

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Larry Heller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Swearing In of Member Gregg Conrad

Director Carney read the oath and swore in Gregg Conrad (D) as a Board Member.

III. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Larry Heller – Yes

Also present were Julia Carney – Director, Chris Dennison – Deputy Director, and Becky Rudd – clerk taking record.

Other Attendees – Beth Hamad – SOS Liaison arrived at 10:27 a.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes

2018-39 – Rick Combs made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Abstain

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-40 – Mr. Heller made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Abstain

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Approval of Bills

2018-41 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of March 22, 2018. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Referrals to the Ohio Elections Commission

Director Carney explained the late filings of campaign finance reports. The Children's Services Levy 2017 Annual Report was due on January 31, 2018; the report was filed on February 12, 2018. Warren Walker's 2017 Post General Report was due on December 15, 2017; the report was filed on December 20, 2017.

2018-42 – Mr. Combs made the motion to refer the Children's Services Levy and Warren Walker for late filings to the Ohio Elections Commission. Mr. Heller seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Follow up action on Board duties from March 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3501.11(J)

Mr. Lembke suggested per ORC 3501.11(J) we send the findings of the March 5, 2018 Board Meeting to both the prosecuting attorney and the Secretary of State. Mr. Heller disagreed and thought we should send it to the Secretary of State, they would be the agency to look into this matter and it's probably not an item they haven't seen before. If we referred to both, it is a confliction. Mr. Combs agreed and if the Secretary of State wants to send it back to the prosecutor he can.

2018-43 – Mr. Heller made the motion to refer this matter to the Secretary of State as is required per Ohio Revised Code 3501.11(J). Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Lembke added that he was not trying to come to any conclusions on his suggestions and agreed with Mr. Heller that this is not within our purview to make any determinations beyond what was already made.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Lembke suggested submitting the protest, subsequent correspondence, color copy of the petition, and the transcript of the hearing. The Director will work with our legal counsel on this matter.

VIII. Motion to approve resolution for former Board Member Paul Campbell

2018-44 – Mr. Lembke made the motion that the Board adopt a resolution in recognition of the service Mr. Paul L. Campbell has given to this Board as set forth in the document prepared by the staff. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IX. Director's Report

A. Election Progress

Saturday, March 24 the UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready to go (45 days before the Primary), limited staff will be here by 10:00 a.m. to pick up mail. Some of the ballots will be mailed and some are emailed. To date we have 24 requests.

B. April 9, is the close of voter registration, we will have extended office hours (8 am – 9 pm). To date we have 138,072 registered voters.

To date we have a total of 218 absentee ballot requests (194 + 24 UOCAVA). The numbers seem to be dropping in the primaries (within our county).

Early voting starts on April 10, with extended hours: 8-5, the last week of voting 8-7, Saturday before the election 8-4, Sunday 1-5 and Monday 8-2.

C. Travel approval to attend ESS VR Users Conference

2018-45 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow travel expenses for the Director, Deputy Director and two staff members to attend the ESS VR Users Conference June 11-13, 2018 (2 nights at \$149) in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon discussion Mr. Conrad inquired if this meeting offered the continuing education he needs to attend as a new Board Member. Director Carney advised him that the continuing education would be offered at the State Conference held the following week. Mr. Conrad will not be able to attend the State Conference.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

D. Personnel Policy Manual Update

Director Carney has been working on the personnel policy manual with Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor's Office), regarding the code of ethics vs the Secretary of State's code of ethics, particularly related to political activity by the Board of Elections staff. Current policy restricts an employee's first amendment rights, Mary Lynne is recommending that it is removed and we adopt some the Secretary of State's policy.

X. Deputy Director's Report

A. Deputy Director Dennison updated the two Primary Election specific training manuals (precinct election official guide and the electronic poll book). Mr. Combs inquired about reducing the number of precinct officials at each table (from 4 to 3); Director Carney stated that this issue has gone to the State Senate.

B. The training schedule has been defined but is not online yet. Mr. Lembke asked for the dates. Director Carney is going to speak with someone next week about helping with training. Mr. Conrad stated he would help with the training; Deputy Director Dennison will take a greater role in the training as well as others that have helped in the past.

C. Regarding the precinct election official recruitment progress, we still need 34 Republicans and 50 Democrats.

XI. Other Business of the Board

Chairman Lembke advised the Board of a thank you card from former Director, Judy Miller. Mr. Heller inquired if we would be updating the front window now that all administrative changes have been made. Director Carney stated it would as well as the letterhead and business cards. Mr. Combs stated that lately he has been told what a good job the Board of Elections has done and said the staff should know, other Board Members agreed.

XII. Upcoming Board Meetings and Important Dates

April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting & Public Test,

May 8, 2018 at 6:30 a.m., Election Day Board Meeting,

May 21, 2018 – Opening of Certification,

May 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., Certification of May 8, 2018 Primary Election & Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

2018-46 – At 10:35 a.m. Mr. Heller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Beth Hamad said she would be available by phone if there were any questions regarding the UOCAVA mailing on Saturday. She also stated she passed along the Board's inquiry regarding form #13, the write-in candidate form. Upon roll call:

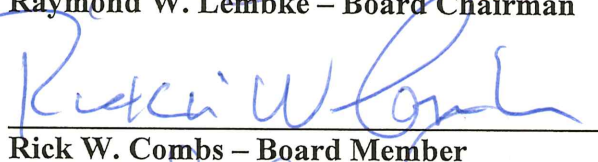
Mr. Combs – Yes


Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes


Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman


Rick W. Combs – Board Member


Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member


R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Date

4/26/2018

CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

RESOLUTION

MOTION by Raymond W. Lembke seconded by Rick W. Combs that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Paul Campbell was appointed to member of the Board of Elections on August 26, 2003 to 2006, served as Chair from March 3, 2006 to March 4, 2008, served as a member March 5, 2008 to January 31, 2018; and

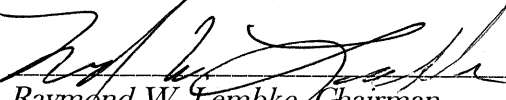
WHEREAS, during his tenure he has served under the Honorable J. Kenneth Blackwell (2003 - 2007) the Honorable Jennifer L. Brunner (2007 - 2011) and the Honorable Jon A. Husted (2011 - 2017) Secretaries of State of the State of Ohio; and


WHEREAS, his dedication and guidance to the board and the electors of Clermont County in the giving of his time and efforts to protect the voting rights of those citizens has been exemplary and outstanding and that he has always been available for any necessary assignment and has impartially, efficiently and intelligently administered the election laws for the State of Ohio; and

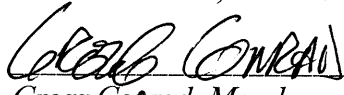
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Elections expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Campbell for giving himself in dedication and sincerity as a member of the Clermont County, Ohio, Board of Elections. That this resolution be spread on the minutes of the board and an appropriate copy be certified to Mr. Campbell and a copy forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Adopted this 22nd Day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

BOARD MEMBERS:


Raymond W. Lembke, Chairman

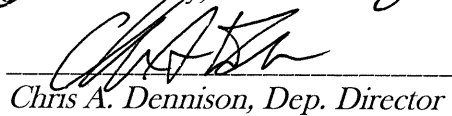

Rick W. Combs, Member


Gregg Coprad, Member


R. Lawrence Heller, Member

Attest:


Julia B. Carney, Director


Chris A. Dennison, Dep. Director

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 22, 2018

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