

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Deputy Director Dennison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Absent

Richard Grant – Yes

Also present were Director Julia Carney, Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

III. Other Attendees – none.

IV. Reduction in Number of Precinct Election Officials at Polling Location

Director Carney advised the board that approximately fifty poll workers have cancelled in the last few days. A training class has been scheduled for new workers.

The Director is asking the board's permission to reduce the number of poll workers pursuant to §3501.22 (A)(2)(c) which says if electronic poll books are being used in a voting location the board may appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each precinct by approval of at least three board members. She is requesting this for this primary election, now we are averaging three PEO's per precinct and not aware of any that are down to two workers. Chairman Lembke thinks we will continue to have cancellations.

Milford City D (SEM Villa) and Milford City E (SEM Terrace) precincts were reassigned, per a Secretary of State Directive 2020-03, to the Pattison School, 5530 S. Milford Road. We voted the residents at SEM Villa and SEM Laurels in Milford City D.

2020-28 – Mr. Grant made the motion to reduce the number of precinct election officials per polling location to not less than 2, pursuant to §3501.22 (A)(2)(c). Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Absent

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Chairman Lembke asked if we needed to do anything if it is two workers of the same party and the Director stated they could not be of the same party. She did add that many new workers are nonpartisan.

Mr. Combs inquired about the mail house. Deputy Director Dennison stated it was going well but one mail drop was not getting to the voters. The mail house delivered the mail to the post office as scheduled but the mail is not moving, some post offices don't scan the mail in or out. Mr. Combs inquired about the absentee ballots that were not mailed to the secondary address. The Director stated that about 90% were returned to date. The staff likes using the mail house.

Mr. Grant inquired if there was a typical percentage of absentee ballots that do not come in time, the Director stated it is not 100% and we will know in the final numbers.

A couple polling locations wanted to cancel on us but we are still using them, certain buildings cannot refuse us. We are required to provide a drive thru lane for absentee ballot drop off on Election Day during polling hours staffed by a bipartisan team.

V. Motion to Adjourn

2020-29 – At 12:51 p.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.


Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

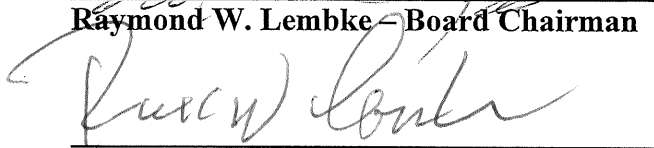
Mr. Conrad – Absent

Mr. Grant – Yes


Mr. Lembke – Yes



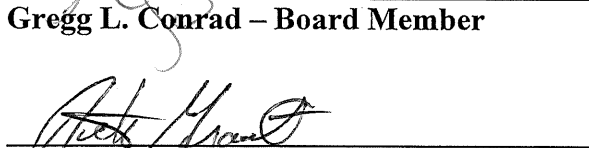
Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date March 30, 2020