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Board of Voter Registration and Elections

February 10, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
Pickens County Administrative Building Boardroom

Opening

Chairman Jim Liddle called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

Roll Call

Jim Liddle
Charles Titus
Brian Dismukes
Amanda Bauknight
Cheryl Allen-Bailey
Robert Rauton
Amy Sams
Sharon Rausch

Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting, January 4, 2022.
 - a. Motion by Board Member Titus to approve minutes. Second by Board Member Bauknight. All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.
2. Time available for public comment.
 - a. No members of the public present for comment.
3. Director's Report
 - a. Printed Meeting Minutes v. Electronic access - Board members agreed they prefer to continue having minutes printed.
 - b. 2nd Quarter SEC Training
 - i. Registration for 2nd Quarter Training classes will begin Monday, February 14, at 8:45 a.m.

- ii. Board members need one course per year to remain on Board.
 - iii. If choosing face-to-face course, Board members should submit receipts for mileage and food and complete a travel form.
- c. Change in absentee in-person procedures
 - i. State legislature has proposed H.4919 to address changes in voting populations, locations and security for in-person absentee voting.
 - ii. Potential redistricting and consequences for election timing of the March candidate filing and primary election date. Staff is preparing to remap precincts depending on the outcome of state legislative action.
- d. Meetings/Presentations
 - i. Director and Board Chairman Liddle presented a Zoom program to the Oconee-Pickens League of Women Voters in January.
 - ii. Dr. Sams also met with Tim Bruce, Pickens County Republican Party Chairman. They used the opportunities to recruit for poll workers.
- e. Redistricting
 - i. Proposals have been reviewed by Dr. Sams and Jimmy Threat, Pickens GPS, and 3 options have been provided to County Council. Director expects more options to be requested. She said all the redistricting must be completed by March 15 due to candidate filing beginning on March 16.
 - ii. Congressional reapportionment could result in 17 precincts having split ballots and some could have more than 2 splits. A court challenge has been filed and depending on court ruling, both candidate filing and election date may be delayed.
- f. Budget
 - i. Director presented the Proposed/Requested Department Budget for 2023 Fiscal Year. Board had an opportunity for a detailed review prior to this meeting. Board Member Rauton complimented the Director for the thorough detail in the budget preparation.
 - ii. Director called attention to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Official Organizational Rules, pg. 8. "The Director shall present this budget request to the Board for review before submitting to the County Administrator." She said the County requirements for submission do not allow for the delay required for a Board review. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to change the wording of the rule, as follows: "The Director shall present this budget request to the Board for review at the Board Meeting immediately following the submission to the County Administrator." Vice-Chairman Titus moved that the change in wording be approved with this 1st Reading, motion second by Board Member Bauknight. All in favor. Motion approved. 2nd Reading will be at the April Board Meeting.

4. New Business

- a. Chairman Liddle recommended that all Board Members consider attending Poll Manager Training.
- b. Chairman Liddle also requested that introductions to Board Members be included in poll worker training. Dr. Sams said that she could arrange for video introductions to be filmed and presented during the training sessions.

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Titus to adjourn, second by Board Member Rauton. All in favor.
Meeting unanimously adjourned at 2:55 p.m.