

Hearing on Challenge of Right of Person to Vote

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Rick Combs lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane, Rick Combs, and Paul Campbell. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director, and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deborah Mersch, C.A. Keim

The Chairman stated that this was a Special Meeting to hold a Hearing on Challenge of Right of Person to Vote – R.C. 3505.19. The Challenge was brought forth by Deborah S. Mersch, 564 Berry Ct., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244, and she is challenging the residency of voter, Deborah A. Bridges, 575 W. Main St., Batavia, Ohio 45103. Both of these persons were given written notice by mail of the meeting and Deborah Mersch is the only person in attendance.

The Chairman gave the oath to Deborah Mersch and she was sworn in. Tim asked what her testimony and proof of the challenge of Ms. Bridges registration. Ms. Mersch stated she was with the Ohio Integrity Voter Project, she volunteered for the Clermont County area. While going thru the registrations she discovered that Ms. Bridges' address was the address for a US Postal Office (Batavia Branch). She went to the Post Office, took pictures and looked for some sign that it was a residence. Judy gave the Board copies of the Challenge and copies of Deborah Bridges' registration cards. Dave asked Ms. Mersch if she knew Ms. Bridges, and she stated that she did not.

Tim stated that in today's Board of Elections mail, was the returned letter to Ms. Bridges (notifying her of the Challenge meeting today) marked by the Post Office as "not-deliverable as addressed-unable to forward". Tim added once the Board has heard the Challenge, if the Board is satisfied that the Challenge is well taken, then the Director will so indicate on the registration card and shall notify in writing the judges of the precinct. If the challenged voter offers to vote as such election, the challenged voter shall be examined as in the case of the original challenge, the challenged voter would have to provide to the judges satisfaction.

2013-99 – Rick Combs made the motion that determined what was presented to the Board that the Challenge was sufficient and well taken and that the Director should undertake the activities outlined in the code. Paul Campbell asked a question regarding Ms. Bridges latest registration card and the fact that her information was typed in and she only signed the card, but her original card was hand written. Judy stated that this registration card came from the BMV, which that is their procedure. Judy added that Ms. Bridges has never voted but did have a change of address and signed a petition and this has kept her an active voter. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Tim stated that Code 3503.21 states that the Board has the right to cancel her registration but only after the Board of Elections sends a confirmation notice of the registration to the known address of the voter.

2013-100 – Rick Combs made the motion to have the Director send a confirmation notice of Deborah Bridges to the last know registered address and then if that comes back (either delivered or not delivered)

at a future Board Meeting we can act on her registration. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

OTHER BUSINESS:


Judy advised the Board that we have had 953 absentee ballot requests filled to date.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:


October 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Public Test for the November General Election

ADJOURNMENT:

2013-101 – At 10:15 a.m. Dave Lane made the motion to adjourn. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon direction from the Chairman, all Members answered "aye".



Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman



Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2013 1:08 PM
To: 'espangler@communitypress.com'
Subject: special meeting notice
Attachments: 2013-October 3 special hearing.doc

Good Afternoon,

This is to advised and please post if possible as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding a Special Meeting/Hearing at the Clermont County Board of Elections. Please call if you have any questions.

Becky Rudd
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From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Clermont Sun (clermontsunlegals@fuse.net); Theresa Herron (therron@communitypress.com)
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**Notice of Special Meeting/Hearing
Clermont County Board of Elections**

The Clermont County Board of Elections will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday October 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., to conduct a Hearing on the Challenge of the Residency of a voter. The Board will conduct any other business as deemed necessary at that time. The meeting will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, Ohio 45103.

Dated: September 27, 2013

Tim Rudd – Chairman
Judy Miller - Director