

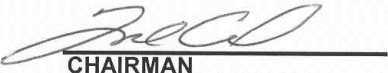
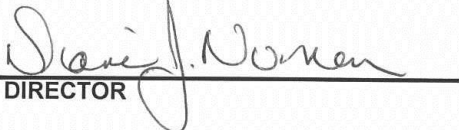
Butler County Board of Elections Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2017

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. for a regular meeting. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Kathy Wyenandt, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg, Director Diane Noonan, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro, Early Voting Administrator Eric Corbin, Secretary of State Regional Liaison Beth Hamad and Journal News Reporter Mike Pitman.

Chairman Cloud submitted the bills for approval. Member Wyenandt moved to approve the bills; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

BILLS August 21, 2017		
0100-5460-520000	Office supplies	964.65
0100-5460-521000	Postage	10,045.08
0100-5460-525100	Software/ Hardware Equipment	4,376.85
0100-5460-529000	Other mat'l & supplies	2,584.36
0100-5460-530075	Technology support	13,569.58
0100-5460-530310	Rental/lease - equip & vehicles	1,722.00
0100-5460-530500	Travel & training	4,978.92
0100-5460-530550	Employee job related mileage	67.63
0100-5460-536000	Contract services	1,284.07
	TOTAL BILLS	39,593.14
PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND		
 CHAIRMAN	 DIRECTOR	

BILLS August 21, 2017

OFFICE SUPPLIES (520000)

Office Depot Inc	
Toner supplies	160.36
Office supplies	114.55
Toner Supplies	370.80
Office supplies	3.55

Office supplies	11.99
Office supplies	94.00
Office supplies	136.82
Toner supplies	

Onlinelabels.com

2 boxes of 5160 address labels	57.10
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Smith, Mickey

Coffee supplies	15.48
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TOTAL OFFICE SUPPLIES (520000)	964.65
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POSTAGE (521000)

Fedex

May shipment	8.36
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June Shipment	36.72
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Pitney Bowes

Reserve account # 18850560	10,000.00
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TOTAL POSTAGE (521000)	10,045.08
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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE EQUIPMENT (525100)

Andrews, Joseph

Mifi antenna	49.95
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CDW Government Inc

Hp laserjet printer	210.40
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Cadre Computer Resources

4 Indoor wireless application protocol with peripherals and software	4,116.50
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TOTAL SOFTWARE/HARDWARE EQUIPMENT (525100)	4,376.85
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OTHER MATERIAL/SUPPLIES (529000)

Andrews, Joseph

2 bags of ice, open house 7/26/17	7.48
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Government Forms and Supplies

One minute books and papers	234.08
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Millenium Business System

Staples for copier	107.60
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Murphy's Cleaning Supplies Inc

Kitchen supplies	121.39
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Quality Publishing Company Inc

40,000 VNC Acknowledgment cards	1,399.00
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28,000 Election inerts, to be included in the electric bill	399.29
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Smith, Mickey

Refreshment, open house 7/26/17	77.72
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TNT paper supply	
7 boxes copy paper	237.80
TOTAL OTHER MATERIAL/SUPPLIES (529000)	2,584.36
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT (530075)	
Data Information Management Systems	
Dimsnet voterfile maintenance, June 2017	6,684.52
Dimsnet voterfile maintenance, July 2017	6,885.06
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT (530075)	13,569.58
RENTAL/LEASE - EQUIP & VEHICLES (530310)	
Pitney Bowes	
Maintenance and lease, meter equipment 4/30-7/29	1,722.00
TOTAL RENTAL/LEASE - EQUIP & VEHICLES (530310)	1,722.00
TRAVEL & TRAINING (530500)	
Andrews, Joe	
Mileage and meals, SOS summer conference,6/20-6/21	147.37
Meals, DIMS conferences,7/17-7/19	71.90
Bucaro, Jocelyn	
Hotel/mileages/meals, FLA election center conference, 7/8-7/16	1,751.00
Clendenin, Erin	
SOS- ADA training 6/17/17, Green County, OH	59.16
Mileages, Warren County District meeting, 7/14/17	24.48
Corbin, Eric	
Meals, DIMS conferences,7/17-7/19	71.90
Defazio, Donna	
Mileages, Warren County District meeting, 7/14/17	24.48
Election Center	
Registration fees/classes, 7/8-7/15 Fort Myers, FLA	1,046.00
Gattermeyer, Pam	
Mileage, SOS Summer conference, 6/21	108.12
Hall, Todd	
Mileage and meals, SOS summer conference,6/20-6/21	134.12
Myers, Agnes	
Meals, DIMS conference,7/17-7/19	71.90
Noonan, Diane	
Meals/Ferry service, DIMS conference,7/17-7/19	173.90
OAEO	

10 meal charges, Southwestern district meeting 7/14/17	100.00
Smith, Mickey	
Mileage/meals, DIMS conference, 7/17-7/19	300.38
US Bank	
Flight/Hotel, conferences, DIMS 7/17-7/19(OH) and Election Center 7/8-7/16(FLA)	651.97
Wunnberg, Chris	
Mileage, SOS Summer conference, 6/21	108.12
Wyanandt, Kathleen	
Mileage and meals, SOS summer conference, 6/20-6/21	134.12
TOTAL TRAVEL & TRAINING (530500)	4,978.92
EMPLOYEE JOB RELATED MILEAGE (530550)	
Clendenin, Erin	
Poll visits mileages, wireless testing in West Chester, 7/10/17	26.83
Smith, Mickey	
Equipment demo, Montgomery County, 7/26/17	40.80
TOTAL EMPLOYEE JOB RELATED TRAVEL (530550)	67.63
OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES (536000)	
Butler County Metro Park	
Team building with Warren County, 6/19/17	231.00
Frontier Communications	
Oxford monthly listing 6/22/17-7/21/17	5.50
Oxford monthly listing 7/22/17-8/21/17	5.50
Millennium Business System Inc	
Flex copies, 4/28/17-5/27/17	163.73
Flex copies, 5/28/17-6/27/17	34.88
Flex copies, 6/28/17-7/27/17	46.00
Net Connect	
Installed 4 CatE cables for mifi, 6/12/17	460.00
Prosource	
Copier maintenance/flex copies 7/1/17-9/30/17	337.46
TOTAL OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES (536000)	1,284.07

Chairman Cloud submitted the minutes of July 17, 2017 for approval. Member Wunnenberg moved to approve the minutes for May 15, 2017; seconded by Member Wyanandt. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyanandt	yea
Member Hall	abstain
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Noonan acknowledged the receipt of the directives and advisory from the Secretary of State listed below.

Directives 2017-10 Updated Election Official Manual and Related Directives
 2017-11 Chapter 2 Election Administration
 2017-12 Chapter 3 Voter Registration
 2017-13 Chapter 8 Canvassing the Votes
 2017-14 Chapter 9 Post-Election Activities
 2017-15 Chapter 11 Petitions
 2017-16 Chapter 14 Statewide Initiative and Referendum
 2017-17 Chapter 15 Miscellaneous Duties

Advisory 2017-07 Updated Ohio Election Official Manual

Under Election Business, Director Noonan submitted candidates to be certified to the November 7, 2017 General Election listed on Document 3 below. Member Wyenandt moved to certify all of the candidates for the November 7, 2017 General Election; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

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November 7th, General Election
Candidates
August 21, 2017

CITY OF FAIRFIELD For Member of Council at Large Mike Snyder
CITY OF HAMILTON For Mayor Pat Moeller
CITY OF HAMILTON For Member of Council Shawna Noble Timothy F. Naab Delbert Price
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN For Member of Council at Large Roy Gordon Dora Bronston
CITY OF MONROE For Member of Council Robert E. Routson Anna Hale
CITY OF OXFORD For Member of Council Corey A. Watt Austin Worrell David Prytherch Michael Smith Jace Prows Drew Davis
CITY OF TRENTON For Member of Council Ryan Montgomery Raymond Lee Nichols Jenni Combs Calvin G. Woodrey
VILLAGE OF MILLVILLE Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2019 For Mayor Robert P. Settles, Sr.
VILLAGE OF NEW MIAMI For Member of Council Barbara A. Schick

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VILLAGE OF NEW MIAMI For Member of Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Donald L. Fox, Sr. Gene Beuerlein
VILLAGE OF SEVEN MILE For Member of Council Cindy Rager Wilson Melissa A. Mick Jack Young Jennifer M. Miller Jacqueline McGuire
VILLAGE OF SEVEN MILE For Member of Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Joseph M. Braun
TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD For Township Trustees Shannon M. Hartkemeyer Benjamin A. Bultman Pete Bohrofen Jeff McGuffey, Jr.
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER For Township Trustees Frederick Stitsinger Jeff Buddo
TOWNSHIP OF LEMON For Township Trustees Robert Joseph Routson
TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY For Township Trustees Christine L. Matacic Mike Dailey Elizabeth Maurer
TOWNSHIP OF MADISON For Township Trustees Thomas Hall Brian E. McGuire
TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD For Township Trustees Paul E. Gillespie
TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN For Township Trustees Jerry D. Schaffer

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TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD	
For Township Trustees	
Matthew D. Franke Peter McCarthy	
TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD	Unexpired Term Ending 3/31/2020
For Township Fiscal Officer	
Shaunna Tafelski	
TOWNSHIP OF ROSS	
For Township Trustees	
Raymond Wurzelbacher	
TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR	
For Township Trustees	
Tom Barnes John R. Snyder	
TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE	
For Township Trustees	
Tim Taylor Edward G. Truster Bill Jones	
TOWNSHIP OF WEST CHESTER	
For Township Trustees	
Mark S. Welch Joan Powell Mariann Penska	
BUTLER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER	
For Member of Governing Board of Educational Service Center	
Graham Pritchard Elaine Garver	
EDGEWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	
For Member of Board of Education	
Gary Gabbard Jim Wirtley Beth Benjamin	
FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	
For Member of Board of Education	
Dan Hare Michael A. Berding Brian Begley	
FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	
For Member of Board of Education	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2019
Carrie O'Neal	

HAMILTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Patrick Wagonfield Anne Vaaler Mills Laurin Sprague Chris Mate
LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Todd Parnell Ernest Gause
MADISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Paul Jennewine William Chad Norvell Brad Miller
MIDDLETOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Todd Moore Bruce A. Hughley, Sr. Cathie Mulligan
MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Brett Guido Tim Carpenter Leslie Stone
NEW MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Charles R. Cook Eleanor Carbary
ROSS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
William T. Buelsing Amy Webb Edward Bosse, Jr. Andrew Schnell
TALAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT For Member of Board of Education
Lois Vollmer Lori Parks

Chairman Cloud submitted issues to be certified to the November 7, 2017 General Election listed on Document 4 below. Director Noonan explained that the Monroe issue was approved by the Secretary of State and the county Prosecutor's office, but the county Prosecutor noted that the ballot language is persuasive. Deputy Director Bucaro added that the Prosecutor did not make a recommendation to change the language. Member Wunnenberg moved to certify the issues to the November 7, 2017 General Election; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Document 4

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Butler County Board of Elections
November 7th, 2017 General Election
Board Certification
Issues
August 21, 2017

Issues

Butler County – Children Services (Renewal)

- Two hundred eighty-two precincts

City of Oxford – Charter Amendment

- Thirteen precincts

City of Monroe – Income Tax Increase

- Nine precincts

Village of Millville – Fire (Renewal)

- Two precincts

Reily Township – Fire (Renewal)

- Two precincts

Village of Seven Mile – Current Expenses (Additional)

- Two precincts

Village of New Miami – General Construction (Additional)

- One precinct

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Liberty Township – Fire (Additional)

- Twenty-five precincts

Hanover Township – Current Expenses (Additional)

- Ten precincts

Local Options

Texas Roadhouse (Particular Location Sunday Sales)

- WC11

Middletown Fine Wines & Spirits (Particular Location Sunday Sales)

- Midd3wd4

The Hitching Post (Particular Location Sunday Sales)

- Milford2

Chairman Cloud submitted candidate and local option petitions in question. Deputy Director Bucaro confirmed that all candidates on this list were notified about their petition deficiencies. Member Hall asked if the office was helping candidates as much as possible. Deputy Director Bucaro confirmed that the office is always willing to help candidates and the office hosted two candidate training classes this year.

Member Hall moved to not certify the seven candidates and local option listed on Document 5 to the November 7, 2017 General Election; seconded by Member Wyenandt. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro explained that the St. Clair fire levy did not contain the correct election date, and the life squad issue listed the incorrect year that they were going to begin collecting the tax. She also informed the Board that the Prosecutor's office contacted Gary Sheets as the township's legal authority and advised that the township could file a new resolution correcting the errors. When the new resolution was filed, it was signed by Gary Sheets and not the Fiscal Officer, Douglas Wheelright. The Prosecutor's office advised there is no legal authority in Ohio Law to allow the Fiscal Officer to delegate his authority to sign the resolution via text message and therefore does not have a standard procedural history. The Prosecutor's office did try to contact the township but there was no response, leaving the decision to the Board.

Member Wunnenberg moved to certify the St. Clair Issues to the November 7, 2017 General Election. The motion was not seconded.

Chairman Cloud moved to not certify the St. Clair Issues to the November 7, 2017 General Election; seconded by Member Wyenandt. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	nay

Majority in favor; motion carried.

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Butler County Board of Elections
November 7, 2017 General Election
Petitions in Question:

Candidate Petitions That Did Not Meet the Statutory Signature Requirements

Sue Hensley – Millville Village Council

Certified Not Certified

- Statement of Candidacy dated after signatures were collected
- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 10
 - Number of signatures submitted – 18
 - Number of valid signatures – 0

Ted G. Hensley – Millville Village Council

Certified Not Certified

- Statement of Candidacy was not dated
- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 10
 - Number of signatures submitted – 17
 - Number of valid signatures – 0

Larry Marlow – New Miami Village Council

Certified Not Certified

- Statement of Candidacy was not signed on part petition 4
- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 50
 - Number of signatures submitted – 66
 - Number signatures available to verify – 48

Joseph P. Ebbing - Fairfield Township Trustee

Certified _____ Not Certified X

- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 25
 - Number of signatures submitted – 26
 - Number of valid signatures – 22

Chris Cavens - West Chester Township Trustee

Certified _____ Not Certified X

- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 25
 - Number of signatures submitted – 5
 - Did not file the minimum signatures required

Zipporah Samples – Hamilton City Schools Member of Board of Education

Certified X Not Certified _____

- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 150
 - Number of signatures submitted – 212
 - Number of valid signatures – 147

Tracey Soppanish – Monroe Local Schools Member of Board of Education

Certified _____ Not Certified X

- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required – 25
 - Number of signatures submitted – 26
 - Number of valid signatures – 20

Local Option Petitions That Did Not Meet the Statutory Signature Requirements

D's Market – Local Option

Certified _____ Not Certified X

- Signatures
 - Number of valid signatures required –43
 - Number of signatures submitted –88
 - Number of valid signatures -13

Issues In Question

St. Clair Township – Fire (Renewal)

Certified _____ Not Certified X

- Four precincts
- Per County Prosecutor opinion dated 08/18/17

St. Clair Township – Life Squad (Renewal)

Certified _____ Not Certified X

- Five precincts
- Per County Prosecutor opinion dated 08/18/17

Deputy Director Bucaro noted the City of Trenton filed a charter amendment that did not list the election date. They have been advised of the problem and we expect they will file a correction. Charter amendments can be filed as late as sixty days before the election so the Board may have one more issue to certify at the next meeting.

Under Old Business, Director Noonan updated the Board about an hour-long meeting with Charlie Young, the County Administrator. Deputy Director Bucaro informed that Board that during the meeting the County Administrator said it is not currently a priority for the County Commissioners to fund a new voting system, but it is possible to change the

Commissioner's priorities. The County Administrator asked for specific data that would outline the need for a new voting system. Deputy Director Bucaro explained some of the data that was sent, such as 149 machines that are completely unusable and about 50 machines that need repairs after each election. Other data includes the number of reissued ballots due to voting machine issues. Member Hall asked for clarification that there were fewer issues in the November 2016 election than the November 2014 election. Deputy Director Bucaro explained the reduction in issues is due to training. The next data set shows the number of double votes caused by machine issues. She explained that voters who are not sure their vote was counted, return to the poll workers, have a new ballot issued and vote a second time. Member Wunnenberg asked if this is also an issue that can be resolved through training. Deputy Director Bucaro answered yes, part of the problem is with training, but it is also due to the machine problems voters are experiencing. Director Noonan stated one problem with the voting machines is continuing to find replacement parts.

Member Hall asked for a rough figure of the cost of a new system. Director Noonan answered \$3-6 million to purchase a new voting system. Member Hall asked if there are any state funds for Butler County to use towards the purchase of a new voting system. Deputy Director Bucaro stated there are no state funds for Butler County to use towards the purchase of a new voting system.

Member Hall asked if there is a company that services the machines, and noted fixing 149 machines must be less expensive than purchasing a new system. Member Wyenandt mentioned service costs can add up over time.

Chairman Cloud asked Database Administrator Jay Klein, who joined the meeting for this discussion, if there are other issues with the current voting system that have not been discussed yet. Klein reminded the Board of the issue uploading paper ballots in November 2015. He explained how uploading paper ballots is the same as uploading memory cards and if memory cards in the future do not upload, it would cause many hours of extra work. Deputy Director Bucaro said that scenario happened in Portage County Ohio in November 2015, which led them to replace their system before the 2016 Primary.

Member Wunnenberg said the staff should do everything it can with the current resources to keep the system functioning and reliable as well as continue to lobby at the state level.

Deputy Director Bucaro added that the County Commissioners have not approved creating an election technology fund where money returned to the Board of Elections is kept on the side to fund the purchases for future equipment.

Member Wyenandt stated voter confidence is very important as well as staff confidence in the voting system. She indicated the office should continue to raise the concerns such as the number of double votes.

Member Wunnenberg said technology is changing and it would be wonderful to have the newest and best but in his opinion the election with 112,525 votes was extremely accurate. He asked why we would consider purchasing a system this year right before a major election year when the Board did not want to replace during a presidential year. Deputy Director Bucaro responded by saying replacing the voting system in 2018 would not be ideal.

Deputy Director Bucaro clarified when she came to work at the Board the lawsuit, filed in 2008 by the Secretary of State including all the counties that had this voting system, was settled by the state but still open with Butler County. She explained that at the time the Board was considering a new voting system but was not happy with any of the alternatives systems available and instead took electronic poll books in the settlement. The Secretary of State also made counties with this system install new software to strengthen the system and patch known problems.

The Board meeting then went back to Election Business as Director Noonan explained candidate Zipporah Samples brought in signed affidavits from voters explaining that they did personally sign her petition. Deputy Director Bucaro further explained that when the office reviewed the petitions, it appeared one person signed more than just their own name, disqualifying those part-petitions Deputy Director Bucaro reminded the Board that in the past the Board has considered sworn statements from voters attesting to their signatures.

Member Wunnenberg moved to certify Zipporah Samples to the November 7, 2017 General

Election; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Under the Director's Report, Director Noonan stated the Poll Worker Department has currently recruited 414 Democratic, 582 Republican and 137 No Party workers for the November Election. The goal each election is 1,400 workers which leaves 257 more workers to recruit.

Under the Deputy Director's Report, Deputy Director Bucaro notified the Board that the mock election for new electronic poll books, which had been scheduled for August 18, 2017, was rescheduled to August 30, 2017. Training materials for the new poll books are coming along and election preparation is coming along well. She also explained that some temporary staff members will be starting soon.

With no further business, Member Hall moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Wyenandt.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Diane Noonan, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg, III Member

Kathleen Wyenandt, Member