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BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, October 3, 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	Luke Campbell	Dr. Charles Titus
Amanda Bauknicht	Dr. Jim Schmutz	Cary Kaye
Bob Moody	Cheryl Allen Bailey	
Dr. Amy Sams		

1. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting
 - a. Minutes from September 5th Regular Board were reviewed. Mrs. Kaye made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bauknicht seconded. All in favor.
2. Time available for public comment
 - a. Public member, Lucinda D., introduced herself and discussed the voting machines and how she felt that the machines could be manipulated. She discussed the law that is in place about voting and concerns about the way of the paper ballots that are inserted into the machines. Lucinda discussed an upcoming meeting about the voting machines in November and suggested that members attend the meeting.
 - b. Public member, Ross W., introduced himself and discussed emergency and national recovery issues. Ross discussed what takes place in the event during an election and having issues with power or technology working during the elections and not working and what are the processes that are in place. Ross wanted to make sure we have plans in place and if we don't then suggested that we come up with plans that could be used in the event something happens.

- c. Public member, Suzy H., started with questions about ES&S and the contract that is in place. She discussed elections security and the importance of it within the state. Would love to see a third party such as Clear-Ballot and is concerned about the software that is used in Elections.
- d. Public member, Carolyn B., discussed the way the board operates and appreciates the work that we do.

3. Director's Report

- a. Dr. Sams discussed the voter education series and how it has wrapped up.
- b. Dr. Sams discussed the Clemson Sunrise Rotary that is coming up on Oct. 6th. She will be discussing voting with the Rotary Club.
- c. Dr. Sams then discussed the upcoming elections in November and the sign-ups for the elections for the board members. It was mentioned that poll worker training is starting next week. Dr. Sams mentioned that they have already received the built databases from the SEC.
- d. Dr. Sams then mentioned the Six Mile Town Council elections and that there was a withdrawal of a candidate, David Yongue. The candidate will still appear on the absentee ballot, BMDs and other ballots. Dr. Sams mentioned that there will be posting a notice that the candidate has withdrawn since they can't be removed after the deadline for withdrawal.
- e. Dr. Sams then discussed the 2024 PPPs. Officially there is not any word on when these will be done in 2024. However, there is talk unofficially when this will be taking place and Dr. Sams is making plans to make sure the office is prepared for the PPPs.
- f. Dr. Sams discussed her meeting with Gordon Dill on Channel 7 and it will be played tonight at 11pm.

4. New Business

- a. No new business was discussed.

5. Next meeting

- a. Thursday November 9th at 4pm will be Canvass meeting and November regular board meeting immediately afterwards.
- b. December 5th at 4:30pm is Board Meeting.

6. At 5:30pm Mrs. Bailey made motion to end the regular session. Dr. Schmutz seconded the motion. All voted in favor

*For additional details regarding time for public comment, see "Official Organizational Rules for Pickens County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, Section X: Meetings of the Board" found online at <https://PickensElections.org>