

Union County Board of Elections met on August 16, 2021, at 1:00pm. Those in attendance were William Steele, Chairman; Gary Lee, Board Member; Rebecca Pokorski, Board Member; Dean Cook, Board Member; Tina LaRoche, Director; Brandon Clay, Deputy Director; Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist; Renee Error, Election Specialist; Thayne Gray, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Andy Diamond.

Chairman Steele calls meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Board Minutes from July 13, 2021 and July 22, 2021

Board member Cook motions to approve the minutes from July 13th and the 22nd. Board member Pokorski seconds the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Jerome Scotts' Farm Referendum

Board Member Cook motions to have hearing date set on Sept 1, 2021 at 9am. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Candidates, Questions and Issue Certification

Director LaRoche and Deputy Director Clay recommends rejecting petitions of Josh Shaw and Jarrod Weiss. They only had 24 valid signatures, 25 is required. Board Member Cook motions to reject the petition. Board Member Pokorski seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Pokorski motions to approve all petitions for Township Trustee. Board Member Lee seconds the motion.

Board Member Lee motions to approve all petitions for School board member. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

Board Member Pokorski motions to approve all petitions for Village/City council. Board Member Cook seconds the motion.

Board Member Cook motions to approve petitions for Municipal Court Judges. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

Board Member Lee motions to approve the Ballot language for Questions and Issues petitions. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

- All motions passed unanimously.

Bills

Director LaRoche presents the bills for the Boards approval. Board Member Cook motions to approve the bills. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Budget

Director LaRoche presents the current budget to the Board.

Absentee Outsourcing

Board Member Lee motions to continue using RBM as our Absentee Ballot Outsourcing Vendor. Board Member Cook seconds the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Juneteenth Holiday

Director LaRoche and Deputy Director Clay asked the Board to approve of staff using Sept. 3rd for the Juneteenth holiday. Board Member Pokorski motions to approve of that day. Board Member Lee seconds the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Misc.

It was brought before the Board and Staff that we need a Conference room policy. It was agreed for staff and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gray to work through a policy.

Board Member Cook motions to close meeting at 2:13. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

Attest: Michelle L. Forrider Chairman: William R. Steele
Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist William Steele, Chairman