

Marion County Election Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2003

**Members Present:** Chairperson Candace Marendt; Vice Chairman Steve Eichholtz; Secretary (proxy) Robert Vane

**Attending:** Dan Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney), Jennifer Walda (Election Board Chief Clerk), David Woo, (Election Board Service Center Supervisor), Valerie Hurd, (Fiscal Deputy), Tony Schaffer, (Chief Deputy), Keegan Clark (City County Council Candidate), John Hunter, Don Engerer (Town Council Candidate in Cumberland), Richard F. Clark, (Candidate in 2003 Warren Twp. Assessor), Joan Porter, Carl E. Miller, Celeste Jaffe, (Perry Twp. Judge), Dennis Wilson

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marendt
- II. The Board approved the minutes from the Election Board meeting held on 06/05/2003 and also the Election Day minutes 05/06/2003.
- III. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Voter outreach update:** Ms. Jackie Cissell could not attend today's meeting so Mr. Vane commented on the responses he has received from Ms. Cissell. Ms. Cissell, Mr. Woo, and Mr. Vane met with the head of the library, Mr. Corey O'Dell, to discuss the start of delivery of voting machines to the public libraries across Marion County. The Election Board will put these machines in place starting July 7<sup>th</sup> and will all be in place by the end of July. The librarians were offered an additional training session (the first one was held in April) on how to use and explain the machine to the public. They will also have sample ballots for use.  
  
Mr. Vane commented that the neighborhood organizations have not gone as well due to lack of attendance. Mr. Vane also stated that the Election Board will have a booth set up at the 2003 Indiana Black Expo on the three days the event will be held.

Mr. Vane also stated that he had made a call specifically to the Marion County Democrat Party to ensure they knew that voting machine presentations could be scheduled. If anyone would like to request a more formal demonstration, they are urged to contact the Election Board for scheduling.

- B. Election Board Materials:** Mr. Woo was happy to report all poll lists have been recovered and turned over to Voter Registration. Mr. Woo stated that the Service Center has since moved on with their process and will be getting ready for the disposal of extra cases of blank ballots for more storage space at the Service Center. Mr. Woo also stated that the first shipment of Ivotronic machines arrived today. Mr. Vane commented that there would be at least one Ivotronic machine in each polling location in the Primary Election of 2004 and the judges and inspector of each precinct will be trained on how to use this machine.
- C. Pike 002 Ricky Clark Issue:** Mr. Vane informed the board of the newest developments in this matter. Mr. Vane stated that Mr. Amos Brown had revived this issue in the latest edition of *The Indianapolis Recorder*. Mr. Brown made several accusations against Doris Anne Sadler for issues that should have been addressed to the Office of Voter Registration. Mr. Vane wanted to make clear for the record the Election Board and Voter Registration are two separate agencies.

Mr. Clark and his Campaign Manager, Mr. Tony Edwards, appeared in the Election Board office to file a complaint. Mr. Vane discussed their concerns with them and is happy to report the conversation was very productive and reasonable. Mr. Clark and Mr. Edwards were very understanding, and Mr. Vane pledged to help them in any future matter where they had concerns.

**D. Campaign Finance:** The Board must vote unanimously for reducing or waiving fines for candidates who incurred a campaign finance fine for either the 2002 annual report (AN) or the 2003 Pre-Primary report (PP). Each candidate was assigned a case number according the year, reporting period, and alphabetical order of the candidate.

- AN-02-001: Gene Austin (not present). Chairman Marendt made a motion to reduce fine fifty percent to \$500 and a letter be sent by the Election Board to advise Mr. Austin to close his committee or be subject to fines. Motion died for lack of second. Vice Chairman Mr. Eichholtz made a motion to dismiss this matter. Chairman Marendt seconded with letter to be sent. Unanimous vote passed to dismiss this matter and send a letter to Mr. Austin to close his committee.
- AN-02-002: David Baird (not present). Chairman Marendt made a motion to waive fine. Mr. Vane seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- AN-02-003: Michael Batz (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to reduce fine to \$250. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$250.
- AN-02-004: Dennis Beatty (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to reduce fine to \$150. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$150.
- AN-02-005: Kimberly Brown (not present). Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion to waive this matter. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- AN-02-006: Richard “Dick” Clark (present, with campaign treasurer). Mr. Clark stated he felt the way state campaign finance is set up is very inconsistent and asking for more than what should be expected of the candidates. Vice Chairman Eichholtz commented that the laws for campaign finance are set forth in black and white and candidates are required to follow these laws. Chairman Marendt stated to Mr. Clark he should have read his Campaign Finance Manual that would have helped him step by step on this

matter. Mr. Vane made a motion to reduce Mr. Clark fine to \$120. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Chairman Marendt recused herself. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$120.

- AN-02-007: John England (not present). Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion for fine to stand as imposed. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed to keep fine at \$1000.00.
- AN-02-008: Geoffrey Gaither (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion for fine to stand as imposed. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed to keep fine at \$1000.00.
- AN-02-009: Michael Gangi (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion for fine to stand as imposed. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to keep fine at \$1000.00.
- AN-02-010: Abu Henderson (not present). Chairman Marendt made a motion to waive the fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- AN-02-011: John Hunter (not present). Chairman Marendt made a motion to waive fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- AN-02-012: Cheryl Kern (not present). Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion to waive fine. Mr. Vane seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- AN-02-013: Margaret Kantz (not present, Brad Kloppenstein representing). Mr. Kloppenstein stated that Ms. Kantz did file the required forms in a timely manner and turned them into the party. The party then sent them to the State Election Division, but did not turn them in to the County Election Board. Mr. Kloppenstein stated his apology on behalf of the party and Ms. Kantz. Vice Chairman made a motion to reduce fine to \$50.00. Motion died for lack of second. Chairman Marendt made a motion to reduce fine to \$100.00. Mr. Vane seconded. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$100.00.
- AN-02-014: Wayne Kirk (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to reduce fine to \$100.00. Vice Chairman Eichholtz second. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$100.00

- AN-02-015: Jay Meisenhelder (not present). Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion to reduce fine to \$100.00. Motion died for lack of second. Chairman Marendt made a motion to reduce fine to \$150.00. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Chairman Marendt withdrew motion. Mr. Vane made a motion to reduce fine to \$200.00. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$200.00
- AN-02-016: Carl Miller (present with representation). Chairman Marendt made a motion to waive fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- AN-02-017: William Myers (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion for fine to remain as imposed. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed to keep fine at \$1000.00.
- AN-02-018: Bruce Northern (not present). Chairman Marendt recused herself from this matter. There was no motion made and fine will remain at \$1000.00
- AN-02-019: Carol Orbison (not present). Chairman Marendt made a motion to reduce fine to \$50.00. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$50.00.
- AN-02-020: Dismissed
- AN-02-021: M. Rameses (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion for fine to remain as imposed. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed for fine to remain at \$1000.00.
- AN-02-022: Dennis Wilson (present). Mr. Wilson made a comment that he is very sorry for the time that has been wasted on this matter. Mr. Vane made a motion to waive fine. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-001: Keegan Clark (present). Mr. Clark stated that he filed his final disband that morning and asked for a reduction or waiver of his fine. Chairman Marendt made a motion to reduce fine to \$25.00. Vice Chairman Eichholtz second. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$25.00.

- PP-03-002: Frank Davis (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to reduce fine by fifty percent. Motion died for lack of second. Chairman Marendt made a motion to table this matter until the next Election Board meeting so the Election Board Office can provide more information on this matter. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to table to next meeting.
- PP-03-003: Don Engerer (present). Mr. Engerer accepted responsibility for being late. He stated he was not sure of the filing requirements, but did make a call to the Election Board to get information. Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion to waive. Motion dies for lack of second. Brief discussion on Mr. Engerer's income now that he is retired. Chairman Marendt made a motion to waive fine to \$13.00. Mr. Vane seconded. Unanimous vote passed for reduction of fine to \$13.00.
- PP-03-004: Celeste Jaffe (present). Mr. Vane stated that Ms. Jaffe had made many attempts to clear this matter and made a motion to the board to waive her fine. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-005: Jim Jeffries (not present). Chairman Marendt made a motion to keep fine as imposed at \$1000.00. Mr. Vane second. Unanimous vote passed to keep fine as stands at \$1000.00.
- PP-03-006: Andrew Kerr (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to waive fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-007: Lance Langsford (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to waive fine. Chairman Marendt second. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-008: Bruce Northern (not present). Mr. Northern was also on the Campaign Finance fine list for the 2002 Annual Report. Chairman Marendt recused herself from this matter. Mr. Vane made a motion to waive this fine due to the imposed fine on the 2002 Annual. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-009: David Page (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to waive fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.

- PP-03-010: Earl Salisbury (not present). Chief Clerk, Jennifer Walda, made comment that Mr. Salisbury had called on June 25, 2003 to ask for the address of the Election Board so he could mail his fine payment by a committee check. Mr. Vane made a motion to waive fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-011: Greg Shemwell (not present). Mr. Vane made a motion to waive fine. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Unanimous vote passed to waive fine.
- PP-03-012: Chris Zoeller (not present). Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passes to table matter until next meeting.

Vice Chairman Eichholtz asked for the Chief Election Clerk to have full packets of information for candidates at the next meeting for those that were tabled. Mr. Vane stated it would not be a problem and we are willing to help in any way to get all these matters settled in a timely manner.

**IV. Other Business:** Chairman Marendt asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Mr. Elliot Majors (intern for the Marion County Democrat Party) stated he would like to receive notification of the agenda. Mr. Majors was directed to go to the Election Board for this matter.

(Supplement for this last item: Mr. Vane confirmed with Joel Miller, Marion County Democrat Party, that Mr. Miller has been receiving the Election Board meeting notice—contrary to the assertions of Mr. Majors—but he did ask that the notices be faxed in addition to the e-mail notice. Mr. Vane agreed to do this.)

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

The next Election Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2003 in Room 107.

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**Candace Marendt, Chairman**

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**Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman**

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**Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary**