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BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday May 3, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

Pickens County Administrative Building Conference Room

Opening:

Chairman Liddle called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

Roll Call

Jim Liddle

Charles Titus

Cheryl Allen-Bailey

Amanda Bauknight

Brian Dismukes

Dr. Amy Sams

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the April 5th meeting
 - a. Correct the last name of Board Member Dsimukes to Dismukes
 - b. Board Member Dismukes made the motion to correct the name and approve the minutes; Seconded by Board Member Bauknight. All in favor.
2. For the Public: Please sign in and take an agenda
3. Public Forum (8 in attendance)
 - a. Suzanne Hart, of Scrutineers: regarding her concern pertaining to respecting the office of the Board of Elections
 - b. Lucinda Davis: spoke her opinion for the adjustments to H4919 "South Carolina In-Person Absentee Voting" and the concerns of the integrity of the ballots. Ballot machine vs Paper ballot
 - c. David Raspberry of Scrutineers: proposed presenting to the Pickens County Board of Elections a power point presentation on ballots in the future
4. Third & Final Reading of the BVRE Official Organization Rules, pg. 8.
 - a. Motion by Board Member Bauknight to accept the changes to pg. 8 of the BVRE Official Organization Rules; Seconded by Board Member Dismukes. All in favor.
 - i. Current Wording: "The Director shall present this budget request to the Board for review before submitting to the County Administrator.

- ii. Amended & Adopted Version Accepted: “The Director shall present this budget request to the Board for review at the Board Meeting immediately following the submission to the County Administrator.
- 5. Dr. Sams Executive Director Report:
 - a. Redistricting
 - i. The South Carolina Senate seat will be redistricted in 2024 and not 2022; the original county line will be updated
 - ii. The district web app now displays the updated information; the biggest change District 1 has gained, while District 2 has shifted
 - b. Ballots:
 - i. The state ballots transmitted by mail, met the deadline UOCAVA voters – this is a new system to the state; trial runs conducted in other states in 2020, were a success
 - ii. Ballot Scout – a state mandated mail tracking service, specific to election ballots; this will allow voters to track their ballots – for rural areas a bar code will be used for tracking; this service is provided by scvotes.org
 - iii. Clear Ballots: a new third party system mandated by the SEC, used as a secondary backup, which transmits an image of the ballot and does a comparison that will identify any discrepancies
 - 1. Identifying markings
 - 2. Compare any anomalies
 - 3. The entire state of South Carolina will use this system
 - c. Polling Location
 - i. Permanent change location in Liberty, SC:
 - 1. Current location: 155 North Liberty, Liberty, SC
 - 2. “New” Permanent location: Rosewood Center, Rosewood Street, Liberty, SC
 - ii. All 6,000 voters in Liberty, SC that will experience polling location changes will receive a pink card notifying them of the effective date of change, postcards will be bulk mailed out
- 6. H4919 “South Carolina In-Person Absentee Voting”
 - a. Additional items added from the Senate, back to the House for review of the amendments
 - b. Ready to use current law including absentee guidelines already in place
- 7. Employee Updates:
 - a. The office will staff an experienced full-time clerk for 30 days, Mrs. Bonita Holland
 - b. Seasoned poll workers will work with Ms. Marsha Christian
 - c. A community volunteer service worker, assisted the office for 30.0 hours, stuffing envelopes, organizing bins, sort, and bagged goodie bags. Looking for more community volunteer service workers
- 8. New Business and Board Member Discussion
 - a. Dr. Amy Sams and Mr. Charles Holland will contact the Village Branch Library concerning the voter outreach program for elementary education programs
 - b. Suggestions: seeking grants that allow voter & election education in the schools; seeking organizations, non-profits, etc., that will sponsor program involving voter & election programs in the schools
 - c. Board Member Titus responded to information from Ms. Lucinda Davis regarding ballot integrity, “we have to follow the law in regard to using machines as opposed to paper ballots”

Adjournment

Board Member Titus made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Board Member Bauknight.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm