

**LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NAPLES, FLORIDA
Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Workshop
May 18, 2016**

A workshop of the Supervisors of Lely Community Development District was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the LCDD Maintenance Building.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Gerry Campkin, Chairman
William Lee, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Drum, Secretary (Via Speakerphone)
Harold Ousley, Treasurer
Robert Fisher, Legal Aide

ALSO PRESENT: W. Neil Dorrill, Dorrill Management Group, Manager and
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin Carter, Dorrill Management Group
David Bryant, District Counsel

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Jennifer Edwards and Dave Carpenter were introduced by Mr. Dorrill, and Mrs. Edward provided some comparison data to the Board regarding the current voting public. The first page of the handout booklet provided to the Board showed all the Collier County Commission seats in the various districts.

Mrs. Edwards pointed out that in 2000 when the Elections Office bought their first geographical information system, they worked with the County Commission as well as the School Board to insure that their boundaries would be the same going forward. The handout showed that District 2 on the northwest side of the County has the largest number of registered voters. Collier County has more registered Republicans, and there are 43,757 registered voters classified as NPA, or no party affiliation, a trend that is growing throughout the state and the nation.

There are a dozen minor parties in the State of Florida, and there are almost 5,000 local voters registered in a minor party, such as Green, Socialist, and Independent. There are a total of 193,243 registered voters in Collier County and there are 1,980 in the RCDD, with 57 percent of them registered Republican and 18 percent registered Democrats. The residents of the CDD vote in Precinct 155, and the voters in the County vote early, by mail or on Election Day at the polls, split evenly at one-third each.

There are more registered women than men, which is typical throughout the County. Voters were also shown by race, with the majority being white. Voter population by

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generation was also charted, showing the percent of voters born before 1928; those born between 1928 and 1945; and the largest group, between 1946 through 1954, who are known as the baby boomers. The next generation are those born from 1965 to 1980, and the final generation is after 1980.

District 2 has the most voters in the County, the majority being Republican white women as was also the case with the Lely CDD.

Trends in voter registration showed, as noted before, that the NPA affiliations are increasing. Primary voter turnout in 2008 to 2014 was very low in the County.

In the general elections, the turnout was higher. In the 12 general elections, turnout in Collier County at 83 percent was the highest in the state. Florida requires that list maintenance be done in odd numbered years, and that results in keeping the voter rolls clean.

Florida is a closed primary state, which leads to some misunderstanding with people coming in from out of state. For those people for whom eligibility cannot be determined, a provisional ballot must be used which must be researched by staff to determine if they are eligible. Voters in Florida voted to create a universal primary in 1998, which occurs when all of the candidates are of the same party, and in this case, everyone can vote.

The qualifying period for those people wishing to run for office is from June 20 to June 24, local and state candidates. There will be universal primaries for the Circuit Court race, the Property Appraiser race and the State Senate race as all the candidates are of the same party.

Mrs. Edwards made the request forms available to those present if they wished to vote in the August 30th primaries and will be away from Naples. Early voting begins on August 20th and runs through the 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The hours for early voting will be expanded for the general election.

The races that will be on the ballot were listed in the brochure provided. The Legislature added three new forms of identification that can be used to vote as well.

The Supervisor of Elections office has moved as of the previous Friday, and they are now located at 3750 Enterprise Avenue, and all the equipment that was stored in a few different places is now under one roof. Over 800 election workers are trained for every election, and that will now also be done on Enterprise Avenue. Mrs. Edwards invited the Board members to come and tour the new facility when they are in that area. The property cost the County roughly 3.3 million dollars, and covers about two acres. Their Executive Summary indicated that this facility will be able to serve the Naples area for about fifty years.

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Mr. Carpenter pointed out to the Board on the map provided that there have not been many changes in the districts with the exception of some numbering. The State did have to revisit re-districting again this year because of some court cases they lost at the Florida Supreme Court level. The Senate District number has been changed to 28, and there will be an open seat this year. All of Collier County is now in one State Senate District, 28. The only difference in the Lely area is the CDD area is State House 106, while those areas outside the CDD are in State House 105, which connects to the East Coast. As it relates to the Congress, Verona Walk is in State District 25, while the Lely CDD is in the Coastal District. Both of those seats are open for the coming election.

As required by law, new voter information cards will be mailed out to the voters in the coming weeks if there are any changes within the District. County Commissioner Donna Fiala's seat is open this year, and at this point she has no opposition.

Mr. Dorrill asked if District 5 this year was reaching the point where the Registered Democrats will equal the registered Republicans, and it was noted that many of those voters were NPA. The last year a Democrat held a County Office position was in 1984. Mr. Bryant asked that as Mrs. Edwards runs the elections for the City of Naples as well as for the County, if anybody had challenged the method of voting, where the top two or three vote getters get the seats. Apparently it has never been challenged in Collier County, and part of a challenge must be that somehow a minority was being disempowered because of that, which has not been the case. Mr. Dorrill added that CDDs are unique that in limited circumstances they run their own elections when they do not meet the threshold for registered voters as well as some other requirements.

There were no questions from the members of the public, and Mrs. Edwards encouraged people to go to the Supervisor of Elections website for information.

A five minute recess was then taken.