

The Union County Board of Elections met on May 16, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members William Steele; Gary Lee; Barbara Luke; Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialists Gretchen Kinney and Vicki Flanders; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Gray.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approve minutes from the April 4 & 10 Board Meetings

Board Member Steele moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Election Review

Director Clay expressed the election was a successful election. Director Clay informed the Board that Liberty Polling Location balanced 2 ballots short. After investigating and speaking with the poll workers, the poll workers stated that 2 ballots were hand placed into the OVO. Director Clay stated that after running the Liberty Polling Locations ballots, they did balance at 675 ballots. Director Clay recommended to re-run the Ballots versus using the OVO count. Board Member Lee motioned to use the re-ran Ballots from the Liberty Polling Location with Board Member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Audit

Director Clay explained the SOS Audit guidelines. It states that an Audit is not required on odd year special elections and Director Clay recommended refraining from this Audit. Board Member Luke motioned to refrain from the Audit with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. Visa
2. Outside the Box Moving Company
3. LVS Inc.
4. OAEO dues

Board Member Lee motioned to approve with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review

Deputy Director Forrider presented budget overview. There were no questions or concerns.

Candidate Petitions

Deputy Director Forrider presented 2 petitions that have been reviewed and approved by Board of Elections staff.

1. Connie Friday
2. Stephanie Ross

Deputy Director Forrider recommended Board approval. Board Member Luke motioned to approve the 2 petitions with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Protest Hearing

Director Clay stated that a protest against the Marysville Annexation was filed on May 2, 2023, and recommended inviting the attendees to the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting with a time change to 9:30am. Board Chairman Cook motioned to change June 6, 2023 to a Special Board Meeting beginning at 9:30am with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay recommended scheduling the Formal Protest Hearing for June 13, 2023 at 9:00am. Board Member Lee motioned to schedule Formal Protest Hearing for June 13, 2023 at 9:00am with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Official Canvass

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider completed scanning and counting of all ballots and recommended Board approval. Board Member Lee motioned to accept Official Canvass with Board Member Luke seconding. All Board Members signed the Official Canvass Certification.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Misc

Director Clay recommended Midwest Printing to print and mail the August Special Election ballots. Board Member Steel motioned to use Midwest Printing for the August Special Election ballots with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Forrider mentioned that she and Election Specialist Renee Error completed their CERA classes and will be graduating in August with the CERA Certification.

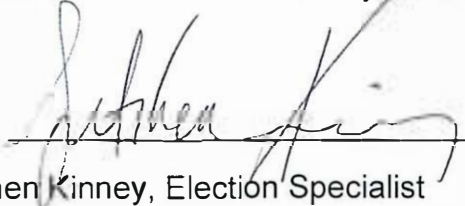
Board Member Luke motioned for the Provisional Ballot Meeting for the August Special Election take place on August 16, 2023 at 9:00am with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

The next Board meeting will take place on June 6, 2023 at 9:30am.

Board Member Steele moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45am with Board Member Lee seconding.

Attest:



Chairman:



Gretchen Kinney, Election Specialist

Dean Cook, Chairman