

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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March 25, 2022
St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
1:01 PM

1. Call to order

It being the appointed date and time, Chairman M. Catherine Fanello calls the St. Joseph County Election Board Meeting to order. Present are Ben Horvath, Republican Member and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Circuit Court, Rita L. Glenn, also present are:

Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Murray Winn – Citizen
Diana Hess - Democratic Party Chair
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic Party
Susan Baxmeyer-Republican Party Vice-Chair
Pat Schafer – Citizen
Nick Abernathy – RBM
Amy Rolfes – Candidate, St. Joseph County Clerk
Karen Luhte – Citizen
Linda Scopelitis – Citizen
Linda Silcott – Citizen
Susan Fischbach – LWV
Thomas Fischbach – Citizen
Mike McManus – Candidate, St. Joseph County Commissioner
Gladys Muhammad – Citizen
Debra K. Walker – SJC AADC
Bernice Freeman – SJC AADC
Amanda Govaert Konrath – Democrat, Voters Registration
George L. Jones – Senior Mens Club
Joanne Westehauser – Citizen
Carl Hetler – Broadway Christian Parish UMC
Jennifer Bybee – Republican, Voters Registration
Stephen Drendall – Citizen
Mike Jackson – Citizen
Melanie Smith – Guillaume – LWV
Alfred Guillaume – FISJC
Pastor Canneth Lee – Kingdom Christian Center
Gerry Brown – North Liberty
Lori Hamman – Citizen
Mike Hamman – St. Joseph County Auditor

Earl Townsend, Jr. – Citizen
Nancy Lindzy – Republican Supervisor Absentee
Cindy Streich – Democrat Supervisor Absentee
Pam Claeys – Citizen
Mark Rolfes – Citizen
John Mynsberge – Citizen
Kathy Schultz – NNN
David Madder – Democrat, Voters Registration
Aisha Avance – Democrat, Voters Registration
Marc Snyder – Republican
Jo M. Broden – Citizen
Robbi Michael Friedland – Faith in Indiana
Judy Bradford - LWV
Michael Misch – Election Board Attorney
Muhammad Shabazz-Democratic Member Voters Registration
Kim Riskovitch-Republican Member Voters Registration
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Penny Stratton-Election Clerk

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.
Minutes from March 18, 2022. So moved by Ben Horvath. Second by Rita Glenn.

Old Business

3. Amended Resolution for Absentee Hours. Catherine wishes to set the record straight regarding Sunday Absentee Voting. This issue was discussed two weeks ago at the Election Board Meeting, and it has been blown out of proportion. At that time, both parties felt that this was not going to be a busy election and Sunday early voting would not be needed. It is not this Board's intent to block anyone from voting. Debbie Ladyga-Block addresses the Board and states she misspoke at previous election board meeting from March 11th and forgot churches started what is known as Super Sunday in 2017. This is an initiative to give people who attend church a ride to vote at the County City building on that Sunday. Ben Horvath's concern was finding Absentee workers for Sundays, not to suppress the vote. Rita Glenn commented she wished to encourage everyone to go out and vote. Motion amended to add Sunday before Election Day, May 1, 2022, with hours from 1pm-4pm. So moved by Ben Horvath. Seconded by Rita Glenn. Motion carried. This issue will be revisited in the fall.
4. Training Absentee and Poll Workers. The Board asks the Absentee supervisors if they reviewed the updated material and had any questions. They had a few questions that the Board went over with the supervisors. See attached. Items covered included absentee ballot treated as provisional, stressing the importance of the absentee workers to initial the ballots, and PRO 9 verification of date. The Absentee supervisors asked the Board to look over their updated instruction sheet that is sent with the vote by mail ballot and review. Absentee workers start working next week. Training for absentee workers on poll pads and Freedom Votes will be next Wednesday. Cindy and Nancy will be training the workers. The Board will administrator a test to Absentee supervisors and workers to test

their knowledge of procedures and machines. Ballots will be under lock and key in a separate room. There is double lock for unreviewed ballots. This issue will be addressed next meetings after Catherine researches the code. Catherine will give her key to Rita. Ben gives his key to himself. Key installation will be next Wednesday.

5. Party chairs report back that recruiting of poll workers is going well and requests a list from Voters Registration of poll workers who will not be called back due to past issues. Susan Baxmeyer inquires if a weeknight poll worker training could be added. The board will take under advisement if a weekday training is available.

New Business

6. CAN 9 legal notices. Board to review the notice. Board will advise Penny on a publication date after it is reviewed via email. Vote Center list will be published at the same time as CAN 9.
7. Vote Center Poster for Publication. The Board will review the poster and email Penny with approval. One hundred and fifty posters will be ordered for this election. The poster will be posted in the South Bend Tribune the last two Sundays before the primary election.
8. Dave Smith gives a brief update. Knowink was here this week and changed out the poll pads. Technicians are half done processing the Freedom Votes. RBM will be in town Monday to install brackets on the bottom of the ballot box to reinforce the wheels. Dave has started to recruit election day technicians. County highway changed leadership. Rita included the commissioners on this list. Nothing changed with security updates.

Public Comment

9. Judy Bradford. Requested address for the warehouse. Asked about the condition of the loaner iPad Poll Books. The Board informed her the loaner iPads were a newer version. Judy informed the Board that LWV sent a letter in support of Sunday early voting.

Next meeting April 1, 9:30 AM.

The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita L. Glenn, Secretary
St. Joseph County Election Board

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