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CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS Canvass Meeting & Board Meeting Minutes for meeting held March 31, 2023

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Lamar Batchelor, Jimmy Cash, Carlton Bridges, Jerry Bridges, and Ben Taylor

Board Members absent: Jason Blanton; 2 vacancies

**also in attendance: Amanda Walker (director) & Cassidy Nichols (deputy)

Agenda was posted in accordance to SCFOIA

Call to order: Ed Elliott @ 9am; Ben Taylor opened in prayer.

Minutes:

Ed administered oath to all board members; Lamar administered to Ed; all signed.

There were no provisional ballots for the Board of Public Works Dist. 4 Special Election.

The hand-count audit was administered by Jimmy Pruitt, Russell Painter, and Merv Bishop using Gaffney Ward 6. Cassidy Nichols served as overseer. All counts matched.

Amanda made note of the fact that the results for the election showed 406 ballots were cast, but only 405 votes were tallied. That is because one ballot was an "under-vote", meaning that someone chose to vote a ballot not marked with any selections.

Ben made a motion to certify the election (22020); Jerry seconded; all were in favor; all signed. No run-offs or recounts were necessary.

@ 9:07am, Lamar made a motion to end canvass meeting and begin regular board meeting; Jimmy seconded; all were in favor.

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes from 1.9.2023; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

The election went smoothly and even had some candidates call and express how pleased they were with the election's office.

Amanda handed out a schedule for continuing education classes and reminded classes had to be completed IN PERSON, in Columbia, by December 31, 2023.

Amanda informed board of our new, full-time staff member, Hannah Whiteside, who will start work Monday, April 3, 2023, as well as the need to still fill two board member vacancies.

Amanda noted that we are in the process of purging all old, un-needed documents (according to State Retention Schedule) that are currently stored in the basement. We will have a county-wide shred day, soon, to destroy those documents.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 1, 2023.

@ 9:34am, Jerry made a motion to adjourn; Carlton seconded; all were in favor.

Judges Sr.

Carlton Bridges, Secretary

*minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols

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