

**Tippecanoe County Board of Election and Registration**  
**Election Certification**  
**Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 1 PM**  
**Tippecanoe Room**

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**Present:** County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie A. Roush; Deputy Election Commissioner: Joe Bumbleburg; Board Staff members, Juan Ramirez & Germany Harris; and members of the public/press. Ryan Munden was absent (excused).

**Meeting Called to Order:** At 1:00 PM, Chairman Vonderheide opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was presented. Meeting was the March 24<sup>th</sup> reconvened meeting. ***Motion to approve May 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. Minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.***

**Public Notice of meeting:** Notice of meeting went out 48 hours in advance.

**Review of Absentee and Provisional Ballots:** The board reviewed 0 provisional ballots. Issues with mail-in ballots were 1) 9 ballots were wrongly delivered to the Clerk PO Box instead of the BOE PO Box. On April 26<sup>th</sup> a call was made to USPS and error was corrected. 2) Two mail-in ballots sent out were not received back. 3) Four mail-in ballots were received on Election Day and were counted. 4) Received one ballot on May 9<sup>th</sup> and was rejected for being late. 5) We received two overseas ballots back.

**Certification of 2023 Primary Election:** The board was presented with the Statement of Votes Cast for the Primary Election. Roush reported that there were 22,489 registered voters. A total of 847 voters voted. Of that, 574 voters voted in person on Election Day, 273 voters voted absentee, which includes by mail, travel board, in-person, and military/overseas. ***A motion to approve the certification of the 2023 Primary Election Results was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The Election Results were unanimously approved and certified without correction.***

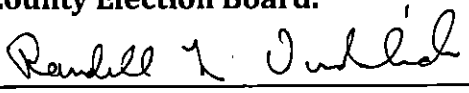
**Election Expenses:** Roush stated that the 2023 primary costs were estimated at \$28,000. Estimated ballot expense is over \$33.00 per ballot, but excludes the cost of envelopes, paper and supplies the office already had on hand.

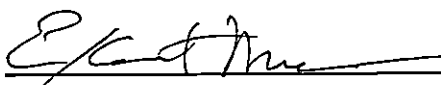
**Primary Election Statistics:** We struggled to keep and find election workers. Many hired poll workers called and cancelled before their scheduled time. We had five vote center sites and hired 21 people to staff them. The top two election day vote centers were: (1) West Lafayette Wellness Center with 189 votes, and (2) Faith West with 178 votes. Connection Point had the lowest number of votes (7). Wabash 27, which includes Northwestern Heights & Hills & Dales Neighborhoods had the highest voter turnout of 115 voters (19.5%). Wabash 22 & 23, which includes Mitch Daniels Blvd South and the Purdue Mall area, had 0 turnout. Only 16 votes came from the Purdue University area (across 7 available precincts). Early voting at the county employed only 2 poll workers per day.

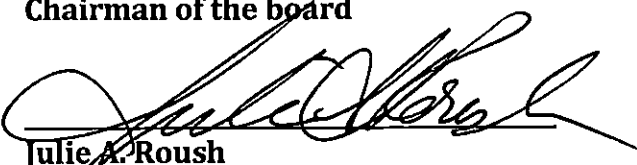
**Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, ***Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM***

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roush, Secretary.

**County Election Board:**

  
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**Randall L. Vonderheide**  
Chairman of the board

  
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**E. Kent Moore**  
Board Member

  
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**Julie A. Roush**  
Tippecanoe County Clerk