

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Open the polls – 6:30 a.m.

2023-132 – Mr. Combs made the motion to open the polls for the November 7, 2023 general election in Clermont County. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

IV. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented

2023-133 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

V. Other Attendees -- none

VI. Board to Review Absentee Ballots

Per ORC 3506.21(B)(3), the board has no discretion if the tabulating equipment detects an overvote. Those ballots will be set aside until the remaining absentee ballots have been run through the DS850 tonight. Then we will reprogram the scanner to process any blank or overvote ballots so the final tally includes the undervote and overvote counts. If a ballot has stray marks in addition to an overvote, it may be segregated again for a different issue.

All four board members reviewed the over-vote ballots, plus three torn ballots, two ballots from the ADA Remote Ballot Marking System (RBMS), and one blank ballot (the voter gets voting credit). They adjudicated the ten ballots with unclear marks.

2023-134 – Mr. Combs made the motion to duplicate the ballots that were indicated to need duplication which include the torn or defective ballots and the ballots with ovals improperly marked where the board determined voter intent. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

Mr. Lembke suggested inserting additional instructions with the mailed ballots to warn voters that ballots will not count if they cross out a choice, then bubble something else.

Director Hemmer-Haight reported on the absentee counts to date: 6226 mailed, 5078 returned, 9549 voted in person.

Mr. Combs mentioned there had been a discussion among commissioners and Batavia contacts concerning alternate parking options for 2024, including bussing voters and/or county employees, and possibly closing part of a street.

The board recessed at 7:09 a.m.

VII. Board to Reconvene at 5:00 p.m. to Review Additional Absentee Ballots

The board reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

VIII. Board to review any Election Day Ballots not Processed Through DS200 that are Blank or OverVoted

Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that we had received 24 UOCAVA ballots via email that require duplication to regular ballot stock. These were not voted on earlier in the day.

2023-135 – Mr. Grant made the motion to duplicate the 24 UOCAVA ballots and add them to the count. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

The board members discussed their visits to several polling places. They fielded questions regarding stubs, parking, signs, distributing literature, etc., but found no major issues during their visits.

There was a temporary issue with a DS200 in Union Township accepting ballots, so we expect emergency ballots from UN-U when the equipment is returned from the polling locations.

The board recessed at 6:30 p.m.
The board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

IX. Closing of Polls – 7:30 p.m.

2023-136 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to declare that it is 7:30 p.m. and the polls are closed. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

After a final check of the drop box, the directors confirmed that all of today's absentee ballots have been run through the DS850 scanner; no additional ballots were rejected as overvotes or unreadable.

The board recessed at 7:33 p.m.
The board reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

X. Board to Review any Election Day Ballots not Processed through the DS200 Including Emergency Slot Ballots and Curbside Ballots

Director Hemmer-Haight reported that one emergency ballot needs review for unclear marks; the voter used check marks instead of filling in the ovals.

2023-137 – Mr. Combs made the motion to duplicate the mismarked emergency ballot in accordance with the voter's manifest intention. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

XI. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election

2023-138 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the unofficial results of the November 2023 general election and to send a copy to the Secretary of State. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

XII. Motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (November 8th) – half coming in from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 and the other half coming in from noon until 4:30 p.m.

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Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes

XIII. Meetings & Special Dates:

- Nov 8-10 and Nov 13 (8:00-5:00 daily) – post-election absentee and provisional cure period
 Wednesday, November 8 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday, November 9 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, November 10 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, November 13 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. *{S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(A)(1)}*
- November 13 – Last day to receive mail-in ballots postmarked on or before November 6
- November 20 (9:00 a.m.) – Open official canvass and regular monthly board meeting
- November 28 (9:00 a.m.) – Certification of the November 7, 2023 general election meeting
- December 4 (9:00 a.m.) – Open recount (if necessary) or post-election audit

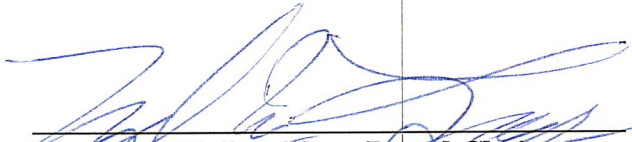
Chairman Lembke and the board thanked the directors and employees for the great job on this election.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

2023-140 – At 9:55 p.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

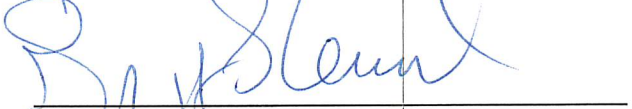
- Mr. Combs – Yes
- Mr. Conrad – Yes
- Mr. Grant – Yes
- Mr. Lembke – Yes



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 12-22-23

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 10:58 AM
To: info@clermontsun.com
Subject: November Election Day Board Meeting
Attachments: 2023 November 7 election day mtg.docx

Good morning,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the November Election Day meeting.

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 Meeting

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled a meeting for:

November 7, 2023 at 6:30 a.m. – Election Day Board Meeting.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director

**November 7, 2023 General Election
Unofficial Certification of Results
Signature Form**

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Elections of County indicated below, do hereby certify that the Unofficial Results of the Election (county specific and most-populous, if applicable) submitted to the Secretary of State's Office are valid and accurate, and and the number of absentee voters reconciles with the number of absentee ballots cast and counted.

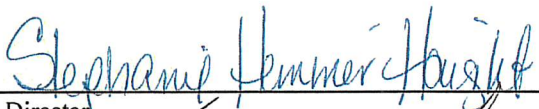
Clermont
County Name

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names officially on the date indicated below:


11/7/2023
Today's Date

Prior to signing this form, please prepare an email to Results@OhioSoS.gov with the following attachments and check them off prior to signing the form ensuring the correct attachments are with the email:

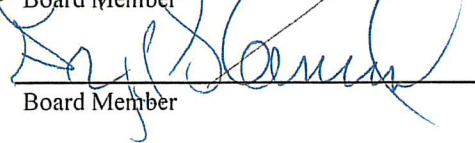
- Summary Report (if a separate report from Group Detail. If this report is unavailable, please contact your vendor)
- Group Detail Report




Director



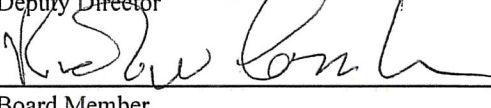
Board Member



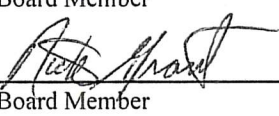
Board Member



Deputy Director



Board Member



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