

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:37 a.m. Director Carney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

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

III. Open Polls 6:30 a.m.

Chairman Lembke questioned if we needed to open the polls again since we never closed the polls.

2020-52 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to declare that the polls were previously opened at 6:30 a.m. for the March 17, 2020 Primary Election and will continue to be open until 7:30 p.m., subject to the Governors state of emergency orders and the orders from the Ohio Director of Health. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Ray Lembke - Yes

IV. Other Attendees - none

V. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2020-53 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Board to Review Absentee Ballots

Director Carney presented the board with the absentee ballots that required determinations for over votes and voter intent. The board reviewed the ballots.

VII. Director's Report

Director Carney explained due to COVID-19, the office is set up for one person voting in the lobby using the express vote and three people at one time may vote in the absentee voting room. We have had many calls from unhappy voters because they did not know it was a vote by mail election and missed the deadline. Mr. Conrad heard the news explaining that provisional votes probably would not count. The Director explained that some votes might not count.

The Director also advised the board of a voter that has been sending us expired identification on his absentee applications. Another application was hand delivered to the voter because the deadline was so close advising him of the acceptable identification. He delivered 52 pages of information with his applications and none was acceptable identification.

Chairman Lembke stated he also has had calls saying voters sent in their applications and still have not received their ballots. The voters that we mailed a ballot to but did not receive it yet can vote provisionally in the office today.

2020-54 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reconvene at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Ray Lembke – Yes

At 7:31 a.m., the board recessed.

At 5:02 p.m., the board returned from recess.

VIII. Board to Reconvene at 5:00 pm to review additional Absentee Ballots

The board reviewed more absentee ballots for determinations.

2020-55 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to recess. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Ray Lembke – Yes

At 5:29 p.m., the board recessed.

At 8:15 p.m., the board returned from recess.

The board reviewed addition absentee ballots for determinations.

At 8:45 p.m., the board recessed.

At 11:21 p.m., the board returned from recess.

The board reviewed more absentee ballots for determinations.

IX. Polls Close at 7:30 pm

2020-56 – Mr. Grant made the motion to close the polls effective 7:30 p.m. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Ray Lembke – Yes

At 12:12 a.m., the board recessed.

At 12:35 a.m., the board returned from recess.

X. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the March 17, 2020 Primary Election

2020-57 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the unofficial results of the March 17, 2020 Primary Election. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Ray Lembke – Yes

The board signed the Unofficial Certification of Results for the Secretary of State.

XI. Run the Test Deck

Mr. Conrad read from the newly run Test Deck while Mr. Grant compared them to the control sheet and found a discrepancy in the number of ballots cast and the votes counted. There were 25 ballots missing from the test deck. Upon further discussion, the Board expressed concerns with the discrepancies and directed Ms. Carney to investigate further and report back to the Board.

XII. Motion to allow staff to work split shifts

2020-58 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to allow the staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (April 29) half working from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm and the other half working from 12 noon until 4:30 pm. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Ray Lembke - Yes

XIII. Next Meeting Dates

May 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Opening of the Official Canvas.

May 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., Certification of the March 17, 2020 Primary Election and regular monthly board meeting.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

2020-59 – At 4:37 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

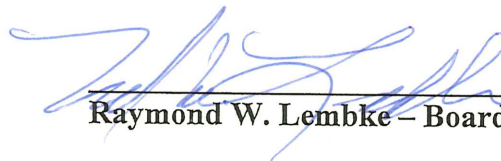
Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

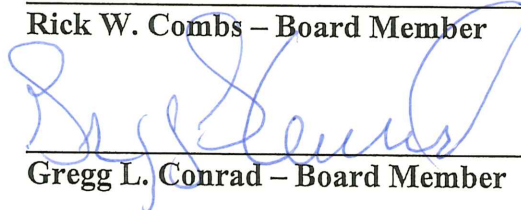
Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

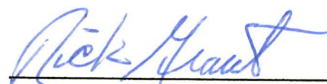


Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman

Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date May 19, 2020

Rebecca Rudd

From: Rebecca Rudd
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:56 AM
To: clermont sun
Subject: notice of mtg date
Attachments: 2020 april 28 - election day mtg.docx

Please be advised of the attached notice regarding an upcoming Clermont County Board of Elections board meeting.

Thank you,

Becky Rudd
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**Notice of Meeting
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The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled a Board Meeting for **April 28, 2020 at 6:30 a.m. – Primary Election Day Board Meeting.**

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

Julia Carney - Director