

STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MINUTES for March 30, 2015

The Starke County Election Board met on March 30, 2015 at 10:00 am (CST). Those present of the board were Peg Brettin, President; Dan Bridegroom, Vice President; and Vicki Cooley, Starke County Clerk serving as Election Board Secretary.

Brettin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am (CST) with the pledge of allegiance.

Bridegroom made the motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2015, second by Brettin. Motion carried.

Discussion and updates on Hava Grant and contactor's proposals. Bob Lorenz from the Bass Lake Lions Club spoke of his concerns about the old structure and felt that some of the proposed work to be done was unnecessary and other work the building needed was more pertinent. Bridegroom read the proposals out loud and explained that if these buildings are to be used for the public, they need to meet federal guidelines. Upgrades need to be done in order to make the building handicap assessable. An addition to Milo's proposal will include stone tonnage, number of stone, and the cost of stone. This amount would equal \$2,800.00 making a total of \$17,600.00. If paving is to be done in the future, the gravel will need to be upgraded again. The existing gravel will still be used at the same location. A request to Milo for these upgrades to be put in his written proposal is needed. It was also noted that Kuiper Masonry had not signed his proposal and needed to do so. The board voiced concern that more grant money will hopefully be attained in the future for more improvements. Rutherford Walters also was part of the discussion with his concerns for the North Bend Community Center since he is the trustee for that township.

Bridegroom made motion for the early in-office absentee voting schedule to be the regular working hours starting on April 7, 2015 8:00 – 4:00 with the additional hours of April 21, 2015 4:00-6:00 pm (CST) April 30, 2015 4:00-6:00 (CST). April 25, 2015 8:00-4:00 (CST) and May 2, 2015 (CST). This motion was second by Brettin. Motion carried. Bridegroom made the suggestion for the election clerk, Crystal Taylor to post her hours in order to show the commissioners at their regular scheduled meeting. Cooley had made the request to them for additional hours above her part time hours and is on agenda again for Monday April 6, 2015.

Bridegroom made the motion to give Vicki Cooley, Starke County Clerk the authority to act on election board business according to IC 3-6-5-19, second by Brettin. Motion carried.

Brettin made motion for the training dates for the Knox Primary Election to be held 6:30 to 8:00 pm (CST) on April 30, 2015 and 10:00 to 12:00 (CST) on May 2, 2015, second by Bridegroom. Motion carried. The training location will be in the courthouse in Knox, on the third floor in the court room.

Cooley explained about the defective absentee ballots and problems with trying to receive back from the voter the ABS 5 form. Bridegroom made the motion to contact Dale Simmons, attorney for the State

Election Board to see if the envelopes with the defective ballots could be opened. This subject matter will be tabled until we have feedback from Simmons.

Cooley brought maps to the meeting illustrating Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3 in North Judson, Indiana. Bridegroom had previous questions on the difference between wards and precincts in that area.

Brettin made the motion for a resolution to be made to approve the two Starke County Party Chairmans's appointments to the Absentee Voter Board(in office),the travel board and absentee voter counters. This motion was second by Bridegroom. Motion carried.

Those present for the meeting from the public were Byron Rutherford Walters, Bob Lorencz, Betty Howard, Delores Rodgers, Crystal Taylor, Brenda Stanojavic

Bridegroom made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Brettin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm (CST).

Minutes corrected and approved at the April 6,2015 Starke County Election Board Meeting.