

Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections Board

Minutes for meeting held August 12, 2019 @ 10am

The following board members were present: Richard Baines, Lamar Batchelor, Jason Blanton, Carlton Bridges, Mike Byars, Jimmy Cash, James "Ed" Elliott, Randy Horton, Doug Wilson

**also in attendance were Amanda Walker (Director) and Cassidy Nichols (clerk)

Call to order: Richard Baines-Chairman @ 10:06am

Minutes:

Copies of May and June minutes were passed out and looked over. Ed made a motion to approve minutes; Mike seconded that motion; everyone agreed.

Amanda discovered that even though board members' oaths had been administered by Suzanne Turner previously, the oaths had never been recorded in the Clerk of Courts office.

Richard re-administered oaths to all board members present and signed off as witness. Amanda re-administered Richard's oath and signed off as witness. All oaths will be recorded in Clerk of Court.

Richard went over **Section 7-5-10** through **7-5-30** of the actual Law. There was discussion about "deputy members" mentioned in **Section 7-5-20** and it was decided that Cherokee County does not currently have this role and is not needed at this time.

Richard went over proposal of County Board of Voter Registration and Election by-laws. SC State Law Chapter 7 Section 5 and York County by-laws were used by Amanda and Richard for informational purposes in order to draft Cherokee County's newly proposed by-laws. New proposed by-laws were emailed to all board members prior to meeting for review. Discussion was on Section 3 concerning office term limits and succession of term. Agreed to leave it like it was. Discussion was on **Section 6:1:a** with a concern about requiring a monthly meeting (off years would not require that). Decided that **Section 5:b** provided for that exception. Discussed **Section 2:b** and decided that a board member could be counted "present" for a meeting if there by phone, but could not be allowed to vote by phone.

Decided that all board members will start re-appointment confirmations during January 2020 meeting.

Carlton asked about his duties as Secretary. Agreed that Cassidy will take notes of meeting and he will oversee and sign off on those notes in order to prepare minutes.

** Richard asked was there a motion to approve by-laws. Ed made a motion and Mike made a second. All agreed. By-laws approved.

Amanda gave an update on new voting machines. Told that they have been delivered and unpacked. Let board members look at DS200 and Express Vote. Talked a little about voting process and some things she and Cassidy learned in the class they attended in Columbia (Aug. 5 & 6) but explained that training cannot be done until state sends paperwork for acceptance training.

Made board members aware of the S.C.A.R.E conference on 8/13/19 being attended by Amanda, Richard, and Cassidy. Hoping more info on delivery methods will be discussed there. Also let board members know that County Administer, Steve Bratton, was aware of concerns and obstacles presented by delivery of new equipment to polling places.

Amanda reminded board of November 5 election for Chesnee School Board #10 (Ezell and Morgan precincts only). Also, Amanda had received information on the possibility of a Gaffney Fire District referendum that could be on November 5 as well. Amanda also had info concerning a recreation referendum being discussed by the county; would more than likely take place sometime next year, but timeframe could change. Amanda said that the State had ensured her, that by October, everything would be in place for using the new equipment in November elections.

Amanda let everyone know about the Poll worker letters and applications that were sent out the week of August 5 and that we needed to have over 280 poll workers.

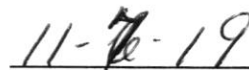
Next board member meeting will be a Canvass Certification on Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 10am. Amanda let board know that training for new machines will be coming up, but because of unknowns with State, dates have not been set as of yet.

Amanda made board aware that the scanning of files had been completed at end of June (6 months early). Also, that even though we don't have enough EVRL's, she thought it would be more useful to purchase extra DS200's (in case of emergency) with any extra funds.

** Meeting adjourned @ 11:16am



Carlton Bridges, Board Secretary



Date

**minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols (clerk)