

ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2023

ELECTION EVENING

Those in attendance James Holland (Chairman), Mark Kevitt (Vice-Chairman), Peter King (Attorney), Shari J. Lentz (Secretary), and Taylor Seegraves (Elections Administrator)

Chairman, James Holland called the meeting to order

Nine Absentee Ballots were returned unsigned, ABS-18As and PRO-9s were sent to voters. These unsigned ballots were placed in Provisional status. The board reviewed and accepted five of unsigned provisional ballots that had returned the ABS-18A. The remaining four unsigned provisional ballots will be held for review on November 17, 2023 if valid paperwork is returned timely.

The board briefly discussed options for next year's Vote Centers and greeter opportunities.

With no further business to discuss, the board agreed to recess the meeting until Friday, November 17th at 1pm when they will certify the 2023 General Election Results.

November 17, 2023

1:00 P.M.

Those in attendance: James Holland (Chairman), Robert Hyatt (Proxy for Vice-Chairman, Mark Kevitt), Peter King (Attorney), Shari J. Lentz (Circuit Court Clerk/Secretary), Debra Settle (Voter Registration Administrator).

Chairman, James Holland reconvened the meeting that was recessed on Election Night, November 7, 2023.

The minutes from Election Day were reviewed by the board.

Clerk, Shari Lentz, apprized the board of the applications and ballots that were not in compliance with Indiana Election Code. The board reviewed and rejected four provisional ballots because the voters failed to produce the necessary documentation to the Voter Registration Office in order for the votes to be counted. Two voters had submitted applications to receive a ballot but unfortunately passed away prior to Election Day. One ballot had been received by the Voter Registration Office and one had not yet been received. Neither of the deceased voters' ballots were counted.

The board reviewed the Election Day location turnouts & the exit interviews.

The board then reviewed the PRE-16 forms that were submitted by the Inspectors on Election Day. There were three discrepancies that were documented at the vote center locations on Election Day as the result of a voter walking away from the voting booth without casting a vote.

The board acknowledged that twelve ballots were received after the Election Day deadline. Clerk, Shari Lentz, will contact the local postmaster to be certain that next year every effort is made to ensure a timely delivery of election ballots.

The paperwork was then signed by the board to certify the results of the 2023 General Election results.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.