

**Review of the Village of New Richmond Issue to Frame a Charter
and Candidate Petitions**

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Rick Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane, Rick Combs and Paul Campbell. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking Record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: None.

REVIEW OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND ORDINANCE:

Director Miller reminded the Board that on July 29, 2010 the Village of New Richmond filed an Ordinance, the question being “Shall a Commission be Chosen to Frame a Charter” to be placed on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot. They filed an amended Ordinance which did not meet the specifications of the Board because of a “time line” problem regarding candidate filing. They filed a seconded amended Ordinance on September 1, 2010. Judy forwarded the second amended Ordinance to our Legal Counsel, Mary Lynne Birck and the Secretary of State’s Office for review. No problems were found with the Ordinance. The correction that was made was the candidate filing deadline (September 3).

2010-115 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept and place the Village of New Richmond’s Question- Shall a Commission be Chosen to Frame a Charter? on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot as amended September 1, 2010 by Village Council. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND CHARTER COMMISSION:

Director Miller advised the Board that Robert Lees requested to have his name withdrawn from the Candidate Petition. Judy submitted it to the Secretary of State’s Office; they saw no problem with the withdrawal because the Board had not Certified the Candidates yet and no ballots had been printed.

2010-116 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the Withdrawal of Robert Lees from the Charter Commission Ballot per his request. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised the Board that 2 sets of Candidate Petitions (3-Q) were filed on August 6, 2010 and met all of the qualifications as prescribed by the Village of New Richmond Ordinance 2010-20 to appear on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot. The Ordinance required 25 valid signatures to validate the Charter Commission Candidate Petitions. The first petition contained 9 names; they submitted 34 signatures and had 33 valid. The second petition contained 6 names; they submitted 28 signatures and 25 were valid. (There are 15 Charter Commission Candidates to be Elected.)

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2010-117 – Paul Campbell made the motion to Certify the Candidates from the first Petition: Jeanne Hilt, Nancy Swats, Bryon Fowler, Diane M. Babcock, Craig L. Babcock, Michael G. Dobbins, David L. Johnson, Mary L. Mark, Paul Vanderbosch and from the second Petition: Sandra Mathews, Alice M. Davis, James M. Hempfling, William R. Marsh, Mary G. Allen and Carlton B. Guertler and place them on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Miller advised the Board she paid \$225 (15 x \$15= \$225) for the District Luncheon (4 presenters from SOS, 3 Board Members and 8 Office Staff). She is asking for reimbursement.

2010-118 – Rick Combs made the motion to reimburse Judy Miller, Director of the Board of Elections, for the District Meeting for the agreed cost of 15 individuals at \$15 a piece for a total of \$225. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised the Board of our new Field Representative, A.J. Smith. He emailed us his contact information. He was unable to make today’s meeting because of another county’s Board Meeting.

Judy also addressed the Board regarding Absentees. There are some counties that send/mail Absentee Ballot Applications to all of their voters prior to the election. Also there are some counties that mail out their Absentee Ballots with prepaid return postage. A lawsuit has been filed and they want to halt the mailing out of all absentee ballots until a decision has been made so that all Counties are processing Absentee in the same manner. Judy advised the Board that there could be a time when our Board will have to include the return postage on our Absentee Ballots. This could be a potential cost of about \$15,000 if this should happen. She will advise Dave Spinney (County Administrator) of this possibility; depending on the outcome of this lawsuit. The Board discussed the situation. Judy and Mike advised that they had discussed with Dave Spinney about the funding to mail out Absentee Applications to all voters. There has been no funding budgeted for the mailing of Absentee Applications, but Administrator Spinney advised that he would make sure there would be such funding for the 2012 Presidential Election. Tim stated that there needed to be a set of rules regarding this because it makes it appear that one election is more important than another. Paul added that if there are not any rules set in place then it is left up to us to make the decisions. It is hard to determine what the courts could decide.

Rick inquired about the current Records Requests. Judy stated that we received a large Records Request from the Ohio Democrat Party and Ohio Republican Party. They want a large amount of information on a daily basis. We do not keep lists for some of this information and we do not have to create records/lists. Judy sent the requests to Mary Lynne Birck for review and she advised that we do not have to do it on a daily basis if we do not have the time, we can send the information a couple of times a week. They can come in and look at our lists if they prefer.

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ADJOURNMENT:

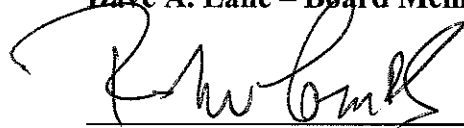
2010-119 – At 9:51 a.m. Dave Lane made the motion to adjourn. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon direction of the Chairman, all Members answered “aye”.



Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman




Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 4:03 PM
To: 'theron@communitypress.com'
Subject: special mtg notice
Attachments: September 7, 2010-New Richmond Charter.doc; image001.gif

Theresa,
Please be advised and run as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice for a Special Board Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you,

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 4:05 PM
To: 'clermontsun@fuse.net'
Subject: special Bd mtg notice
Attachments: September 7, 2010-New Richmond Charter.doc; image001.gif

Art,
Please be advised and run as a PSA (not cost) the attached notice for a Special Board Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank You,

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 4:07 PM
To: 'bbrunsman@enquirer.com'
Subject: special bd mtg notice
Attachments: September 7, 2010-New Richmond Charter.doc; image001.gif

Barrett,
Please see the attached notice regarding a Special Board Meeting. Please let me know if you any questions.
Thank you,

Becky Rudd
Clermont County Board of Elections
513-732-7275

Notice of Special Meeting
Clermont County Board of Elections
76 S. Riverside Dr.
Batavia, OH 45103
513-732-7275

The Clermont County Board of Elections will hold a Special Board Meeting September 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. to review the Village Of New Richmond Charter Issue and Candidate Petitions for the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot and any other regular business. The meeting will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, OH 45103.

Dated: September 1, 2010

Tim Rudd-Chairman
Judy A. Miller-Director