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BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Pickens County Administrative Building Conference Room

Opening:

Chairman Liddle called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Jim Liddle
Cheryl Allen-Bailey
Charles Titus
Amanda Bauknight
Jim Schmutz
Cary Kaye
Bob Moody
Ethan Cashwell
Luke Campbell
Dr. Amy Sams
Sharon Rausch

1. Approval of Minutes from February Meeting
 - a. Minutes from February 7th Regular Board Meeting reviewed. Cashwell made the motion to approve the minutes. Kaye seconded. All in favor.
2. Time available for public comment
 - a. Ross Whitely commented on ERIC (a non-profit organization that assists with cross-state checks and communications in voter registration).
3. Director's Report
 - a. Reviewed highlights from the SCARE Conference. Reminded the board that the next conference will be held in 2024.

- b. Discussed SEC training and certification. General Assembly did not approve the SEC's request for regional classes. SEC will continue to hold classes in Columbia. One face-to-face class required every two years to maintain certification.
- c. Continuity of Operations Plan for Voter Registration and Elections submitted to Emergency Management. Emergency Management approved COOP.
- d. Discussed scheduled meetings with County Administrator and HR and Finance Departments. Regular meetings scheduled with County Administrator. Collaborative meeting scheduled with Finance and HR to discuss ways to streamline poll worker application and assignment process.
- e. Discussed election equipment repairs and new asset management and tracking system, Easy Vote, contracted by SEC.
- f. Discussed Easley City Council Ward 4 Special Election. Two candidates filed. Early voting will be open April 10th through April 21st.

4. New Business

- a. Discussion of response from SEC on Fruit Mountain November 2022 ballot issue. Board is pleased overall with response from SEC.
- b. Board Members Schmutz and Kaye shared highlights from SCARE Conference experience.
- c. Reminder of March deadline for ethics disclosure forms from board members.

5. Liddle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Allen-Bailey seconded. All in favor.