

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. Mr. Conrad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. 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, Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record, and Beth Hamad – SOS Liaison.

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2018-57 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the Agenda as Presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Conrad advised the Board that the time for the May 25 Board Meeting is 8:30 a.m. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Motion to Open the Polls

2018-58 – Mr. Heller made the motion to open the polls for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Board to review Absentee Ballots

The Board reviewed the ballots requested by nursing home voters, and then declined to vote their absentee ballot.

2018-59 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to not process the absentee ballots that were refused by the nursing home voters. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Director Carney reviewed absentee ballots with the Board that included; no identification, did not sign the security envelope and incorrect date of birth, voters will be contacted.

2018-60 – Mr. Combs made the motion to process the absentee ballots. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Director Carney explained a processing error on our part regarding absentee voters receiving the incorrect precinct ballot and asked for a motion to remake the ballots to the correct precinct. The Board decided to confer with the Secretary of State's Office for an opinion regarding remaking these ballots.

At 6:42 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 6:49 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

The Secretary of State election attorney will not be in the office until 8:00 a.m.

At 6:58 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 7:35 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

After speaking with Pat Wolfe and David Bowling from the Secretary of State's Office, they stated that the decision was up to our Board but their concern was, by contacting the voter the privacy would be compromised. Mr. Lembke and Mr. Combs suggested contacting the voter and letting them know and ask if they want the correct ballot and we will bring it to them. The conversations need to be documented. The cutoff time is 6:00 p.m.

2018-61 – Mr. Combs made the motion for the nine ballots that came into question today that we contact those individuals and explain what has occurred and that we would like to bring a ballot to them, by Deputies, so they can re-vote, see what those individuals would like to do and continue that process up to 6:00 p.m. so we can get those re-voted if they choose. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-62 – Mr. Combs made the motion to recess until 5:30 p.m. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

At 7:43 a.m., the Board recessed.
At 7:01 p.m., the Board returned from recess.

VI. Board Reconvenes to review Additional Absentee Ballots and Run Test Deck

2018-63 – Mr. Combs made the motion to reconvene. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

Director Carney reported on the issue discussed earlier in the meeting where absentee voters received the wrong precinct ballot. Before she called the voters, she compared the voted ballot with the correct ballot they should have received and there were no contested races, so she did not contact them. The ballots were remade to the correct precinct.

Director Carney reviewed the absentee ballots that required Board review. The Board determined intent of voters regarding the blank ballots, indeterminate marks and over votes.

VII. Motion to Close the Polls at 7:30 p.m. May 8, 2018

2018-64 – At 7:30 p.m. Rick Combs made the motion to close the polls for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

The Board continued to review the absentee ballots. Director Carney advised the Board they need to upload the results to the Secretary of State's Office.

At 7:48 p.m., the Board recessed.
At 10:26 p.m., the Board returned from recess.

VIII. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election

2018-65 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the May 8, 2018 Primary Election. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

IX. Motion to allow the staff to work split shifts the day after the election

2018-66 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow the staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (May 9, 2018) with half working from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the other half working from noon until 4:30 p.m. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

At 10:28 p.m., the Board recessed to observe the running of the test deck.
At 10:41, the Board returned from recess.

X. Test Deck

Mr. Heller read the results from the newly run test deck while Mr. Lembke compared them to the control sheet.

2018-67 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

XI. Upcoming Board Meetings

May 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Opening of Certification.

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

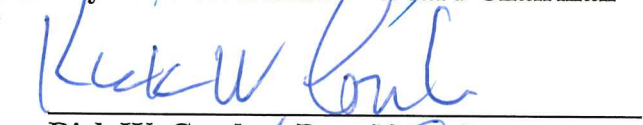
XII. Motion to Adjourn

2018-68 – At 10:57 p.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

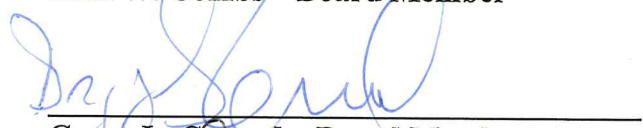
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes



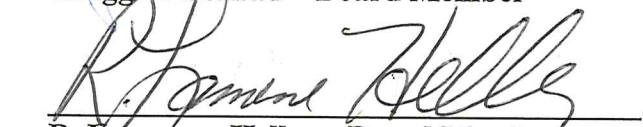
Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Date 6/28/2018

Notice of Meetings
Clermont County Board of Elections
76 S. Riverside Dr.
Batavia, OH 45103
513-732-7275

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for the following dates:

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

May 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of Certification and any other business the Board deems necessary.

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

The meetings are held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, OH 45103.

Julia Carney - Director

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 9:05 AM
To: 'legals@clermontsun.com'; r maloney
Subject: bd mtg notices
Attachments: 2018 may election day-8, canvass-21, cert & reg mtg-25.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please post the attached notice as a PSA (no cost) regarding the upcoming Board Meetings for the Clermont County Board of Elections.

Thank you,

Becky Rudd
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