

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

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

**II. Roll Call**

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Also present were Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

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

2023-67 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**IV. Other attendees – Calvin Pauley, John Berger**

**V. Public participation**

Mr. Pauley asked about using styluses to sign the Electronic Poll Books and questioned whether Dominion voting machines are used. Clermont County does use styluses with the EPBs but does not use any Dominion equipment.

Mr. Berger inquired about poll watchers and voter records; he will send Deputy Director Dennison a list (compiled by the Ohio Election Integrity Network) of registered voters which may be questionable.

Mr. Pauley and Mr. Berger left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

- May 17, 2023 – Open and Certify Election and Regular Monthly Meeting
- May 23, 2023 – Opening Ballot Bids

2023-68 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VII. Approval of Bills as of January 18, 2023**

Mr. Combs asked about the printing cost for the postcards. The (approximately 10,353) voters affected by the polling location changes approved by the board last month will be sent notification postcards.

2023-69 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve payment of the bills as of May 22, 2023. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VIII. Directors' Report:**

**A. Budget information**

Deputy Director Dennison distributed and discussed a year-to-date budget report; we are on track through the current month, but will incur additional expenses for the August election. We expect increased costs for overtime and part-time help, including temporary staff to assist with processing petitions during the election cycle. Mr. Lembke asked when we would receive the petitions for the November ballot initiatives. The petitions are due in Columbus on July 5<sup>th</sup>; SOS often requires a relatively quick turnaround from the local boards once they distribute petitions to us. Mr. Combs asked Deputy Director Dennison to notify the County Commissioners and Administrator about budget needs for the extra election and for processing petitions during the same period; the county previously cut our requested budget because we did not expect three elections this year.

Mr. Combs asked about the change in the August ballot language (due to an SOS transcription error). Dan Shebesta had already created the ballots but will come back June 23<sup>rd</sup> to make the SOS corrections and meet the UOCAVA deadline. He will return for logic and accuracy testing the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will incur additional cost for Dan's time to make the ballot corrections; it should be reimbursed by the state.

We have received 173 absentee requests (16 nursing home, 157 other) through June 21st. We have received 9 UOCAVA requests (6 email, 3 mail).

The new website is ready to go live. Crystal has received some training, along with Deputy Director Dennison, on updating the new site.


**IX. Meeting & Special Dates:**


- June 27-28 – SOS Summer Conference – Hilton Columbus at Easton
- July 4 Tuesday – Independence Day (USA) – office closed
- July 19 Wednesday (10:00 a.m.) – Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- August 8 – Special election – polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

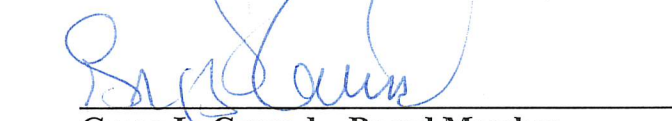
**X. Motion to Adjourn**

2023-70 – At 10:38 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
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 7/19/2023



**Cherie Wilson**

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**From:** Cherie Wilson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023 11:29 AM  
**To:** legals@clermontsun.com  
**Cc:** Stephanie Haight  
**Subject:** June Board Meeting Schedule  
**Attachments:** 2023 June 22 chg date for reg mtg general purpose.doc

Jamie,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the rescheduled June board 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 Change of Meeting Date**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has re-scheduled the  
June 2023 Regular Monthly Board Meeting for:  
**Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

The purpose of this meeting is for general purposes, including review  
of minutes and finances, election status, and any and all other  
matters that may come before the board.

Ray Lembke – Chairman  
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director