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Approved Minutes – Election Commission – June 19, 2026

Call to Order

- The meeting began at 11:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

- The Clerk took Roll Call with Jess McClaughry, Lorie Fliegel, and Rachel Mackson in attendance. There were no visitors in attendance.

Business

- Challenge email received from the Chairman of the Republican Party concerning three election inspectors.
 - Clerk noted all three are personally known to her. Two had previously worked elections for Greenwood Twp and had done an exemplary job. The third inspector is retiring after a long and successful career and has the qualifications to do the work required of an election inspector.
 - Board confirmed that all three election inspectors are registered to vote in the State of Michigan.
 - Board members reviewed the election inspector applications for each inspector, and all had properly filled out and signed the section relating to party affiliation.
 - Board reviewed State of Michigan Law MCL 168.164 regarding what constitutes a known active advocate of another political party.
 - A BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS SHALL NOT APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL AS AN ELECTION INSPECTOR IF THAT INDIVIDUAL DECLARES A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE FOR 1 POLITICAL PARTY BUT IS A KNOWN ACTIVE ADVOCATE OF ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "A KNOWN ACTIVE ADVOCATE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - (A) IS A DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION OR AN OFFICER OF THAT OTHER POLITICAL PARTY.
 - (B) IS AFFILIATED WITH THAT POLITICAL PARTY THROUGH AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED GOVERNMENT POSITION.
 - (C) HAS MADE DOCUMENTED PUBLIC STATEMENTS SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTING BY NAME THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTY OR ITS CANDIDATES IN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR AS THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS BEING MADE. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "DOCUMENTED PUBLIC STATEMENTS" MEANS STATEMENTS REPORTED BY THE NEWS MEDIA OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS WITH A CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS ATTRIBUTION TO THE APPLICANT.
 - (3) THE COUNTY CHAIR OF A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY MAY CHALLENGE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTION INSPECTOR BASED ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION INSPECTOR, THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ELECTION INSPECTOR'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, OR WHETHER THERE IS A PROPERLY COMPLETED DECLARATION OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION IN THE APPLICATION FOR THAT ELECTION INSPECTOR ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

- After reviewing all documentation and MCL 168.164.
 - Motion was made by Lorie Fliegel, seconded by Jess McClaughry, that after thorough review, it has been determined that the Chair of the Clare County Republican Party did not provide evidence that any inspector is a “known advocate of another party” and that no further action is necessary at this time. Further, the Board finds that the 3 election inspectors in question are highly qualified and that all three have a declaration of party affiliation on file with the Clerk.
 - ✓ Motion approved.
 - Ayes – Jess McClaughry, Lorie Fliegel, Rachel Mackson
 - Nays – NONE
- Motion made by Rachel Mackson, seconded by Jess McClaughry, to reaffirm the appointment of all the following as election inspectors:
 - **Democrats:** Patti Kardia (Election Director/Manager), Nancy Blakemore, Sally Beadle, Lawrence Gross, and Robin Kilbourne
 - **Republicans:** Kellie Bardouche (Deputy Clerk), Cindy McGrain, David Mackson, Jan Bohlinger, Marion (Bud) Williams, Jamie Selby, and Ricky Griffith.
 - **Receiving Board:** Kellie Bardouche (R), Robin Kilbourne (D)
 - ✓ Motion approved.
 - Ayes – Jess McClaughry, Lorie Fliegel, Rachel Mackson
 - Nays – NONE
- The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Rachel Mackson
Greenwood Township Clerk