

PORTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

155 INDIANA AVE., STE. 205

VALPARAISO, IN 46383

MARCH 8, 2019

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call- JJ Stankiewicz, Dave Bengs, Jessica Bailey present. Quorum established.
3. Certification of Duneland Referendum Question- Revised referendum filed March 5th after approval from DLGF. Public question reads as follows:
“For the seven (7) calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall the Duneland School Corporation continue to impose a property tax rate that does not exceed twenty-two cents (\$0.22) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation for the purpose of funding and maintaining the current educational and operational programs including student safety and building security, compensating teachers and staff, maintaining class sizes and any other educational or operational needs of the School Corporation? The tax rate requested in this referendum was originally approved by the voters in the Duneland School Corporation in 2012.”
An error in the question needed to be revised to include the word “continue” and reapproved by DLGF before certification by the board. Janice Meyers, Jackson Township Trustee, voices concerns that there will be no polling locations open in the unincorporated areas for the duneland referendum and voters won’t know where to vote. Bailey reassures that all duneland locations were planned anticipating the referendum’s certification. Once referendum is certified, polling location lists will be provided to newspapers and both party chairmen. Charles Parkinson, Corporation Counsel for Duneland, comments that the school corporation has an interest in voter turnout as well because they believe in the referendum and believe the voters will support it. Parkinson also addresses that the corporation included the word “continue” in their resolution, and the DLGF (at their own admittance) omitted the language and very graciously fixed their error. Bengs motions to approve Resolution 2019-04, Bailey seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
4. Other- Stankiewicz advises that the Democrat Party Chairman Jeff Chidester and Republican Party Chairman Michael Simpson are responsible for finding poll workers and have until a deadline quoted by Conrad as noon, March 22nd to provide the list of workers to the Clerk and Election Board. Stankiewicz asks for the chairmen’s numbers to be made public for prospective workers. Bailey points out the chairman’s responsibility is to delegate to their precinct committeemen to find poll workers by deadline. Provides Clerk’s Office phone number for any workers that want to call the election division itself.
5. Adjournment- Bengs motions to adjourn, Bailey seconds. Vote 3-0, meeting adjourned.