

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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February 14, 2022

St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
9:00 AM

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, Terri Rethlake proxy for Rita L. Glenn, also present are:

Diana Hess - Democratic Party Chair (Zoom)
Greg Hixenbaugh – Democratic Party Co-Chair (Zoom)
Debbie Ladyga-Block - Democratic Party (Zoom)
Zach Potts _ Republican Party Chair (Zoom)
Susan Baxmeyer-Republican Party Co-Chair
Michael Misch – Election Board Attorney
Clint Zalas – Election Board Attorney (Zoom)
Derek Dieter – Republican County Commissioner
James A. Masters – Attorney, Dick Pfeil
Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Murray Winn – Citizen
Amy Drake – Candidate (Zoom)
Christian Sheckler – South Bend Tribune (Zoom)
Marek Mazurek – South Bend Tribune (Zoom)
Pam Claeys – League of Women Voters (Zoom)
Judy Bradford – League of Women Voters
Elizabeth Parvu – Citizen
Jeff Tumbleson - Republican Member Voter Registration
Alex Bowman – Candidate (Zoom)
Muhammad Shabazz- Democratic Member Voter Registration (Zoom)
Kim Riskovitch-Republican Member Voter Registration
Jennifer Bybee - Republican Member Voter Registration
Amanda Govaert Konrath – Democratic Member Voter Registration
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Penny Stratton-Election Clerk

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

Catherine moves to approve the minutes of the last meeting. So, moved by Ben Horvath seconded by Terri Rethlake. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

3. The next regularly scheduled Election Board meeting will be at 2 pm, February 18, 2022. On the agenda for that meeting will include finalizing Vote Centers and CFA-4 delinquencies.

New Business

4. The Board set the hearing for the four challenges in the Primary 2022 Election. Motion to set hearing for these challenges made by Ben Horvath. Terri Rethlake seconded. The hearing will be held, Friday, February 18, 2022, at 2 pm. The Board Chair stated that any attorney representing a candidate, must enter an appearance with the Election Board. Presentation of material will be limited to 15 minutes. Rebuttals limited to 5 minutes. There won't be any discussion on candidate challenges until this Friday's meeting. Notice of open-door law and the meeting will be sent out by Election Clerk, Penny Stratton. An email and telephone call will be made for each candidate and their attorney involved in this hearing. Jim Masters approaches the podium and identifies himself as the attorney of record for Richard Pfeil. Mr. Masters asks the board if they anticipate testimony from the candidates. The Board states yes. The Board confirms Mr. Pfeil can participate in the hearing via Zoom. Diana Hess will present her challenge to the Board.

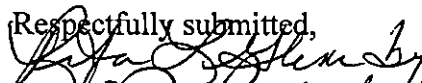
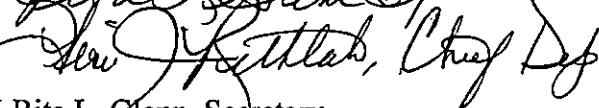
Public Comment

5. Judy Bradford. 1121 Claremont Drive, South Bend, IN 46617. League of Women Voters. Judy asks the Election Board to describe the challenges brought forth. The Board states the agenda packet for today's meeting will be online after meeting outlining challenges brought forth. Summary of challenges are as follows: Mr. Pfeil filed for County Council C, then filed for County Commissioners, District 1 without withdrawing from first race. Then Mr. Pfeil, withdrew from the County Council race, and later withdrew from the County Commissioners race and requested to be reinstated as a candidate for County Council C seat. Diana Hess, the chair of the Democratic Party has filed a challenge on this filing. Larry Jasinski. Filed for County Council District E. Alex Bowman filed a challenge that Mr. Jasinski resides out of County Council E. Monica Crawford filed for Precinct Chair 130208 and Shannon Gianatasio filed for Precinct Chair 90502. Diana Hess challenges both filings on the grounds neither candidate has the required history of voting in the previous two primary elections.
6. Penny Stratton. St. Joseph County Election Clerk. Recognized Catherine Fanello as Indiana Election Board Member of the Year, 2021.
7. Derek Dieter. St. Joseph County Commissioner, District 2. Commissioner Dieter asked the Election Board if either party consulted the Board on how the maps would impact the Commissioner and Council races. The Election Board is a nonpartisan board and stated it does not advise in this capacity.

Next meeting February 18, 2022, 2 PM.

The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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