

Cherokee County Voter Registration & Elections Board

Minutes for meeting held July 16, 2020

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Carlton Bridges, Lamar Batchelor, Jimmy Cash, Randy Horton, and Doug Wilson;

currently one board member vacancy

Absent: Richard Baines and Jason Blanton

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

Call to order: James "Ed" Elliott @ 10am; Doug Wilson opened in prayer

Minutes:

Doug Wilson

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2020; everyone agreed.

Everyone read and signed the board member oath.

Amanda detailed issues with the 2 provisional ballots that were received; one was an address change for the treasurer election and all agreed to count it; the other was for the fire referendum and was not signed by voter or clerk and all agreed not to count it.

Lamar, Doug, and Amanda counted Musgrove precinct for both the treasurer and the fire referendum audit. There were no discrepancies. Amanda had previously found out that if it is a local election, she can choose a precinct to audit; the state only chooses for statewide elections.

Lamar made a motion to approve the treasurer certification; all agreed.

Randy made a motion to approve the fire referendum certification; all agreed.

Amanda made board aware of an issue with a voter for the fire district referendum. A voter came in on 6/6/2020 and voted; then, came in again on 6/15/2020 and clerk allowed them to vote for a second time, not noticing the first visit. After the voter left, clerk noticed the poll list had been signed two different times by same person, and at that time, realized the mistake. The solution was to subtract 1 vote from the actual total of votes cast for election. Issue was discussed with the SEC and was advised to document, inform the board and address with the staff member.

*All board members present then signed certification.

The following voting day issues were discussed:

-No air or heat at Morgans Precinct

-Loading equipment in trailers early is creating problems with machines not working properly due to heat. County Administrator, Steve Bratton, is going to see if we could start using the air-conditioned, Broad River Electric warehouse, as a place to store the trailers over the weekend, prior to an election, until delivery on Mondays.

-Still need to work on efficiency/effectiveness of loading equipment and double-checking all lists, etc. so things do not get sent out incorrectly.

Carlton, Jimmy, Ed, Lamar, Randy, and Doug all said they would take the "Poll Manager Training Class" online before the end of the year for continuing education credit. All in person trainings at the SEC is canceled due to COVID 19.

All upcoming elections were reiterated.

Doug made a motion to move the next board meeting to Friday, August 14, 2020; all agreed.

There was no old, new, or other business to discuss.

Doug made motion to adjourn @ 10:36 am; all agreed.

Carlton Bridges Sr.

Carlton Bridges, Secretary

8-13-2020

Date

**minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols (clerk)