

**I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Director Hemmer-Haight 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 Stephanie Hemmer-Haight and Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

**III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented**

2022-147 – Mr. Grant made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**IV. Other attendees – Julia Carney (Assistant County Prosecutor), Kenny Henning (SOS Liaison)**

**V. Public participation – none**

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

- June 22, 2022 – Hearing
- August 2, 2022 – Election Day Meeting
- August 17, 2022 – Regular Meeting & Opening Official Canvass
- August 22, 2022 – Hearing – Moscow Village Surrender of Corporate Powers
- August 22, 2022 – Certification of Aug. 2, 2022 Election & Approval of Q&I Gen Election
- August 29 & Sep 1, 2022 – Open and Certify Post-Election Audit

2022-148 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the minutes of the meetings listed above. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VII. Approval of Bills as of September 21, 2022**

Director Hemmer Haight stated that Kim Beard's reimbursement was for mileage to polling locations.

2022-149 – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve payment of the bills as of September 21, 2022. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Conrad asked whether we spent all of the primary grant money. Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that we have unspent funds from the two grants to remit to the SOS by mid-October. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VIII. Review of Election Equipment Allocation**

2022-150 – Mr. Grant made the motion to allocate one DS-200 optical scanner per precinct and one ExpressVote per polling location for the November 8, 2022 general election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**IX. Campaign Finance Referrals**

Director Hemmer-Haight read the information from the attached list of three campaign finance violations for the board to consider for referral.

2022-151 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to refer the candidates and committees on the attached list provided by the director to the Ohio Elections Commission. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Grant asked how the OEC usually responds to referrals. Per Mr. Henning, the candidates or committees eventually receive a letter and/or fine regarding the violation. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Absent  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

## X. Director's Report

### A. General election update

- a. Registered voters: 144,935 (as of 16SEP2022) [142,606 (21SEP2020)]
- b. absentee ballot requests to date: 9,068 (as of 16SEP2022) , another 500 today  
Mr. Lembke asked how the number of requests compares to other gubernatorial years. Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that the volume is similar; SOS sends out applications to every registered voter, and many voters return them upon receipt.
- c. General election ballots  
Director Hemmer-Haight reported that we have updated our ballots subsequent to the Ohio Supreme Court decision to include Ms. Maras as a candidate for Secretary of State. We had not printed ballots prior to the ruling. The board asked Mr. Henning if he knows of any other litigation that might affect the ballot; he is unaware of any pending cases.
- d. Temporary staffing  
We have several experienced part-time personnel assisting with mail and application processing.
- e. Indigenous People's Day / Columbus Day: Oct. 10, 2022 (Monday) office closing  
Director Hemmer-Haight asked for Mr. Henning's input regarding closing the office on Columbus Day; he replied that the SOS offices will be closed because the holiday occurs prior to the start of early voting. Mr. Lembke suggested closing the BOE office for consistency with the SOS registration deadline; voter registration forms and absentee applications are attached to the door and available to voters even when the office is closed. The board will defer to the director as to the necessity of staff working that day.

Mr. Grant asked about the placement of the provisional table at the Goshen polling location; Director Hemmer-Haight will review the setup plan for the location.

## XI. Deputy Director's Report

### A. Training update

- a. Training calendar  
The PEO training calendar is set. Training started this week.
- b. Online training  
Director Hemmer-Haight reported that the online PEO training is ready; there is no SOS mandate for returning workers to retrain for the November election.

### B. Website update

Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that website work is ongoing; some of the candidate tools – including absentee information and walking lists – are already available. Mr. Lembke suggested creating a link that is easier to follow for voters to check their registration status.

### C. Cyber threats

There is mandatory cybersecurity training (from County ISD and the SOS) for board members and employees. Deputy Director Dennison will provide additional updates as we work through the cybersecurity checklist with our SOS liaison.

## XII. Upcoming Events and Meetings

- UOCAVA ballots transmitted / FWAB posted: Sept. 23, 2022 (Friday)
- Indigenous People's Day / Columbus Day: Oct. 10, 2022 (Monday)
- Close of Registration (office open until 9:00 p.m.): Oct. 11, 2022 (Tuesday)
- Early in-person voting begins: Oct. 12, 2022 (Wednesday)
- Election Day: Nov. 8, 2022 – polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Grant clarified that the next monthly board meeting is Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**XIII. Adjournment**

2022-152 – At 10:28 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

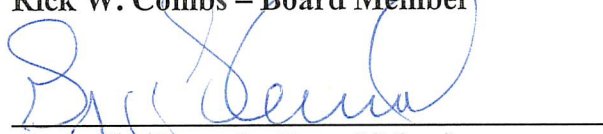
Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

  
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Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman

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Rick W. Combs – Board Member  
  
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Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member

  
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Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 10/19/2022

## **May 2022 Referrals to the Ohio Elections Commission**

These candidates/committees filed their campaign finance reports late:

**Tiger Pride Community Wide – ballot issue committee - election date May 4, 2021.**

Late filings for 2021 annual and 2022 semiannual reports.

The 2021 annual report was due 1-31-2022 and filed on 5-25-2022.

The 2022 semiannual report was due 7-29-2022 and filed on 8-2-2022.

**Jara Bonner – candidate for Milford EVSD school board member – election date November 2, 2021.**

Late filing for the 2021 post general report.

The post general report was due December 10, 2021 and filed on January 7, 2022.

**Vote 4 Felicity Schools – ballot issue committee – election date May 3, 2022**

Late filing of the May post primary report.

The May post primary report was due June 10, 2022, and the report was filed on June 24, 2022.

