

ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Those in attendance: James Holland (Chairman), Mark Kevitt (Vice-Chairman), Shari J. Lentz (Secretary), Peter King (Attorney), Debra Settle (Voter Registration Administrator), Taylor Seegraves (Elections Administrator), & Mark Webber (Reporter with The Republic).

Chairman, James Holland called the meeting to order.

James Holland acknowledged that there are two candidates remaining that have not filed their reports and acknowledged that Tom Dell would like to address the board. Tom Dell apologized for not doing his due diligence and getting his report turned in by the deadline. Mr. Dell stated that integrity needs to be upheld and an apology is not enough. Mr. Dell requested that the Election Board fine him and according to his calculations he should pay the prorated rate of \$6.25 to the board. Mr. Dell felt that he should be held to that standard and that he should pay per how the law reads. James Holland stated that he appreciated Mr. Dell's apology and asked if the board has any further comment. Mark Kevitt added that he also appreciated Mr. Dell's apology and hoped to hear from the two delinquent candidates. Tom Dell thanked the board and stated that he would feel better if they would take his \$6.25. Shari J. Lentz stated that she appreciated Mr. Dell's apology but per the policy previously stated at the meeting on March 9, 2023 the board will not accept fines for those that turned in their report prior to the hearing. Mrs. Lentz also pointed out that the deadline was January 17th, 2024 not January 18th, 2024 so the \$6.25 that Mr. Dell is presenting wouldn't be the adequate amount. Tom Dell thanked the board, appreciated their time, and left the \$6.25 on the table before the board. Shari J. Lentz took the \$6.25 into custody and the board agreed to mail those funds back to Mr. Dell per the Election Board's policy.

James Holland indicated that it was 10:08 a.m. and Sean Burton had not appeared for his hearing. Mark Kevitt asked if we received a delivery receipt back on the letter sent to Mr. Burton at his home address. Shari J. Lentz responded that we have not received a delivery receipt and that the tracking information from the

Post Office shows that Mr. Burton has not picked the letter up. Shari J. Lentz added that the office has not received a notice stating that the letter was undeliverable. James Holland presented the next process to the board in regard to Sean Burton as follows: The board will not fine Sean Burton due to not knowing if he has received the certified letter. The board will send another letter with service by sheriff stating the new hearing date of February 29th, 2024 at 10 a.m.

The board acknowledged that all other candidate committees have complied and filed their reports prior to the hearing date with the exception of Sean Burton and Derick Olson.

Shari J. Lentz made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on February 8th, 2024. Mark Kevitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Holland recessed the meeting until 10:45 a.m. when the board would reconvene for Derick Olson's hearing.

James Holland reconvened the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and indicated that Derick Olson had not appeared for his hearing. Shari J. Lentz added that Mr. Olson is in the same scenario as Mr. Burton, we have not received a delivery receipt and that the tracking information from the Post Office shows that Mr. Olson has not picked up the letter. Shari J. Lentz added that the office has not received a notice stating that the letter was undeliverable. James Holland advised the board to follow the same process as Sean Burton, which is as follows: The board will not fine Derick Olson due to not knowing if he has received the certified letter. The board will send another letter with service by sheriff stating the new hearing date of February 29th, 2024 at 10 a.m.

James Holland asked the board if they had any additional vote center information to discuss. Shari J. Lentz informed the board that she did receive a response from Bartholomew County REMC and they are willing to host as a Vote Center this election year if needed. Mark Kevitt stated that they should be added to the list of vote center locations to be voted on. James Holland added that NexusPark is still in flux and the board is still working on locations.

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