

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 03-08-2022

Chairman Bill Freytag called the hybrid meeting to order at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave. in the lower-level classroom at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 The Roll Call was as follows: Bill Freytag, present via zoom, Jonathon C. Elgin, present, Megan Whatman, present, and Lydia Reid, present via zoom. Also present at this meeting were Director Matt Finfgeld and Deputy Director Jane Zimmermann. In addition, Daniel O'Brien, staff member, was present to monitor/host the meeting.

Under new business, Mr. Elgin made a motion to rescind the action of certification on the petitions affected by the redistricting. That includes the State Central Committee and State Representative. Director Finfgeld explained that the State Representative was due to the district being the 77th when it was filed and now the 76th. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whatman and passed by voice vote 4-0.

The next order of business was to review/certify valid petitions to the May 3rd, 2022 Primary due to redistricting. Mr. Elgin motioned to approve the State Representative petition reflecting the correct district and a part petition from Mr. Jeff Sites for Representative to Congress 4th district. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whatman and passed by voice vote 4-0.

The next item of business was to review and approve the write-in candidates to the May 3rd, 2022 Primary ballot. Director Finfgeld presented the board with three candidates that filed after the last Board meeting but before the deadline of February 22nd, 2022, Justin Andrews, Democrat for State Representative. Stephanie Zader for Republican Central Committee Man 2B, and Patrick Dropsey for Republican Central Committee Man 2E. As presented, Ms. Whatman made a motion to approve the write-in candidates to the May 3rd, 2022 Primary ballot. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reid and passed by a voice vote 4-0.

The next order of business was to review/approve ICX and paper ballot allocation for the May 3rd, 2022 Primary Election. First, Director Finfgeld reviewed the ICX allocation with the board and stated the 375 ICX units that will be sent to the polls on Election Day and 22 ICX units for early voting is the same number of machines that were sent out for the Nov 2021 General Election and early voting, Next Director Finfgeld reviewed the paper ballot allocation of 5,735 which is probably more than needed. Still, the Directors would rather err on the side of caution. Mr. Elgin made a motion to approve the ICX and paper ballot allocations as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whatman and passed unanimously by voice vote 4-0.

The next item of business Director Finfgeld explained a clerical error regarding the County Commissioner's position on the May 3rd, 2022 Primary ballot. On our old database, when Marilyn John resigned the Commissioner's seat, and Mr. Mears was appointed, the date was changed to reflect the term ending 1-1-2023 instead of 12-31-2022. This is the only Commissioner seat on the ballot this year, and both candidates who filed a petition had the same date. Therefore, the board decided to have the Directors send a letter to both candidates disclosing the error and the correct date the term would commence 01-01-2023.

The next item of business Director Finfgeld reviewed the email received last night from Secretary LaRose regarding the grant funding available for the Primary Election. The email stated the board must sign and return the grant agreement. Ms. Reid made a motion to allow the Directors to use their signature stamps for the grant agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whatman and passed by voice vote 4-0.

With no further business to come before the board, Ms. Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whatman, and passed by voice vote 4-0. Chairman Freytag adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Date approved _____

Bill Freytag, Chairman

Jonathon C. Elgin

Lydia J. Reid

Megan Whatman

Attest:

Matt Finfgeld

Jane Zimmermann