



CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Canvass Meeting and Board Meeting
Minutes for meeting held November 9, 2023

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Lamar Batchelor, Carlton Bridges, Stephen Fowler, Jerry Bridges, Ben Taylor

**Jimmy Cash arrived at 9:28am

**Jason Blanton phoned in @ 10:20am for our regular board meeting

*also in attendance were Amanda Walker (director), Cassidy Nichols (deputy), and Scott Powell (Gaffney Ledger)

Agenda was posted in accordance to SCFOIA

Call to order: @ 9:04am; Ed opened in prayer.

Minutes:

Amanda administered oath to all board members.

Spartanburg County School District 2 (21867) = 0 Provisionals

City of Chesnee (21869) = 0 Provisionals

Cherokee County School Board Referendum (22085) = 2 Provisionals

Stephen asked for explanation of provisional ballots; Amanda explained.

Amanda called names of provisional voters; neither were present. Lamar made a motion not to accept provisionals; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

Amanda ran "Official Election Report"; Cassidy, Stephen, Carlton, & Scott (Ledger) were all witnesses.

A hand-count audit was performed on 11.8.23 of the Morgans Precinct for Spartanburg School Dist. 2- Cherokee seat and for Antioch/Kings Creek Precinct for Cherokee Co. School Board Referendum. All totals matched totals from election night.

Everyone present received a copy of the election totals from 11.7.23

Election 21867, the 4 candidates on ballot for Sptbg School Board 2 all were winners; Seth Breitenbach was winner for Cherokee Seat. Ben made a motion to certify; Stephen seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

Election 21869, top two were winners; Lamar made a motion to certify; Jerry seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

Election 22085; answer "no" was the winner; Ben made a motion to certify; Carlton seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

For election 21869, top two were winners but state law says if there is a 1% or less difference in votes, a recount is mandatory (Crawford & Miller were less than 1%). Lamar made a motion to recount; Jerry seconded; all were in favor; started re-count process @ 9:28am. Amanda, Cassidy, Lamar, Jerry, & Scott (Ledger) were all present for recount; everyone was given Morgans Precinct (only one involving 21869) original results from 11.7.2023; also given a "Zero Report" showing that previous totals had been cleared for this recount. Lamar and Jerry fed ballots through DS200. Totals tape from re-count matched totals tape from election day. Reconvened meeting with everyone @ 10:14am; everyone was given a new Election Summary Report that showed Morgans recount totals. Lamar made a motion to certify re-count; Jimmy seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

Jimmy made a motion to end canvass meeting; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

Regular board meeting started @ 10:20am; Jerry made a motion to approve minutes from 9.11.2023; Jimmy seconded; all were in favor.

Ed said there was some issues regarding the "no campaign material within 500ft" rule; Amanda expressed concern over some poll-worker issues and stated we would try to improve training; Carlton expressed concern over how loud Pleasant Meadows (BD Lee) was inside lobby where voting took place due to children passing through.

Amanda gave everyone a handout with all of 2024 election dates and tentative board meetings/canvass meetings.

State Election Commission will offer a Presidential Primary Workshop for our board members online; it's not required but is encouraged.

We still have one vacancy on our board; an application is being submitted.

Amanda submitted her resignation.

Board went into executive session @ 10:42am.

Executive session ended @ 10:56am; Jimmy made a motion to reconvene board meeting; Stephen seconded; all were in favor.

Board thanked Amanda for her service.

Lamar made a motion to ask Deputy Director Cassidy Nichols to accept the interim director position; Jerry seconded; all were in favor. Cassidy Nichols accepted interim director position.

Amanda notified board that a temporary position was being created in the voter registration office; reminded everyone of BPW #5 Special Election on 12.19.2023; we need one board member and one technician to work that election; one delivery person and one pickup person.

Next scheduled board meeting is Monday, January 8, 2024.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn @ 11:06am; Stephen seconded; all were in favor.

Carlton Bridges Sr.
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

November 9th, 2023
Date

**minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols