

**PORTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD**

**155 INDIANA AVE., SUITE 205**

**VALPARAISO, IN 46383**

**May 17, 2019, 12:00 P.M.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call- Jessica Bailey, David Bengs, David Welter present. Quorum established.
3. Certification of Election- Nine provisionals for review. Five valid to be counted, Welter motions to approve, Bengs seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes. One provisional voted at wrong place, did not include VRG 4/12. Bengs motions to deny, Bailey seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes. One absentee ballot by mail, envelope not signed. Bengs motions to accept, Welter seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes. Two provisionals that did not provide ID, Bengs motions to deny both, Bailey seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes. Six good provisionals counted, three denied. Election Board members sign tapes. Meeting to follow in Commissioners' Chambers.
4. Approval of Minutes- Welter motions to approve minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Bengs seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
5. Clerk's Report-Election recap: some hiccups at the beginning, but addressed. Positive feedback from voters, process easy and efficient. Surveys were sent out the day prior to all workers, 120 out of 306 returned already. In comparison, 10,562 voters in 2015 and 12,120 voters in 2019. Both had referendums.
6. Unfinished Business

- a. Campaign Finance Reports- Quite a few candidates have complied. Lynn Ross attempted to submit but needs to finalize. New candidates added after last deadline of Pre-Primary reports. Attorney to send notices to new outstanding candidates with a due date of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. New Business

- a. Complaint- Rivas vs. Modesto- Modesto asks to submit amended report to the board. Her husband, the treasurer for the past five years, asks to speak on the matter. States he called Voter Registration asking if tickets for spaghetti dinner needed to be reported as spending over \$100. He was told to call the Clerk's Office where he spoke to Victoria Gresham. States Gresham instructed him to report what came in and what went out. He admits using wrong forms and submitting the correction. Mr. Modesto expresses he should be notified of a complaint by the office, not by the press. Bailey explains campaign finance training will be coming soon. Modesto agrees that would be helpful. Matter is now resolved.
- b. Complaint- Kuziela vs. Allison- Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Marquette in the Town of Porter, Kuziela noticed a sign missing the necessary disclaimer line, sent complaint letter to the Election Board. Allison states he received two calls from friends telling him his signs were missing a disclaimer and notifying him of the complaint filed. States within 12-36 hours all signs had the disclaimer added. Allison swears there was no ill intent on his part, it was his first time running for anything and he apologizes for his mistake. Allison looks forward to campaign finance training. Matter resolved.
- c. Update on HB1217- Signed and taking effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional Republican and Democrat members added to the Election Board

appointed by chairmen. Assistant and Director of new Board of Elections and Registration to be voted on. All to be voted on and take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting set for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. to vote and swear in new Election Board, Director, Assistant Director, meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> to approve Director's employees.

8. Announcements

a. Next Meeting- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

9. Public Comment- None

10. Adjournment- Welter motions to adjourn, Bengs seconds. Vote 3-0, meeting adjourned.