

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

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Mr. Dennison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

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

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

**2020-114** – 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 – Kenny Henning (SOS Liaison)**

Kenny Henning addressed the board regarding Directives 2020-17, 2020-18, HAVA and Cares funding, and personal protective equipment. Anheuser-Bush has donated hand sanitizer. The SOS Summer Conference wrapped up and Kenny advised the board members to let the Director or Deputy Director know if they did not receive credit. There is also going to be on-line beta testing for campaign finance filing, for local candidates, in the larger counties.

Director Carney introduced to the board Cherie Wilson the new administrative assistant.

**V. Certification of Candidates**

**A. Motion to certify write in candidates**

Director Carney explained three candidates filed to be write-in candidates, Alicia Gee – Ohio House District 66, Jim Lewis – Ohio House District 65 and Timothy Hisnay – Ohio House District 66. Mr. Lewis placed “66” on the wrong line but it is on the form and is not misleading. Mr. Hisnay withdrew to be a candidate.

**2020-115** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for Alicia Gee (House District 66) and Jim Lewis (House District 65) as properly filed candidates and based upon the Director’s comments. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**B. Motion to accept withdrawal of write-in candidate**

**2020-116** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the letter of withdrawal for Timothy Hisnay candidate for House District 66. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VI. Polling Location Changes**

The Director would like to transfer the polling location for Batavia Township K and N from Landmark Baptist Church located at 1450 Clough Pike to West Clermont Middle School. The church has asked that we no longer use their building; we had wanted to find another location for these precincts.

**2020-117** – Mr. Grant made the motion to move Batavia Township K and Batavia Township N from Landmark Baptist Church located at 1450 Clough Pike to West Clermont Middle School located at 1341 Clough Pike effective at the November 3, 2020 General Election and all elections thereafter.

Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Director Carney discussed the five precincts within Crossroads Church located at 4450 Eastgate South Drive, Union Township – F, I, J X and P1P. We were offered the church in March, they have a large lobby area for voting and plenty of parking. The church is closed the rest of the year because of COVID. The Union Township Civic Center gym could accommodate five precincts, we already have two precincts in the lower level of the civic center. She has been in contact with the civic center and the township does not want us to use the gym; she has also been in contact with Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor’s Office). It is the townships obligation to provide a place for taxpayers to vote.

**2020-118** – Mr. Grant made the motion to temporarily authorize the Director and Deputy Director to transfer the polling location for precincts Union Township F, I, J, X, and P1P from Crossroads Church located at 4450 Eastgate South Drive to the Union Township Civic Center located at 4350 Aicholtz Road effective at the November 3, 2020 and all elections thereafter. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs asked Kenny Henning, when the Secretary addresses public entities to remind them that they do have an obligation to provide us voting locations.

The Director stated that we are still using Milford Schools but they recently send a letter because they do not want us in the buildings to vote, our legal counsel responded.

Mr. Conrad inquired about the Wayne Township voting location; the Director has not contacted them, it will be between the attorneys. Chairman Lembke thought we decided to use the township facility. He also asked about Monroe Township maintenance building, it is not a good ADA location, and there is a church across the street that would be a good location. We can decide this during the September meeting.

Chairman Lembke asked how the temporary staff was, the Director stated it was going well and we have more coming in. He also inquired about the number of absentee applications, we have about 12,000.

Mr. Conrad asked how the remodeling was going. The Director stated it is scheduled to be completed by October 2. He also asked what is the safety for the poll workers, she stated we are providing face masks and shields, hand sanitizer, wipes, alcohol for cleaning, and looking at pen cleaners.

We are trying to recruit 17 years olds for youth at the booth.

We are still short about 20 Democrat poll workers; but the Republicans are currently full. We want at least one extra at each polling location to assist in the cleaning and giving directions. We are working with the nursing homes; some homes have residents that will need assistance voting. We may deputize two nursing home employees to help vote the residents. We have one location that is a regional COVID center; they could have residents/voters from other counties.

We have grant money and additional “Cares” money with the county. We are trying to keep costs down.

Mr. Conrad asked if the county has a system set up where someone comes in at night and disinfects the offices and should we do this after we start voting in office?

Mr. Combs added we should be careful of the amount of law enforcement around the polls, some people become nervous or intimidated; a drive through would be good.

## VII. Upcoming Calendar

September 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board meeting

September 18, 2020 – UOCAVA ballots to be available,

October 5, 2020 – voter registration deadline, office open until 9:00 pm.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

2020-119 – At 4:42 p.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

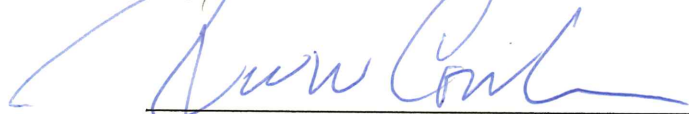
Mr. Combs – Yes


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 9-23-2020

**Rebecca Rudd**

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**From:** Rebecca Rudd  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:32 AM  
**To:** clermont sun  
**Subject:** mtg notice  
**Attachments:** 2020 aug 31 - special mtg -.doc

Good Morning,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding a special board meeting scheduled for August 31. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Becky Rudd  
Clermont County Board of Elections  
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**Clermont County Board of Elections  
Notice of Special Board Meeting Date**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled a Special Board Meeting on August 31, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., to review declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate and any other necessary business.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman  
Julia Carney – Director