

SPECIAL MEETING

November 8, 2022, Election Day

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Pavella at 6:25 a.m. Present were Joan Windnagel, Janet Carson, Edward Ryder, Director Michelle Lane, and Deputy Director Nora McGinnis. Guests present were Frank Antenucci and observer, Matt Rambo. Attending via Teams were Sharon Gingerich, Nancy McArthur and Charles Walder.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to open the polls at 6:30 a.m. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to approve the October 20, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mrs. McGinnis reviewed the list of bills to approve. Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to pay the following bills as presented. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$200.00
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$140.80
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$145.20
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$149.60
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$136.40
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$220.00
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$180.40
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$145.20
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$145.20
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$145.20
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$220.00
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$145.20
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$103.25
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$220.00
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Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$220.00
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$149.60
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$140.80

Quill	\$624.95
Quill	\$41.85
Quill	\$60.78
Quill	\$35.16
Quill	\$158.86
Quill	\$38.58
OAEO	\$1,538.00
OAEO	\$1,500.00
BlueSpark	\$1,193.48
Nora McGinnis	\$27.90
Catherine Hall Gillette	\$37.50
Karlovec Media Group	\$84.00
Sunrise Springs Water Co	\$58.65
John Lucas	\$195.18
Anita Marlowe	\$17.75
Barbara Petersen	\$13.50
Cris Takacs	\$2.50
Deanna Yoger	\$3.75
Maureen Depenbrok	\$82.00
Intab	\$115.23

Mr. Scott Daisher joined the meeting to review and explain the batches of ballots for possible remakes, over votes, and to determine voter intent.

Batch A1 (25 ballots) –

After reviewing the 25 ballots in Batch A1, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

Not count the races on 8 ballots where they were true over votes;

Accept 17 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A2 (26 ballots) –

After reviewing the 26 ballots in Batch A2, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

Not count the races on 5 ballots where they were true over votes;

Accept 19 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined;

Remake 2 ballots.

Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A3 (13 ballots) –

After reviewing the 13 ballots in Batch A3, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the race on 1 ballot where it was a true over vote;
- Accept 12 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A4 (21 ballots) –

After reviewing the 21 ballots in Batch A4, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 5 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 15 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined;
- Remake 1 ballot.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A5 (20 ballots) –

After reviewing the 20 ballots in Batch A5, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 5 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 15 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A6 (15 ballots) –

After reviewing the 15 ballots in Batch A6, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 2 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 13 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A7 (20 ballots) –

After reviewing the 20 ballots in Batch A7, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 2 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 18 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

At 8:45 a.m., Mr. Walder and Mr. Antenucci reported on IT support for election night. Rob Bushman and Zach McLeod will be the ADP support personnel for the Board of Elections. Diane Sanko and Corey Thompson will be on-site at the Board of Elections for ongoing website updates throughout the evening.

Mr. Walder stated that the installation of the cell phone booster at the Administration Building was underway and targeted for completion in three to six weeks. Mr. Walder also reported on CrowdStrike which provides endpoint security and cyber-attack response services and recommended the Board of elections join the county in using CrowdStrike. IT would handle the crossover to the new building.

It was also reported by Mr. Walder that the Department on Aging is moving from Ravenwood Drive into Building 8 at 470 Center Street. Building 8 is being renovated and The Department on Aging could be housed there for possibly three to five years.

Following the ADP update, Mr. Ryder made a motion for the Board of Elections to transition to CrowdStrike as recommended by Mr. Walder. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

At this time, the Board continued to review ballots for remakes, over votes, and voter intent.

Batch A8 (22 ballots) –

After reviewing the 22 ballots in Batch A8, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 4 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 18 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A9 (31 ballots) –

After reviewing the 31 ballots in Batch A9, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 9 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 19 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined;
- Remake 3 ballots.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Batch A10 (29 ballots) –

After reviewing the 29 ballots in Batch A10, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the ballots as such:

- Not count the races on 8 ballots where they were true over votes;
- Accept 21 ballots as voted where voter intent was determined.

Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Insufficient absentee ballot envelopes were reviewed next by the Board. There were 27 insufficient absentee ballot envelopes. The breakdown is as follows:

- No ID envelope – 2; ID information incorrect or missing – 11;
- Signature missing or not matched – 13; Missing ballot – 1.

Provisional ballot processing by the employees was discussed. Laura Amick is listed as primary contact and Nora McGinnis as secondary contact for Geauga County for out of county Provisionals.

Mr. Ryder made a motion to allow the staff to start processing provisional ballot envelopes. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

The Board considered dates for the public test, the official certification, and the post-election audit. Mr. Pavella made a motion to set the public test for November 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. and set the official certification date for November 23, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE. The post-election audit date will be determined at the certification meeting.

A transfer of funds for \$7300.00 was requested by Director Lane to cover hospitalization for the Board Members for the remainder of 2022. Mr. Ryder made a motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$7300.00 from 1001-050-00-601 Contract Services and 1001-050-02-505 Workers Compensation to 1001-050-01-503 Hospitalization. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

A short discussion was held on the 2023 winter conference and graduate classes. Mrs. McGinnis is waiting to hear back on the status of the graduate courses and whether Board Members need to register if the class was already taken.

November 25, 2022 - Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to allow permanent staff to have the day after Thanksgiving off with pay. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion at 10:35 a.m. to go into Executive Session per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (3) to conference with the Board's legal counsel, Corey Colombo, concerning pending litigation and Executive Session per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the compensation of a public employee, and to include Director Lane and Deputy Director McGinnis. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mrs. Carson, Yes; Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes; Mr. Pavella, Yes.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to leave Executive Session at 12:39 p.m. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mrs. Carson, Yes; Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes; Mr. Pavella, Yes.

Mr. Ryder made a motion that a Dem/Rep team of non-explorer night workers handling security and supervision of explorers and the unloading of election night equipment will receive \$100.00 in compensation. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

At this time, the Board members left the office to begin their polling location visits and will reconvene at 6:30 p.m. to complete the remainder of the Agenda and certify the Unofficial Canvass.

After returning from the polling location visits, the Board reviewed a mailed-in absentee ballot. Due to an address change, the voter should have voted provisionally. Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to treat

the mail-in ballot as a provisional and process it accordingly. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

There were no more batches of ballots for the Board to review.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Ryder made a motion to close the Polls. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to allow the staff to come in at 10:00 a.m. the following morning and be paid for the full day. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept the unofficial results of the November 8, 2022 General Election. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Lane and Deputy Director McGinnis reported that Absentee Voting and preparations for Election Day have been their primary focus. They have also been working on Grant funding requirements and responding to voter inquiries.

Mr. Ryder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Next meeting: Special Meeting November 23, 2022 – Official Certification