

Marion County Election Board
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2003

Members Present: Chairwoman Candace Marendt, Vice Chairman Steven Eichholtz, Secretary Doris Anne Sadler

Also Present: Tony Schaffer (Chief Clerk), Dan Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney), Robert Vane (Election Board Administrator), Valerie Hurd (Election Board Clerk), Jennifer Walda (Election Board Clerk), David Woo (Election Board Service Center), Wendy Orange (ES&S), Rob McGinnis (ES&S), Barbara Fowler (Voter's Registration), Cathline Mullin (Voter's Registration), Sherry Beck (Voters Registration), LaDonna Freeman (Voters Registration), Kurt St. Angelo (Libertarian Chairman)

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Marendt.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Secretary Sadler moved to adopt the minutes with the amendments regarding Dick Clark Campaign Finance. Amendments being made.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eichholtz and unanimously approved.

III. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Update on new voting system:** Secretary Sadler reported that we are forcing ahead in implementing the new voting system. She reported that ACS has delivered all hardware to the Voting Machine Service Center but we are still waiting on a few voting booths. A programmer from ES&S will be in on Monday, March 24 to finish programming the machines. Secretary Sadler also informed the Board that David Woo (Service Center Supervisor) has been working diligently to move the new configuration of Service Center along.
- B. **Voter Outreach for new voting system:** Secretary Sadler stated that the Election Board is taking the "show on the road". Many demonstrations have been scheduled i.e., GOP club, Kwanis club, etc. and are receiving favorable response. There was a demonstration at the Women's Expo with a number of people in attendance to vote and check out the new voting system. We are using a "Hoosier" ballot for the conduction of demonstrations. Local radio and television stations are being informed and a new "Simply Vote" banner has been made. Secretary Sadler wanted to make the Board aware of the demonstration cut off time of April 15, 2003 so the machines can be

prepared for the May Primary. Voter outreach will continue during and definitely after the Primary Election.

- C. Disposal of lever machines:** Mr. Woo (Service Center Supervisor), updated that City Purchasing is taking bids until the end of the week for disposal of the lever machines. Monday, March 24, starts publication with open bids on March 27, 2003. The company awarded the bid will then have 7 (seven) days to remove the lever machines. April 3rd is expected time for all lever machines to be disposed of.
- D. City-County Council Districts:** Mr. Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney) informed the Board that the Indiana Supreme Court issued their opinion on March 19, 2003. The opinion was reported in the Indianapolis Star on March 20, 2003. Essentially providing the remedy of new districts for the City-County Council election. With that in place, the Court has set fairly quick deadlines.
1. Any party seeking a rehearing on any aspect of their opinion is set for Monday, March 24, 2003
 2. Response by any party filed by March 26, 2003, following petition for rehearing.
 3. All prior declarations of candidacy must be amended.
 4. Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy is Monday, March 31, 2003 at 4:30 p.m.
- E. Campaign Finance Enforcement Fund:** Secretary Sadler has created a Fine Checklist for Campaign Finance regarding what has been filed and recorded versus what has not. The situation with Dan Drexler is still being disputed on payment. The Election Board and the Treasurer's office is working together to solve this matter.
- 12/2003 Amendment- Mr. Drexler's fine has been paid and the matter is now resolved.** There was a lot of discussion amongst the Election Board members on handling campaign finance. Chairwoman Marendt made clear that all fines determined and assessed at the February 27th Election Board meeting needed to be paid by this meeting. Mrs. Marendt also moved that letters be sent to all committees, where a fine determination has not been made, informing them of their filing status and the fine that has been assessed by the Election board. The motion was seconded by Secretary Sadler and passed unanimously. Vice-chairman Eichholtz stated that he would like to work with Robert Vane (Election Board Administrator) on procedures and protocol for Campaign Finance.

- F. **Election Board Workers Pay Contract:** Secretary Sadler moved for the Board to use a new demonstration technician contract. The new contract still needs small amendments but contract states pay per person, per ballot, and per moving of machines. Secretary Sadler made motion to adopt resolution of new contract to be in place with amendments. Unanimous vote, motion granted.

- H. Sherry Beck brought to the attention of the Board the problem with the town of Clermont's district lines. In all respects, there are no boundaries or exact guidelines that Voter's Registration can follow in implementing these district lines for the May primary. There was discussion amongst the Board on how to handle situation. Vice-Chairman Eichholtz suggested that the Board schedule a special hearing/meeting with Clermont to clarify their district lines. Secretary Sadler informed that we must give 48-hour notice after arrangements for meeting is set. The meeting is set for Monday, March 24, 2003 at 2 p.m. in Room 107.

There being no further business to come in front of the Marion County Election Board, Chairwoman Marendt adjourned the meeting.

The next Election Board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2003 in Room 107.

Candace Marendt, Chairwoman

Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman

Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary