



CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Minutes for meeting held Monday, September 11, 2023

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Carlton Bridges, Jerry Bridges, Ben Taylor, & Jason Blanton; Lamar Batchelor and Jimmy Cash attended by phone.

**absent members: two vacancies

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

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA

Call to order: 9:02am; Ben Taylor led opened in prayer.

Minutes:

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes from 5.1.2023, meeting; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

Amanda noted that the board meeting scheduled for July 3, 2023, was cancelled due to several board members, as well as Amanda and Cassidy, taking vacations.

Next election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023; originally was City of Chesnee and Spartanburg School District 10, but now a Cherokee County School Referendum has been put on the ballot as well, which now makes it a county-wide election; Jason Blanton will be excusing himself from this next election due to conflict of interest being his family, Sossoman Construction, won the bid for the school board referendum. Jimmy may or may not be able to participate in this election due to recovering from a recent surgery; Amanda asked for volunteers to deliver and pickup equipment for this election; Ben and Ed said they would deliver on 11.6.23; Jerry and Carlton said they would pick up on 11.8.23.

Amanda informed the board about the State's new Easy Vote Asset Management program that we will be implementing for the first time at the 11.7.23 election; it will ensure the proper chain of custody and security procedures.

Amanda notified the board of the upcoming audit of our office by the newly formed audit team at the State Election Commission; it will take place at 10am on 9.19.23; Amanda invited board to attend if they would like; audit will be of our office procedures, budgets, board meeting minutes, etc.

2023-2024 S.C.A.R.E priorities were handed out to all the board members just for information.

Amanda reminded Jason, Jimmy, and Carlton that they have a certification class to attend on 10.12.23 in Columbia; all other board members are up to date on training.

Amanda received notice that Stephen Fowler was approved as a board member back in February 2023, but somehow the letter from the governor did not arrive at our office or to Stephen Fowler; as of now, he is indeed a board member and will meet with Amanda on 9.20.23; still have one vacancy to fill which needs to represent the minority party of the board.

Next scheduled meeting is November 9, 2023; will also be our certification for both elections; Cherokee County School Board Referendum certification was scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2023, which is a holiday, therefore, the school and the attorneys agreed to move certification the Thursday, November 9.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn @ 9:23am; Ben seconded; all were in favor

Carlton Bridges Sr.
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

November 9th, 2023
Date

**minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols