck run and certification.

2023-106 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Other attendees – none

****CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS (August 8, 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION)****

2023-107 – After reviewing the three provisional ballots, Mr. Combs made the motion to duplicate and mark the ballots as indicated. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Final Test Deck Verification for the Election (August 8, 2023)

At 9:05 a.m., the board recessed while the staff duplicated the three provisional ballots, tabulated them, and Mr. Grant and Mr. Conrad observed the director, deputy director and assistant run the test deck through the DS-850 ballot scanner.

At 9:34 a.m., the board returned from recess. Deputy Director Dennison read the results from the newly run test deck report while Mr. Combs compared them to the control sheet. The board found that the results matched and that the DS-850 ballot scanner was counting accurately.

2023-108 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the results of the test deck that were run prior to commencing with the official count and after the official results were recorded (as verified by the Director and Deputy Director) that the tabulator is counting accurately. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Review of Final Election Results

2023-109 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to certify the results of the special election (August 8, 2023) and provide the necessary reporting forms to the Secretary of State and other counties, offices and divisions. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Review Results of Issue to Determine Required Automatic Recount

Director Hemmer-Haight reported that there is no need for an automatic recount for this election.

The board signed all of the required reporting and certification documents.

****November 7, 2023 General Election ****

VIII. Review of Write-In Petitions for General Election – November 7, 2023

A. Motion to certify the six candidates who filed to be write-in candidates:

Director Hemmer-Haight read the list of write-in candidates who had filed:

- 1) David Ausman – Felicity Village Council
- 2) Douglas Lee Ginn – Batavia Local School Board
- 3) Randy Myers – Village of Felicity Mayor
- 4) Cory Spears – Village of Neville Mayor
- 5) Joshua Tucker – Williamsburg Local School Board
- 6) Holly Foucht-Kovalick – Williamsburg School Board

2023-110 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the six write-in candidates. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

- Mr. Combs – Yes
- Mr. Conrad – Yes
- Mr. Grant – Yes
- Mr. Lembke – Yes

IX. Directors' Report

• Election Day matters

Director Hemmer-Haight updated the board on the prosecutor referral from the August 8th Election Day meeting. After discussions with the voter and prosecutor, this issue has been closed as a miscommunication about receipt of the ballot. Because her husband's ballot had already been received and updated in the system, the voter believed her ballot was lost in the return mail, and she thought she had been told to come into the office to vote.

Deputy Director Dennison discussed the state appropriation to replace Electronic Poll Books (EPBs). Per the latest SOS advisory, the funds must be encumbered by May 2024. The directors plan to visit other counties who have already implemented various new EPB models, and to evaluate the ES&S models at the DIMS conference. Mr. Lembke asked about the feasibility of completing the replacement before the March primary, as waiting to implement new EPBs during the November Presidential Election would be risky. However, due to the statewide timeline, we are at the mercy of the vendors' schedules and potential backorders. Director Hemmer-Haight mentioned that the original goal was to purchase and activate new EPBs for the November 2023 general election. However, we did not have sufficient time to acquire, configure and test new equipment with the addition of the August special election.

Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that Election Day voting at the combined Wayne Township location was smooth and the PEOs were happy with the move. The board suggested reviewing the turnout percentage vs prior elections, asking the fire chief about access for emergency vehicles, and contacting the trustees for an update on the Community Center security and roof issues.

X. Meeting & Special Dates

- September 6 (9:00 a.m.) – Open audit of August 8 special election
- September 8 (3:00 p.m.) – Certify audit of Aug 8 special election
- September 11-12 – DIMS conference sponsored by ES&S – Put-In-Bay, Ohio
- September 22 – FWAB posted (46 days) – UOCAVA ballots sent
- October 10 – Voter registration deadline for November 7, 2023 general election
- October 11 – Early in-person voting begins
- November 7 – General Election Day – polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The board asked the directors about the rover pay and part-time pay; increases may be needed for upcoming elections. They also asked whether additional staff would be needed for the presidential election, as well as for the security directive and the EPB implementation; the directors will review the staffing and pay rates.

The board also discussed additional compensation and/or time off for the directors and staff, but no action was taken. Mr. Combs requested information about current pay rates and accrued time for the directors and staff.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

2023-111 – At 10:26 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.


Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

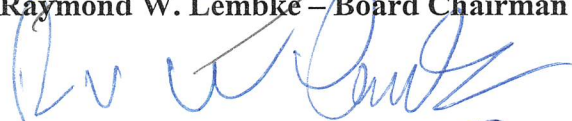
Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

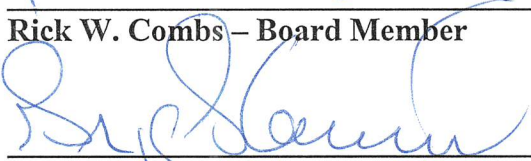
Mr. Lembke – Yes




Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 9-20-23

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 3:44 PM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: Stephanie Haight
Subject: August Election Day Board Meeting
Attachments: 2023 August Special Election meetings.docx

Jamie,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the August board meetings.

My direct phone number is 732-7485 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist
Clermont County Board of Elections
76 S. Riverside Dr.
Batavia, OH 45103

Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for

August 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting and mandatory meeting to review provisional ballots and mismarked absentee ballots received after Election Day

August 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Open Official Canvass for the August election and certify petitions for the November election

August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Certify the August 2023 special election and certify write-in petitions for the November 2023 general election.

The meetings will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, 45103.

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director

Summary Results Report - Group Detail
2023 August Special Election
August 8, 2023

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Clermont County, Ohio

STATISTICS					
	TOTAL	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Election Day Precincts Reporting	168 of 168	168	0	0	0
Registered Voters - Total	144,690				
Ballots Cast - Total	57,869	44,895	4,490	8,017	467
Voter Turnout - Total	40.00%				

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State Issue 1

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Yes	31,383	54.24%	25,962	1,924	3,277	220
No	26,475	45.76%	18,930	2,558	4,740	247
Total Votes Cast	57,858	100.00%	44,892	4,482	8,017	467
Overvotes	3		0	3	0	0
Undervotes	8		3	5	0	0
Contest Totals	57,869		44,895	4,490	8,017	467
Precincts Reporting	168 of 168					