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BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, December 5, 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		
Dr. Amy Sams		

1. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings were reviewed and approved.
 - a. Minutes from November 9th regular meeting, Nov 9 Canvass meeting and Nov 22 Canvass meetings were reviewed. Ms. Kaye made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bauknicht seconded. All voted in favor.
2. Time available for public comment
 - a. Public member, Carolyn B., discussed the upcoming meeting on January 16th about the elections in 2024.
 - b. Public member, Ross W., discussed how municipal elections are a lot of fun and can't wait for 2025.
3. The 2024 Meeting Calendar was discussed.
 - a. Mr. Moody made the motion to approve the 2024 Calendar. Mr. Schmutz seconded. All voted in favor.
4. Director's Report:
 - a. Training classes required for Board and staff certification were discussed. Registration for training classes was discussed and new training calendar has not been released yet.

- If a member needs help registering let office staff know.
- b. Scare Conference of 2024 was discussed and Dr. Sams asked if members want to attend to let her know.
 - c. 2023 Municipal Elections were discussed:
 - i. Feels that the elections went well and the openings of the polls in November went very well.
 - ii. Issues at polls were related to voter education and voters showing up to wrong locations.
 - iii. On Runoff day there were power outages in the office and at 4:15pm called county admin to make sure there was a generator ready just in case it needed to be used. Will use this as a way to look at emergency plans and make small changes that she thinks could work better if it happens again.
 - d. 2024 PPPs were discussed.
 - i. Dr. Sams discussed the two early voting locations and dates. Locations are main office at Pickens County admin building and Easley Library. Dates are specific to each election, were posted in legal notices, and are on Pickens County Elections website.
 - ii. Dr. Sams discussed how for the PPPs that polling locations are to be consolidated according to state law, and she has it down to 24 locations for both PPPs.
 - e. Roundtable was discussed.
 - i. Dr. Sams mentioned that this is a program that board members will have access to for elections.
5. New Business
- a. No new business was discussed.
6. Executive Session was entered at 5:26pm
7. Executive Session ended at 5:48pm
8. Next meeting
- a. Tuesday, Jan 9th at 4:30 pm will be Regular Board Meeting.
9. At 5:49 pm Mr. Liddle made motion to end the Board meeting. Mr. Moody 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>